



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE NATIONAL PRESS COUNCIL OF THAILAND AND THE CONSELHO DE IMPRENSA**

**WHEREAS** the Conselho De Imprensa (Timor-Leste Press Council) ("TLPC") has led its delegation to visit Kingdom of Thailand following the invitation of its Thai counterpart the National Press Council of Thailand ("NPCT") between June 5 and 9;

**WHEREAS** NPCT and TLPC are media professional organizations have come together to develop collaboration that promotes media relations and media ethics of the two countries;

Referring to the joint-meeting between NPCT and TLPC in Bangkok on June 7, 2019;

The National Press Council of Thailand and the Conselho De Imprensa (hereafter referred as Parties) have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding

Details are as follows;

- A)** The Parties commit themselves for promoting and enabling environment for free and responsible access to information, unbiased and correct, in supporting public interest and good governance;
- B)** The Parties commit themselves to creating conditions within which the Conselho De Imprensa and the National Press Council of Thailand can be manifested through a cooperation of professional journalism on the fundamental principle of the Code of Ethics and Press Freedom;
- C)** The Parties commit themselves to a media professional capacity building by promoting qualitative media education and training facilities under the exchange programs;
- D)** The Parties commit themselves to continue taking into consideration the Dili Dialogue Forum concerning the establishment of self-regulatory network alliance of the media in the region as a proper mechanism by put more effort to encourage ASEAN State Members including Timor-Leste to establish a council of their own, so as to create press council network of ASEAN press community.

On the basis of the above common ground, the Parties decided to agree upon this Memorandum of Understanding in order to establish the collaboration and their future activities within the framework of ASEAN pillar socio cultural community and other related activities.

With the anticipation that both Press Councils will play a major role as driving mechanism to promote ethical Media in ASEAN community, the Parties agree upon on collaborate basis to initiate the following activities:

- 1) The Parties taking a lead to organize a network of press organizations in mapping the opportunity and challenge in establishing the press council of each ASEAN State Members including Timor-Leste.
- 2) Organizing activities such as meeting between the existing Press Councils in the ASEAN State Members including Timor-Leste.
- 3) Organizing exchange programs on code of ethical journalism.

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation and/or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultation.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be reviewed and amended at any time, by mutual written consent of both sides. Such revisions or amendments shall come into effect on such date as may be determined by both sides and shall form an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective on the date of its signing on June 8, 2019.

In witness where of the undersigned, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand

June 8, 2019

**The National Press Council of Thailand**



**MR. CHAVARONG LIMPATTAMAPANEE**

**Chairman**

**The Conselho De Imprensa**



**MR. VIRGILIO DA SILVA GUTERRES**

**President**