

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
TAIWAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
AND
THE DAKOTA OJIBWAY TRIBAL COUNCIL
ON ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH COOPERATION

Taiwan Indigenous Peoples Business Association and the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council (DOTC), hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”.

RECOGNIZING that the Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement (IPETCA) is the foundational document for this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU);

DESIRING to respect the diverse, legal, historical and contemporary, and cultural strengths and legacies that the Participants to this MOU have within their respective histories, standing and place;

RECOGNIZING the value and opportunities that governments, industry and business, and educational institutions and cultural groups can achieve by partnering with the Participants in order to advance shared interests, benefits, and value;

HAVE COME to the following understanding:

1. COORDINATING ENTITIES

The Participants understand that:

- (a) DOTC will carry out this MOU and will coordinate with other Indigenous Government(s), First Nations Political Territorial Organizations, Indigenous Organizations and Tribal Councils, Recognized Bodies and governments in Manitoba participating in activities stemming from this MOU

- (b) The Council of Indigenous People of Taiwan will carry out this MOU, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Canada will act as the role of liaison and coordination.

2. OBJECTIVE

The Participants intend to strengthen their cooperation and collaboration on economic, cultural, educational, and health cooperation.

3. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Participants will jointly decide on the areas of cooperation under this MOU through their Coordinating Entities. Initial areas of mutual interest may include:

- (a) Economic Development and Trade;
- (b) Cultural and Spiritual Exchange;
- (c) Educational Opportunities and Capacity Development;
- (d) Health Related Cooperation; and
- (e) Any other areas of potential cooperation as decided by the Participants, through their Coordinating Entities, as appropriate.

4. COOPERATIONS ACTIVITIES

- (a) The Participants recognise the value and benefit of working with, and learning from, each other and from Indigenous peoples, in advancing cooperation activities and opportunities that increase Indigenous peoples' participation in trade and investments, domestically, regionally, and internationally.
- (b) The Participants may cooperate through the following activities:
 - i. The establishment of contact points to facilitate exchange of best practices, expertise, and information;
 - ii. Personnel exchange, training, and bilateral visits;
 - iii. Consultations, meetings, workshops, and conferences;
 - iv. Collaborative joint ventures;
 - v. Dialogue, workshops, seminars, and conferences;
 - vi. Cooperation programs and projects;

- vii. The exchange of experts;
 - viii. Internships, visits, and research;
 - ix. Trade missions and other business development activities;
 - x. Technical assistance to promote and facilitate capacity and training; and
 - xi. Networking, business matching, and mentorships
- (c) A work plan to carry out these activities will be developed and jointly decided upon by the Participants, through their Coordinating Entities, on an annual basis.

5. STATUS AND NON-DEROGATION

This MOU is not legally binding. Nothing in this MOU is intended to alter any aboriginal or treaty rights recognized and affirmed under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* of Canada, nor is intended to alter the fundamental rights recognized in the *Indigenous Peoples Basic Law* of Taiwan.

6. FUNDING

The Participants understand that all activities under this MOU will be subjected to the availability of funds and other resources, as well as any applicable laws and regulations that may govern the Participants and the designated representatives.

7. FINAL DISPOSITIONS

- (a) This MOU will come into effect on the date of its last signature by the Participants;
- (b) The cooperation activities under this MOU may commence when this MOU comes into effect;
- (c) This MOU maybe modified by mutual written decision of the Participants;
- (d) This MOU may be discontinued, in whole or in part, by either Participant at any time, by providing at least three (3) months' written notification. Discontinuation of this MOU is not intended to affect the validity or the duration of projects initiated under the MOU before discontinuation.

SIGNED in duplicate at Winnipeg Manitoba on this 4th day of August, 2023.

**FOR TAIWAN INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**



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**FOR THE DAKOTA OJIBWAY TRIBAL
COUNCIL**



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