

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA
AND
THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)
ON
THE REGIONAL HUMID TROPICS HYDROLOGY AND
WATER RESOURCES CENTRE FOR SOUTH-EAST
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

The Government of Malaysia (hereinafter referred to as "the Government") and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as "UNESCO"),

CONSIDERING that the General Conference of UNESCO at its 26th session held in 1991 expressed its support for the establishment in Malaysia of a regional centre on humid tropics hydrology and water resources for South-East Asia and the Pacific;

BEARING IN MIND that on 17 April 1996 the Government gave its approval to the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) of Malaysia to set up the Regional Humid Tropics Hydrology and Water Resources Centre For South-East Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as "the Centre");

DESIROUS of concluding an agreement with a view to the establishment and operation of the said Centre and to defining the terms and conditions governing the support that it shall be granted;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I
Participation

The Centre shall be operated by the Government, through DID, to serve UNESCO Member States of South-East Asia and the Pacific region, via their National Committees for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP).

ARTICLE II Functions

Closely based on the Humid Tropics Programme under UNESCO's IHP, the functions of the Centre shall be -

- (a) to coordinate the implementation of cooperative hydrological and water resources research projects and activities;
- (b) to network with IHP National Committees and other similar centres for exchange of scientific and technical information on research results;
- (c) to organize training courses, seminars, workshops and meetings for knowledge and technology transfer; and
- (d) to produce related hydrological and water resources publications and media for distribution.

ARTICLE III Coordination Committee

1. The Centre's regional projects and activities funded by funding agencies shall be steered by a non-paid Coordination Committee composed of -
 - (a) a representative of the Government;
 - (b) representatives of IHP National Committees from the South-East Asia and the Pacific region;
 - (c) a representative of the Director-General of UNESCO; and
 - (d) a representative of any other intergovernmental organization accorded a seat by a decision of the Coordination Committee.
2. The representative of the Government shall be the Director-General of DID, who shall be the Chairman of the Coordination Committee.
3. The Coordination Committee shall consider and implement the Centre's programme and budget, funded by the funding agencies. It shall also examine the annual reports submitted by the Centre.
4. The Coordination Committee shall meet at least once a year.

ARTICLE IV
Secretariat

1. The Centre's Secretariat shall consist of DID staff currently forming the secretariat of the Malaysian National Committee for IHP. The structure of the Centre's Secretariat is as outlined in Annex I.
2. The other members of the Secretariat may comprise -
 - (a) members of UNESCO's staff who would be made available to the Centre, as provided for by UNESCO's regulations; and
 - (b) any person appointed by the Coordination Committee.

ARTICLE V
Duties of Director

The Director shall -

- (i) facilitate the implementation of the regional programme approved by the Coordination Committee;
- (ii) assist the Coordination Committee in the preparation of the regional programme and budget;
- (iii) organize meetings of the Coordination Committee; and
- (iv) report on the Centre's activities to the Coordination Committee or to UNESCO.

ARTICLE VI
Financial Arrangements

The Centre's resources shall derive from sums allotted by the Government and from such contributions as it may receive from States, from intergovernmental organizations, and from funding agencies.

ARTICLE VII
Contribution of the Government

1. The Government shall make available to the Centre the necessary staff, as provided for in Article IV, paragraph 1, of this Agreement.
2. The Government shall provide the Centre with appropriate office space, equipment and facilities and a vehicle.
3. The Government shall contribute towards the annual operating and maintenance costs of the Centre.

ARTICLE VIII
Contribution of UNESCO

1. UNESCO shall provide technical assistance for the organization of the Centre and other assistance as detailed in Annex 2 to this Agreement.
2. UNESCO shall seek funding from funding agencies for project implementation.
3. UNESCO shall provide financial assistance for the participation of members of the Coordination Committee and for regional scientific meetings, subject to their relevance.
4. UNESCO's contributions during future biennia shall be subject to the decisions of its governing bodies concerning the corresponding programmes and budgets.

ARTICLE IX
Final Clauses

1. This Agreement shall come into force upon its signature by the Parties.
2. This Agreement may be amended through mutual agreement in writing.
3. This Agreement is valid for a period of five years. Its validity may be extended for a further period of five years, unless one of the Parties abrogates it in writing, at least six months before its validity expires.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Agreement in two copies in the English language.



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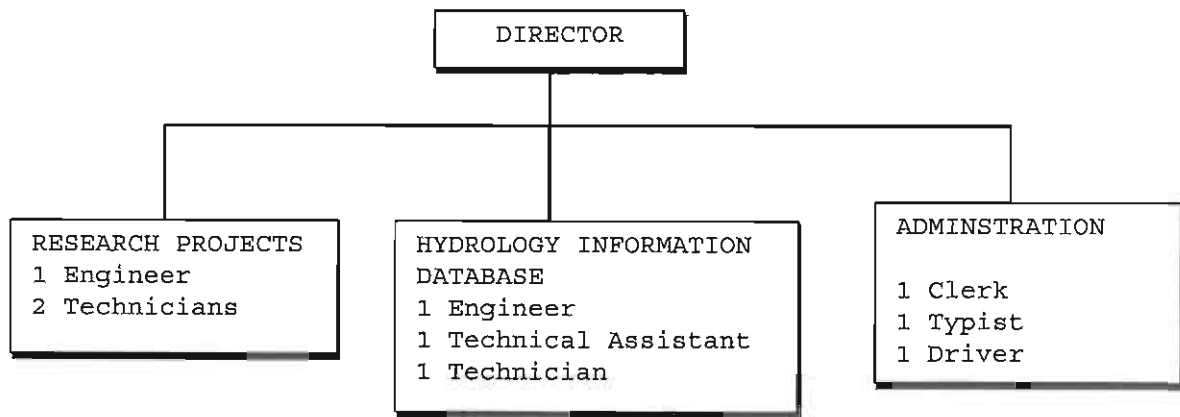
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Organizational chart of the Humid Tropics Hydrology and Water Resources Centre for South-East Asia and the Pacific



Note: All staff shown are existing DID staff currently forming the secretariat of the Malaysian National Committee for IHP.

Other Assistance to be provided by UNESCO

1. UNESCO will provide technical assistance in the setting up of a computerized humid tropics directory of:
 - (i) hydrology experts;
 - (ii) past and on-going hydrological research;
 - (iii) hydrology papers;
 - (iv) hydrology publications/media.
2. UNESCO will provide as complete a set as possible of the publications/media (such as on CDROM) of the International Hydrological Programme, and ensure that the Centre receives all future publications/media.

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