



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SEVILLE CITY COUNCIL, SPAIN, AND BANGKOK CITY, THAILAND

Mr. Pol. Gen. Aswin Kwanmuang, Governor of Bangkok, Thailand

Mr Juan Espadas Cejas, Mayor and President of Seville City Council, Kingdom of Spain

Both signatories act in accordance with their respective offices, as stated, and in the exercise of the powers conferred on each of them to that effect.

**ONE** - The purpose of this Memorandum is to formalise the relationship between both cities, in order to foster agreement and understanding between them and the institutions within their respective territorial areas, with the aim of intensifying joint efforts and promoting the exchange of experiences and the implementation of joint activities.

It is the intention of both cities to undertake collaborative activities, in accordance with the legal provisions of both cities, with particular focus on investment, trade, science and technology, tourism, culture, history and good practices. Both cities are also firmly committed to strengthening their collaborative relationship through the appropriate legal channels.

**TWO** - Article 140 of the Spanish Constitution guarantees the autonomy of municipalities with full legal personality, and Article 25 of Law 7/1985 of 2 April, regulating the bases for local governments, stipulates that 'municipalities, for the management of their interests and within their spheres of competence, may promote any type of activity and provide any public service that contributes to meeting the needs and desires of the local community'.

**THREE** - For all these reasons and with the aim of strengthening and formalising cooperative relationships between both cities, in the general interest of both municipalities and their inhabitants, the respective city councils have agreed in plenary session to this understanding between Bangkok and Seville.

Taking into consideration the links and affinities that bind the two cities, and sharing the conviction of the mutual enrichment that can be generated by joint actions in the areas of economic, cultural and social development through cooperation between both cities, and in accordance with the manifestation of will expressed in the plenary sessions of both city councils.



## WE PROPOSE

**ONE** - An understanding between Bangkok and Seville with the aim of promoting stable relationships of friendship and cooperation between the two cities in the following areas:

- business revitalisation
- culture
- tourism
- municipal development
- human resources
- education
- science and technology
- environment
- any other area of cooperation on which the two cities agree.

**TWO** - Cooperative actions for the benefit of the general interest of both municipalities, which may be undertaken in the following forms:

- promotion and dissemination
- exchange of trade missions
- exchange of information, documentation and materials
- organisation of fairs, seminars and conventions
- joint studies and research
- exchange of experts, specialists and professionals
- training and capacity-building for human resources
- cultural, sporting and artistic exchanges
- any other form on which the cities agree.

**THREE** - With regard to the impetus, monitoring and control of what has been agreed, a Committee of Understanding will be created, which will be responsible for establishing the work programmes, exchanges and joint actions to be carried out, as well as their monitoring.

The Committee of Understanding will be of a generally technical nature and will comprise two representatives from each city.

**FOUR** - Both institutions will use their usual channels of communication to disseminate information on the jointly organised activities. When a joint press release is appropriate, this will be agreed between the signatories. Without exception, for all jointly organised



activities, the participation of both institutions must be clearly stated, under the same conditions.

**FIVE** - This Memorandum of Understanding will be of indefinite duration and may be amended or terminated by mutual agreement at the request of either of the signatories.

**SIX** - This agreement is not legally binding, nor is it subject to international law.

Both signatories, through their representatives, append their respective signatures and stamps, in duplicate, to this Memorandum of Understanding on the date and in the place indicated above.

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**THE MAYOR OF SEVILLE,  
KINGDOM OF SPAIN**

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**AYUNTAMIENTO DE SEVILLA**  
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**Signed: Juan Espadas Cejas**

**POL. GEN. ASWIN KWANMUANG,  
GOVERNOR OF BANGKOK,  
THAILAND**

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**Signed: Aswin Kwanmuang  
P.D. Peerapong Sirikasem**