



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE KOREA MARITIME INSTITUTE (KMI)
AND
THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION
FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP)**

1. With a view to strengthening cooperation and collaboration between the two organizations in the field of maritime transport, the Korea Maritime Institute (KMI) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding, which is concluded taking into account the extensive and valuable expertise of KMI, and as a regional institute of excellence, its potential to contribute to the development of maritime transport in the ESCAP region.
2. Accordingly, KMI and ESCAP agree to:
 - cooperate and collaborate in the identification of topical regional development issues and concerns of mutual interest;
 - develop and implement, as appropriate, joint projects including research and training activities and exchange of expert services;
 - organize and hold workshops, seminars, and forums jointly; and
 - create linkages for the exchange of research reports, technical publications and documentation, analytical materials, information, and ideas between KMI and ESCAP.

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3. KMI and ESCAP also agree to cooperate with each other, to the extent possible, through active collaboration in the following specific areas for the benefit of ESCAP members and associate members:

- developing short, medium and long-term strategic perspectives for the maritime transport sector of the region with the objective of promoting its balanced and sustainable development and with due regard to user interests, equity and protection of the environment;
- assisting ESCAP regional members and associate members in formulating and implementing policies, plans and strategies aimed at accelerating investment in the maritime transport sector;
- strengthening partnerships between the public and private sectors in maritime transport development by reducing impediments and facilitating mobilization of required resources;
- developing and managing both national and regional maritime transport information networks under the aegis of ESCAP, including the networking of transport-related centres of excellence, and promoting the exchange of maritime information in hard copy and through the Internet;
- improving maritime infrastructure of the ESCAP regional members and associate members and determining costs of providing competitive maritime services and facilities;
- improving facilitation measures for efficient movement of international transport through removal of physical and institutional barriers in the flow of passengers, goods and vehicles at various nodes and links of the transport networks including border crossings, transshipment points and seaports;
- improving efficiency and management skill development in maritime transport by enhancing national capabilities and devising effective strategies and programmes for human resources development;
- promoting multimodal transport systems to increase efficiency of the transport sector in the international logistics chain;
- promoting the harmonization of national, regional and international legislation on maritime transport and related areas;
- addressing environmental issues that would mitigate the detrimental effects of maritime transport development and operation; and
- improving maritime safety.

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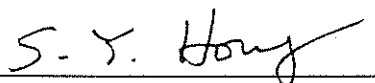
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4. To ensure more effective and mutually beneficial cooperation, KMI and ESCAP agree to undertake regular consultations at senior professional level to identify and elaborate joint activities in mutually agreed fields.
5. This Memorandum may be amended by mutual consent of KMI and ESCAP. Any amendment of this Memorandum shall be without prejudice to any rights or obligations accruing or incurred under this Memorandum prior to the effective date of such amendment.
6. This Memorandum will enter into force upon signature of the President of KMI and the Executive Secretary of ESCAP.

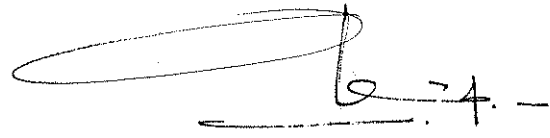
SIGNED in Bangkok in two original copies in English, both texts being identical and equally authentic.

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