

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

entered
on the 04th day of the month of November of the year 2022

Between
The Tourism Department of the Government of Uttar Pradesh
And
The Light of Buddhadharma Foundation International, India

Background:

WHEREAS the ancient culture of India is the internationally recognized heartland of Buddhism, AND there are millions of people of the Buddhist faith in South East Asian and Asian countries alongside a large population within India itself who wish to visit pilgrimage sites within India ('Pilgrim Tourists'),

AND Pilgrim Tourists have specific needs and requirements that can be offered by Local and State authorities,

IT IS AGREED THAT the Tourism Department of the Government of Uttar Pradesh, India (UPG) and The Light of the Buddhadharma Foundation International (LBDFI), India will co-operate together on the terms set out below:

ARTICLE 1 Objectives:





1.1 The purpose of this agreement is to promote international cooperation in field of International and Indian Pilgrimage within the State of Uttar Pradesh, the construction of amenities, and the presentation of Buddhism learning and wisdom.

1.2 The areas of cooperation on key areas of interest shall include a series of programs as set out below, subject to mutual consent, within the laws, rules and regulations of each institution, their governing bodies.

ARTICLE 2 Areas of Cooperation:

UPG and LBDFI agree to co-operate in the following activities:

2.1 The promotion and conduct of prayer ceremonies within the Indian Theravadin Buddhist tradition in the sites of Sankissa, Lucknow, Sravasti, Kausambi, Kushinagar, Kapilavastu, Sarnath, Devgargh, Lalitpur, Devdah and other locations mutually agreed between UPG and LBDFI (the 'Sites');

- 2.2 The design, installation and maintenance of sacred peace gardens, toilets and facilities at the Sites to improve the experience of Pilgrim Tourists; promotion of peace gardens;
- 2.3 The training and support of brand ambassadors at the Sites to enrich the experience of Pilgrim Tourists;
- 2.4 The beautification to the Sites to include plaques with signage concerning the Buddhist history of each Site alongside the Buddhist teachings offered there;
- 2.5 The promotion of good internet connectivity and websites for the Sites alongside downloadable app information with scan bars so Pilgrim Tourists can engage with audible lectures of the history of the Sites;
- 2.6 The development of cultural programs to encourage connection to local village cultural life at the Sites;
- 2.7 Other activities mutually agreed between the parties.

ARTICLE 3 Program Coordination:

- 3.1 Each institution shall nominate a Liaison Officer (or group) working as the program coordinator/s to coordinate and develop specific programs within the remit as set out in article 2 above.
- 3.2 An annual budget shall be agreed between each institution no later than June of any calendar year.
- 3.3 Each institution agrees to keep in regular contact through their respective offices and to report their progress or other specific information as requested.

ARTICLE 4 Effective Date and Duration of MoU:

This MoU, signed in duplicate, shall be effective from the date it is signed by the authorized representatives of the two institutions, subject to the approval of the Board of Management or the authorities of the institution concerned. The MoU will have an initial term of ten years from the effective date, unless or otherwise terminated earlier as per Article 5 of the MoU.

ARTICLE 5 Termination of MoU:

- 5.1 The MoU can be terminated by either of the parties giving the other party a prior written notice of not less than hundred twenty days of its intention to do so, but without dishonoring any commitment entered into prior to the date of termination notice.
- 5.2 The MoU shall stand terminated by either of the parties giving the other party a prior written notice of not less than hundred days of its intention to do so, but without dishonoring any commitment entered into prior to the date of termination notice.

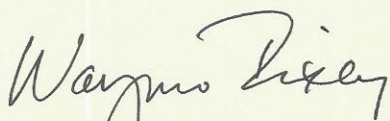
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5.3 Despite termination, the parties shall abide by the usual professional ethics and normal code of conduct to maintain the confidentiality of the information and intellectual property rights.

ARTICLE 6 Settlement of Dispute (s)

In the event of any dispute, controversy, claim or breach, invalidity, termination arising from this memorandum there from, both institutions shall actively direct its best effort to reconcile via an amicable settlement.

In witness whereof, both the parties hereto have here unto set their hands the date and year herein above mentioned.



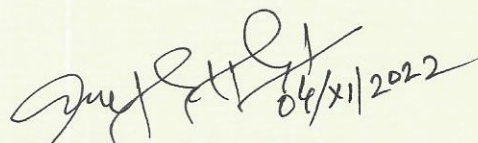
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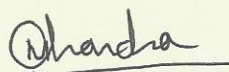


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