



**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE KING ABDULAZIZ FOUNDATION OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI  
ARABIA  
AND  
THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA  
(IN THE AREA OF ARCHIVAL COOPERATION)**

The National Archives of India and the King Abdulaziz Foundation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, hereinafter referred to singularly as the Party and collectively as the Parties,

Proceeding from their existing links in the pursuit of knowledge, and in order to fulfill their mutual interest in developing and enhancing bilateral cooperation in their respective fields of work in accordance with the regulations in force in both countries, have agreed the following:

**ARTICLE 1  
OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Memorandum of Cooperation are to promote the friendly cooperation and professional exchange on archives management.

**ARTICLE 2  
AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The cooperation between the parties shall cover the following areas:

- a. To cooperate in their respective fields of specialization on a mutual basis;



- b. To encourage study and research, and to provide to researchers from both parties access to historical information and the opportunity to use each party's scholarly and historical materials of interest;
- c. To exchange scholarly bulletins, publications, and standards of work;
- d. To hold joint seminars and exhibition approved by both Parties;
- e. To exchange expertise in conservation, restoration and technology and to hold training programs for the staff;
- f. To exchange visits of archival experts from both countries.

### **ARTICLE 3 IMPLEMENTATION**

1. The implementation of the activities or programs under this Memorandum of Cooperation shall be stipulated in the implementing arrangement. The implementing arrangement shall cover details specification of the respective activities or programs including, but not limited to, objectives, procedure, and financial arrangement.
2. The implementation of the activities or programs under this Memorandum of Cooperation shall be subject to the availability of funds and personnel.
3. Whenever deemed necessary and subject to mutual consent, the Parties may request support from, third parties to finance the activities and programs under this Memorandum of Cooperation.
4. The implementation of the activities or programs under this Memorandum of Cooperation shall be evaluated annually.

### **ARTICLE 4 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

1. Each Party shall protect the other Party's intellectual property in its territory.
2. If the cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Cooperation generate products of commercial value and/or intellectual property rights, the Parties shall conclude separate arrangement in accordance with the applicable national laws



and regulation of each Party, as well as International convention to which the Government of the Republic of India and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 5 CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. Subject to application laws, each Party shall undertake to observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received from the other Party during the implementation to this Memorandum of Cooperation or any other agreements pursuant of this Memorandum of Cooperation.
2. Both Parties agree that provision of this Article shall continue to be binding to the Parties not withstanding the termination of this Memorandum of Cooperation.

#### **ARTICLE 6 LIMITATION OF PERSONNEL'S ACTIVITIES**

1. The Parties shall ensure that their personnel engaged in the activities under this Memorandum of Cooperation shall engage only in activities under the framework of this Memorandum of Cooperation and shall comply with national laws and regulations of the host country.
2. Any violation of the Paragraph 1 of this Article may result the revocation of all permits of personnel concerned and other measures in accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations of the host country.

#### **ARTICLE 7 AMENDMENT**

This Memorandum of Cooperation can be reviewed or amended at any time by mutual written consent by the Parties. Such revisions or amendments shall form an integral part of this Memorandum of Cooperation.



## **ARTICLE 8 EXPENSES**

Any expenses incurred in the implementation of this Memorandum of Cooperation will be discussed by the Parties on case by case basis.

## **ARTICLE 9 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any differences or disputes between the Parties related to interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum of Cooperation shall be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations based on the principles of mutual respect and understanding.

## **ARTICLE 10 ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

1- This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of the last mutual notice-through diplomatic channels- confirming the completion of the internal regular procedures necessary for its entry into force by both parties, and this applies any amendment made to it.

2- This Memorandum of Cooperation shall remain in force for a period of 5 (five) years and shall be automatically extended for another period of 5 (five) years. Either Party may terminate this MoC by giving written notification to other party at least 6(six) months prior to the intended date of termination.

3- The termination of this Memorandum of Cooperation shall not affect the validity and duration of any activities or program initiated under this Memorandum of Cooperation until the completion of such activities or programs.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized there to by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Cooperation.

Signed in two originals at New Delhi on September 10, 2023 in English, Hindi and Arabic Languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**Second Party  
(Arun Singal)**

Director General of Archives  
National Archives of India  
Government of the Republic of India

**First Party  
(Turki bin Mohammed Alshuwaier)**

Chief Executive Officer  
King of Abdulaziz Foundation  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia