# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

The Department of Health, Ministry of
Public Health of the
Kingdom of Thailand

Department of International Cooperation, the National
Population and
Family Planning Commission of China

The Cooperation in the Fields of Population, Reproductive Health/ Family Planning

Department of Health, Ministry of Public Health of the Kingdom of Thailand and the National Population and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China, hereinafter referred to as the "parties";

Based on the principles of mutual and equal benefits, abiding the Population and Reproductive Health/Family Planning (RH/FP) laws, regulations and policies of their respective countries;

Desiring to strengthen the close and friendly co-operation between the parties in the fields of population and RH/FP;

Have agreed as follows:

#### **Article 1: General Principles**

Within the framework of understanding and principles between the member countries of Partners in Population and Development: A South-South Initiative (partners), an intergovernmental organization of twenty five member countries forming an alliance toward achieving the common objective of initiating and expanding South-South collaboration among developing countries in the field of reproductive health, the parties will organize the high-level exchange visits, arrange training courses and co-operate in experiences sharing in the fields of population and RH/FP, in technology, security as well as marketing development of RH/FP commodities.

#### Article 2: High-Level Exchange Visits

The Parties will exchange one team of high-level delegates to discuss the issues and others related matters in the above-mentioned fields. The Parties understand that the delegates from the visiting country will cover their own roundtrip travel costs, while the inviting country will cover the accommodation and transportation fees within the inviting country.

## Article 3: Experts Exchange, Training courses and Experiences sharing

For the benefit of promoting and enhancing capacity building of the Parties in the above-mentioned fields, the Parties will, at the request of either Party, organize and arrange exchanges and visits of population and RH/FP experts and officials at the provincial level. The Parties will make positive efforts to provide training courses, seminars, forums and workshops in population and RH/FP program implementation and management of population and RH/FP personnel, in order to share experiences and the lessons learned and improve capacity building in this field in their respective countries.

#### **Article 4: Technology and Commodities Security**

In order to implement the Partners commodity security strategy, the Parties will co-operate in scientific research, development, security and marketing of RH/FP commodities.

### **Article 5: Settlement of Disputes**

Any dispute arising out of interpretation, application or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably by consultation and negotiation between the Parties.

#### Article 6: Amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time in writing by mutual consent of the Parties.

## **Article 7: Final Provision**

This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force on the date of signature and shall be valid for a period of 5 years.

In Witness Whereof, the Undersigned, being authorized at their respective authorities, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in duplicate in Beijing, China on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2012, in both Chinese and English, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Department of International Cooperation National Population and Family Planning Commission People's Republic of China For the Department of Health Ministry of Public Health Kingdom of Thailand

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