

Agreement on Co-operation between Society Switzerland - Bhutan (SSB) and Bhutan – Switzerland (SBS)

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed in Thimphu on November 12, 2001, the two societies are committed to further strengthen their co-operation. With this **Agreement on Co-operation**, SBS and SSB are specifying the common understanding.

SBS and SSB look upon each other as complementary sister organisations. While SBS and SSB endeavour to co-operate closely and arrive at a consensus in all-important matters, they are legally independent. Either association shall be free and solely responsible in its undertakings. However, either association or its activities shall not harm the role, image and substance of the other association.

Organisation

A board of at least 3 members (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) shall manage either association. Its Chairperson shall represent the association and the board.

Both associations will keep a list of members open to either organisation. However, in official matters, members shall only be contacted through the respective board.

Financing

The running cost for the associations shall be born by either of them.

Projects will be financed according to a mutually agreed upon project agreement.

Both associations will arrange the necessary visas and travel permits for project related persons. They will organise or provide local accommodation, transport and health / accident insurance as the case may be respectively.

Mid-term activities plan

The sister organisations will work out in partnership 3 years plans outlining the main emphasised activities and responsibilities.

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Activities

As a rule, all activities in the period 2009 – 2012 fall within the scope of the MOU signed in 2001 and SSB's strategy 2009 – 2012.

- Professional training
- Cultural Co-operation and Sports
- Exchange of Media Personnel and Academics
- Community partnership
- School-to-School Friendship Linkage

The scope of activities may be broadened with the consensus of both the societies in the coming years.

All projects exceeding the amount of the total annual member fees shall be undertaken only based on a project document formally decided upon by the respective authority.

Signed in Thimphu on December 2, 2009



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