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Preamble

The City of Kaohsiung, Kaohsiung City Government No. 2, Sihwei 3rd Road, Lingya District, Kaohsiung City, 802721, represented by Chi-Mai Chen, M.S. (Republic of China [Taiwan]), and the Bratislava Self-Governing Region, Sabinovská 16, 820 05 Bratislava, IČO 36063606, represented by Mgr. Juraj Droba, MBA, MA (Slovak Republic), the City of Kaohsiung and the Bratislava Self-Governing Region, hereinafter also referred to as “partner” and together as “partners”, acting in a spirit of goodwill and friendship between their residents, bearing in mind their common goal of strengthening mutual cooperation and exchanges of experience in areas of common interest, have resolved to conclude this mutual Agreement on Partnership (hereinafter “Agreement”).

**Article I
Basic provisions**

This Agreement is a general declaration of the will of the City of Kaohsiung and the Bratislava Self-Governing Region, based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit, to make a joint effort to:

1. Promote friendly contacts between their citizens,
2. Strengthen economic and trade relations and
3. Actively carry out exchanges and cooperation in the various areas falling within the competences of the partners, including culture, education, science and technology, tourism, and health.

Article II

Final provisions

1. The undersigned hereby declare that they will continuously pursue the common objectives of this Agreement.
2. The partners undertake to protect the information that they provide to each other in connection with the fulfilment of the objectives of this Agreement, in order to prevent its misuse.
3. The provisions of the Agreement may be amended or supplemented in the form of numbered written amendments signed by both partners.
4. This Agreement is concluded for a period of 4 years. After the expiration of this period, the Agreement will be extended automatically for another 4 years, unless one of the partners terminates it in writing no later than 6 months before the expiry of the period of validity. The partners may also terminate the Agreement by mutual written agreement.
5. Either partner may withdraw from the Agreement in accordance with point 4 of this Article, upon six months' notice. The notice period begins on the first day of the month following the month in which the notice was delivered to the other partner at the address given in the Preamble or notified by the partner.
6. This Agreement was approved by the Regional Assembly of the Bratislava Self-Governing Region in accordance with the provisions of art. 5 para. 4 of Act No. 302/2001 Coll. on Self-Government of Higher Territorial Units (law on self-governing regions), as amended, on _____ 2021.
7. This Agreement is drawn up in English in five copies, two copies for each of the partners and one copy for official purposes as required by the law of the Slovak Republic.
8. The Bratislava Self-Governing Region, as a public administration body, shall publish the Agreement in full on its website, in the interests of more transparent self-government for citizens; the official translation of the Agreement into the Slovak language will be attached to the published Agreement.
9. The Agreement shall become valid and enter into effect upon its signature by the representatives of both partners; if the legislation of either of the partner countries requires special acts for the validity and / or effectiveness of the Agreement, the

Agreement shall become valid and / or effective in accordance with the legislation of the partner countries.

10. The partners declare that they have properly and carefully read the text of the Agreement and understand its content, that the persons signing the Agreement are entitled to sign it, and that by signing the Agreement they signify their consent.

In _____ on _____

In _____ on _____

Chi-Mai Chen
Mayor
City of Kaohsiung

Juraj Droba
President
Bratislava Self-Governing Region