

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DISABILITY AND AGEING
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH COOPERATION**

The Ministry of Health of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing of the Commonwealth of Australia, hereinafter referred to individually as the "Participant" and collectively as the "Participants", have reached an understanding of the following:

1. Purpose of this Memorandum

The Participants acknowledge the mutual interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation in healthcare and medical science, and the importance of cooperation for the improvement of health development. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the 'Memorandum') is to strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of health, considering the positive developments in the relationships between respective health ministries. The Participants recognize the intention to extend the exchange of knowledge, experience, and best practice in the field of health.

2. Areas of Cooperation

The Participants aspire to promote cooperation and direct engagement on the following health-related areas:

- Health and medical research;
- Ageing and health care for the elderly;
- Food safety;
- Pharmaceuticals, vaccines and regulatory cooperation;
- Pandemic preparedness and response;
- Rural and remote healthcare;
- Women's health;
- Disability policy;
- Other health-related topics, as mutually determined by the Participants.

3. Methods of Cooperation

Cooperation under this Memorandum may include (but is not limited to):

- Exchange of public health policy and best practice;
- Participation in meetings, conferences and policy dialogues;
- Establishment of an annual policy dialogue to discuss health challenges and priorities;
- Exchange of delegations and experts;
- Other mutually determined forms of cooperation.

4. Implementation

This Memorandum sets out the principles of cooperation between the Participants in areas of mutual interest. Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to constitute or create obligations under domestic or international law and will not be deemed to constitute or create any legally enforceable or binding obligations, whether express or implied, on either Participant.

This Memorandum will be implemented in accordance with the functions, duties and powers of each Participant; and in accordance with the Participants' respective national laws and regulations and international treaties to which each Participant's State is a Party.

Each Participant will designate a focal point to coordinate and monitor the implementation of cooperation activities under this Memorandum.

5. Amendments

This Memorandum may be amended in written form by consent of the Participants. The amendments will take effect from the date mutually determined upon by the Participants and will be an integral part of this Memorandum.

6. Financial Considerations

Each Participant will bear its own costs and expenses, both direct and indirect, related to implementation of this Memorandum, subject to the availability of sufficient funds.

7. Settlement of Discrepancies

Any discrepancies between the Participants regarding the interpretation and application of this Memorandum will be resolved amicably through consultations and negotiations between the Participants and will not be referred to any national or international court or tribunal or third party for settlement.

8. Data Sharing and Protection

The Participants will intend to apply confidentiality requirements only to information explicitly designated as confidential by the providing Participant or required to be protected under applicable national laws and regulations. The exchange, use, protection, and disclosure of information to third parties will be

carried out in accordance with each Participant's respective national laws and regulations, and as mutually agreed between the Participants when necessary.

The Participants do not intend to exchange personal information and/or data, data that is commercially sensitive or data that cannot be shared due to the operation of secrecy laws applicable to each Participant. Each Participant will endeavor to protect and maintain the confidentiality and integrity of any data or information communicated to it under this Memorandum, subject to overriding statutory or other legal obligations.

9. Intellectual Property

The Participants recognize each other's national laws and regulations when dealing with Intellectual Property (referred to as "IP"). The ownership and use of IP resulting from the implementation of this Memorandum will be identified and mutually determined by the Participants in a separate arrangement.

10. Enter into effect, duration and termination

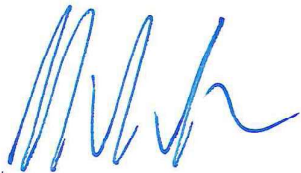
This Memorandum will come into effect on the date it is signed by the Participants and will continue in effect for a period of five (5) years.

This Memorandum may be extended for another period of five (5) years by mutual written consent of the Participants.

Each Participant may terminate this Memorandum by giving written notification to the other Participant at least three (3) months prior to the intended date of discontinuation.

Signed in duplicate in Australian Parliament House on 10 August 2026, each in the English and Vietnamese languages, both texts being equally valid.

**FOR THE
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