

Cross-Strait Collaboration Agreement on Seismological Monitoring

**(This agreement will become effective only after the
completion of relevant procedures.)**

To ensure the welfare and safety of lives and property of the people on both sides of the Strait, enhance cross-strait seismic disaster prevention and mitigation, and promote cross-strait cooperation and development concerning seismic activities, the Straits Exchange Foundation and the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits hereby agree, after equitable negotiation, as follows:

I. Scope of Cooperation

The Parties agree to engage in the following exchanges and cooperation under the principles of equality and reciprocity:

- (1) Cooperation on seismic monitoring operation;
 1. Cooperation on the monitoring of seismic activities;
 2. Communication about disastrous earthquakes;
- (2) Exchanges and cooperation concerning application technologies for seismic monitoring;
- (3) Promotion of seismic disaster prevention and popular science education; and
- (4) Other seismic cooperation matters agreed by the Parties.

II. Cooperation Matters

The Parties agree that their competent seismic monitoring authorities will conduct the following exchanges and cooperation on seismic monitoring:

(1) Cooperation in respect of seismic monitoring operation

1. Cooperation on the monitoring of seismic activities

The seismic activities in the Taiwan Strait and its neighboring areas will be monitored through the timely exchange of the seismic station data agreed by the Parties.

Experience exchanges and cooperative development will be conducted with respect to seismic monitoring technologies.

The Parties will exchange rapid earthquake reporting information. Whenever either Party releases relevant seismic information, a relevant report shall be immediately delivered in a manner agreed by the Parties.

2. Communication about disastrous earthquakes

If either Party experiences any disastrous earthquake, the other Party shall be informed. Upon receipt of any inquiry from the other Party, responses and assistance shall be promptly provided. The Parties may exchange views on information relating to aftershocks.

The Parties will enhance the exchanges of seismic forecast research, provided that neither Party may disclose in any manner forecast information about a potential disastrous earthquake the other party may encounter.

The unit and personnel designated by the Parties for purposes of contact, notification and communication shall establish a notification operation procedure and conduct notification and communication testing regularly at ordinary times.

(2) Exchange and cooperation of application technologies for seismic monitoring

Experience exchanges and cooperative development will be conducted with respect to issues such as the futuristic development of seismic monitoring, the development of rapid earthquake warning technologies, background and precursor analyses of earthquakes, seismic forecast research and the application of seismic monitoring to disaster prevention and mitigation.

(3) Promotion of seismic disaster prevention and popular science education

Experience in seismic disaster prevention and promotion and popular science education will be regularly shared, and the most up-to-date public promotional materials will be exchanged.

(4) Other seismic cooperation matters agreed by the Parties

III. Manners of Cooperation

The Parties agree to the following approaches with respect to the above-mentioned scope and matters of cooperation:

(1) Exchanges and cooperation will be conducted by way of cooperative research, work meetings, visitation, exchanges of technical personnel and seminars.

(2) Basically, one work and business exchange meeting or seminar will be conducted each year and hosted by either Party on a rotational basis.

(3) Other approaches to enhance seismic cooperation as agreed by the Parties will be taken.

IV. Liaison

Liaison on the implementation of matters set out in this Agreement shall be conducted by a contact person or persons designated by each Party's competent seismic authorities.

Liaison regarding other matters related to this Agreement shall be handled by the Straits Exchange Foundation and the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait.

V. Work Arrangements

The Parties agree to set up a task force to take charge of negotiating specific work planning and programs. The task force shall call the first meeting within three months after the effective date of this Agreement to discuss matters relating to the contacts for the liaison, notification and communication; items, contents, formats, manners and frequency of information exchange and notification; work and business exchange meetings; and exchange activities between the Parties.

VI. Confidentiality

The Parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of all information obtained during activities conducted in connection with the performance of this Agreement.

VII. Restricted Purposes

The Parties agree to use the data provided by the other party only for purposes for which such data are requested and shall not assign or

provide the same to any third party in any format, provided that this restriction shall not apply if otherwise agreed by the Parties.

VIII. Documentation

The Parties agree to use the agreed-upon formats of documentation for information exchanges, notification, inquiries and business contact.

IX. Performance and Amendment

The Parties shall comply with the provisions of this Agreement.

Any amendment to this Agreement shall be negotiated and agreed by the Parties and confirmed in writing.

X. Dispute Resolution

Any disputes arising from the application of this Agreement shall be resolved by prompt negotiation between the Parties. Except as otherwise agreed, the negotiation shall be conducted within fifteen working days upon request.

XI. Matters not Stipulated in this Agreement

Matters not stipulated in this Agreement shall be separately discussed and resolved by the Parties in an appropriate manner.

XII. Signing and Effectiveness

After this Agreement is signed, the Parties shall complete their respective relevant procedures and notify the other Party in writing. This Agreement shall go into effect on the day after the notification

from the other party is received by both Parties.

This Agreement was signed on February 27 in four original copies, with each Party keeping two copies. The different corresponding expressions in the four copies shall have the same meaning. The four copies shall have the same effect.

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[Note: In case of any discrepancy between the Chinese and English texts, the Chinese text shall govern.]