



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF DA NANG,
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF GENOVA CITY, LIGURIA REGION,
THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC**

The People's Committee of Da Nang City, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and The Government of Genova City, Liguria Region, The Italian Republic (hereinafter referred to as "Parties"),

Desiring to strengthen the friendly and cooperative relations between Da Nang City, Viet Nam and Genova City, Italy; contributing to the mutual understanding and cooperation between the Governments and people of Viet Nam and Italy;

Agree that:

This *Memorandum* aims to consolidate the friendship between the Parties through promotion of exchanges on Institutional Relations, Culture, Port/Sea Economy, Tourism & Trade, Environmental Protection, Higher Education, with particular attention on Scientific Research and Academic Cooperation.

Article 1. The Parties agree to establish the friendship and cooperation between Da Nang, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and Genova City, The Italian Republic in accordance with their competencies, on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, in conformity with the national laws and policies in force in Viet Nam and Italy, as well as the applicable international treaties to which the two states are parties and - with respect to the Italian side - according to the obligations and duties resulting from Italian membership in the European Union.

Article 2: The Parties agree to promote exchange and cooperation in the following fields:

- Collaboration and exchange of expertise and experiences in the development and construction of seaports; management models of ports and operational and infrastructural systems to support them, and related services, especially the in the field of maritime economy; and cooperation in advancing smart transportation systems, with reference to the creation of synergies in the cruise sector and commercial traffic.

- Collaboration in human resource development, including partnerships in higher education, vocational training, and the exchange of faculty, students, and staffs in various fields of science and social studies, with a special emphasis on early childhood education and inclusive education for children with disabilities; sharing experiences in the management of scientific research and higher education, supporting and enhancing dialogue and projects between their respective universities

- Fostering the development of tourism; organizing familiarization trips for Italian and Vietnamese tour operators to their respective destinations in a spirit of reciprocity; and collaborating on the development of tourism that generates economic benefits while preserving and enhancing local historical, environmental, and cultural heritage.

- Enhancing cooperation in investment and trade; facilitating business connections to boost import-export activities and logistics services; involving public and private economic entities, as well as their institutional representatives to promote economic exchange and investment opportunities; organizing meetings, business seminars, conferences, symposiums, exhibitions and industrial and multi-sector fairs.

- Collaboration in institutional relations; organizing visits or video-conference meetings of institutional and technical delegations as needed to deepen the link between the cities; promoting civil society initiatives with particular attention to the respective local communities.

- Strengthening cultural exchanges; promoting relationships and artistic collaboration between their respective cultural institutions by planning cultural days, sporting events, art exhibitions, film festivals and exchange of theatrical productions.

Article 3. All the activities established by this MoU will be executed in accordance with the financial competency of each Party. Budgets for covering expenses arising from the implementation of cooperative activities within the framework of this MoU will be discussed and agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 4. With the consent of both Parties, the Parties shall strengthen exchange and promote specific projects in the agreed fields. The Parties shall inform the competent Embassies for the territory of their respective Countries on the progress of the initiatives planned in implementation of this.

Article 5. The Parties agree to nominate the following focal points for the efficient correspondence and implementation of this MoU:

- The People's Committee of Da Nang, Viet Nam appoints the Da Nang Department of Foreign Affairs

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- The Government of Genova City, The Italian Republic appoints:

Office of External Affairs, The Genova City Council

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Article 6. Any disagreement that may arise between the Parties that relates to the explanation and implementation of this MoU shall be solved amicably through the exchange of ideas between the Parties.

Article 7. This MoU may be amended or supplemented by mutual consent of the Parties. The amendments or supplementations will be made in writing which indicate the specific point of time when such amendments or supplementations take effect. The written amendments or supplementations will be an indispensable part of this MoU.

Article 8. This MoU shall take effect from the date of its signing and will remain valid for a duration of five (5) years. It will continue in force and be subject to tacit renewal, unless either Party sends a written notification to the other Party on the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding. In this case, this Memorandum of Understanding will be automatically terminated three (03) months after the reception of such notification.

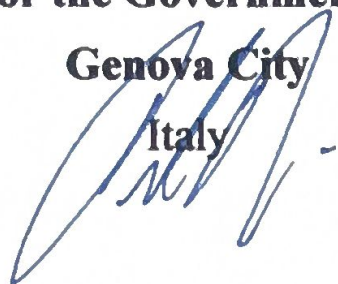
The termination of this MoU shall not affect the implementation of the ongoing programmes and projects between the Parties within the framework of this MoU until such programmes and projects are completed, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

Signed in Da Nang, on 17 January 2025, this Memorandum has been produced in 06 original copies, in Vietnamese, Italian and English. Each side retains one Vietnamese, Italian and English version; all versions being equally authentic. In the event of differing interpretations, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of

Genova City

Italy



PIETRO PICCIOCCHI

Acting Mayor



For the People's Committee of

Da Nang

Viet Nam



LÊ TRUNG CHINH

Chairman

