Memorandum of Understanding Between The Thai Journalists Association and Club of Cambodian Journalists

The Thai Journalists Association (TJA) led its seven-member delegation to visit Cambodia, following the invitation by the Club of Cambodian Journalists (CCJ) between 2 and 7 December;

During the visit, the Thai Journalists Association and the Club of Cambodian Journalists have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to boost the relationship and cooperation between the two associations.

Both sides agree on the following:

- 1. Both sides review the implementation of the first MOU and note with satisfaction that since the first MOU was signed last year, the cooperation between the two sides has made a lot of progress. They agreed to continue and expand the scope of the cooperation.
- 2. TJA and CCJ agree to continue the Thai-Cambodian Media Exchange Programme every year in order to give chance to journalists of the two countries to exchange their ideas, opinions and experiences on current media situation in their own countries. The TJA will invite seven Cambodian Journalists to Thailand in late September or October 2013 and the CCJ will also invite the Thai Journalists to Cambodia in 2014.
- 3. TJA informs its partner that it will organize its general assembly in March 2013 and it will invite at least one representative from CCJ to experience it. CCJ expressed its heart-felt thanks and accepted the invitation.
- 4. TJA will conduct a ten-week workshop on Khmer language for the Thai journalists. Then the best two of the trainees will be sent to Cambodia to spend time with the Cambodian media. The CCJ agrees to coordinate the internship of the best two trainees. CCJ also expresses its willingness to conduct a ten-week workshop on Thai language if it can find the sponsor. The workshop is to promote mutual understanding between the media of the two countries.
- 5. CCJ and TJA agree to produce a guideline manual in Thai and Khmer in order to promote better understanding and better media coverage among the media of the two countries. The both sides agree to discuss the first draft of the manual in a sideline of the annual meeting of Thai Journalists Association which will take place in March.

- 6. TJA agrees to lobby the Confederation of Asean Journalists to accept CCJ as a member to represent Cambodia in the Confederation when it is ready to join the confederation. CCJ thanks the TJA's offer.
- 7. CCJ explores the possibility to invite a lecturer from Thailand to give lecture on economic and political situation of Thailand. TJA expresses its support to find a lecturer for CCJ.

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