

Cross-Strait Collaboration Agreement on Meteorology

**(This agreement will become effective only after the
completion of relevant procedures.)**

To ensure the welfare and safety of lives and property of the people on both sides of the Strait, enhance cross-strait meteorological observation and forecast and weather disaster warning capabilities, and promote cross-strait meteorological cooperation and development, the Straits Exchange Foundation and the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits hereby agree, after equitable negotiation, as follows:

I. Scope of Cooperation

The Parties agree to engage in the following exchanges and cooperation:

- (1) Exchanges and cooperation in meteorological services;
 1. Disaster weather service cooperation;
 2. Exchanges of meteorological data and information;
- (2) Technical exchanges and cooperation in respect of meteorological services;
- (3) Exchanges of meteorological personnel; and
- (4) Other meteorological cooperation matters agreed by the Parties.

II. Cooperation Matters

- (1) Exchanges and cooperation in respect of meteorological services
 1. Cooperation on disaster weather services

Timely and continuous notification and communication will be conducted in aspects such as observation, monitoring, forecast,

and warning for major disaster weather systems such as typhoons, torrential rains, heat waves and cold waves. In the event of any inquiry from the other party, prompt responses and assistance shall be provided.

The unit and personnel designated by the Parties for purposes of contact, notification and communication shall establish a notification operation procedure and conduct notification and communication testing regularly at ordinary times.

2. Exchange of meteorological data and information

Exchanges will be conducted with respect to requirements and institution relating to meteorological services.

Regular exchanges and experience sharing will be conducted with respect to information and products such as meteorological observation, monitoring, forecast and warning.

Exchange will be conducted with respect to other meteorological data and information agreed by the Parties.

(2) Technical exchanges and cooperation concerning meteorological services

Exchanges and cooperative development of service technologies such as the development of weather-related operation systems, disaster potential forecast and warning, meteorological resource utilization and meteorological disaster risk assessment will be conducted.

Exchanges shall be conducted with respect to the development of meteorological services, including the most up-to-date meteorological service technologies, the application of meteorological monitoring and forecast to disaster prevention and

mitigation and achievements in special or specific cases of meteorological monitoring and forecast.

Joint observation, monitoring and experiments of typhoons, torrential rains and severe convective weather and cooperative research on meteorological service technologies of common interest to the Parties on both sides of the Strait will be conducted.

(3) Exchanges of meteorological service personnel

The personnel of the Parties will basically organize one business exchange meeting or one seminar on meteorological services each year with such event hosted by either Party on a rotational basis.

Mutual visitation of meteorological service personnel shall be proactively promoted to engage in technical exchanges to improve the professionalism of the service personnel.

(4) Other meteorological cooperation matters agreed by the Parties

III. Liaison

Liaison on the implementation of matters set out in this Agreement shall be conducted by a contact person or persons designated by each Party's competent meteorological authorities.

Liaison regarding other matters related to this Agreement shall be handled by the Straits Exchange Foundation and the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait.

IV. Work Arrangements

The Parties agree to set up a task force to take charge of negotiating specific work planning and programs. The task force shall call the first meeting within two months after the effective date of this Agreement to

discuss matters relating to the contacts for the liaison, notification and communication between the Parties.

V. Confidentiality

The Parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of all relevant data and other information obtained during activities conducted in connection with the performance of this Agreement, provided that this shall not apply to uses thereof that reflect the purposes of request.

VI. Restricted Purposes

The Parties agree to use the data provided by the other party only for purposes for which such data are requested and shall not assign or provide the same to any third party in any format, provided that this restriction shall not apply if otherwise agreed by the Parties.

VII. Documentation

The Parties agree to use the agreed-upon formats of documentation for information exchanges, notification, inquiries and business contact.

VIII. Performance and Amendment

The Parties shall comply with the provisions of this Agreement.

Any amendment to this Agreement shall be negotiated and agreed by the Parties and confirmed in writing.

IX. Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising from the application of this Agreement shall be resolved by prompt negotiation between the Parties. Except as otherwise agreed, the negotiation shall be conducted within fifteen

working days upon request.

X. Matters not Stipulated in this Agreement

Matters not stipulated in this Agreement shall be separately discussed and resolved by the Parties in an appropriate manner.

XI. Signing and Effectiveness

After this Agreement is signed, the Parties shall complete their respective relevant procedures and notify the other Party in writing. This Agreement shall go into effect on the day after the notification from the other party is received by both Parties.

This Agreement was signed on February 27 in four original copies, with each Party keeping two copies. The different corresponding expressions in the four copies shall have the same meaning. The four copies shall have the same effect.

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[Note: In case of any discrepancy between the Chinese and English texts, the Chinese text shall govern.]