Memorandum of Understanding International Public Health Collaboration between Royal Kingdom of Thailand (Mukdahan, Ubon Ratchathani, and Amnat Charoen provinces) AND

Lao's People Democratic Republic (Svannakhet, Salavane and Champasak provinces)

Thailand's Health District 10, which covers provinces of Mukdahan, Ubon Ratchathani and Amnat Choroen, has their borders connected to the provinces of Champasak, Salavane and Savannakhet of Lao's People Democratic Republic. The Health District 10, in part of provinces of Ubon Ratchathani and Srisaket, is also connected to provinces of Oddar Meanchey and Preah Vihear of Royal Kingdom of Cambodia. There has been consistent international public health collaboration and joint implementation based on the International Health Regulations 2005 of World Health Organization, which recommends member-states to evaluate and develop their public health and border points of entry to achieve core capacities to monitor and control diseases, including screening of vehicles and products transported through border points to entry in compliance with the International Health Regulations and as indicated as regulations and laws of the member-states.

In order to sustain effective and concrete public health collaboration, leading to actual implementation by relevant agencies as well as promoting good will and relationships between agencies, relevant personnel and citizens, therefore we agree to strengthen our public health collaboration as follow:

- 1. Compliance with the International Health Regulations 2005 (IHR 2005)
- 2. Implementation on Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Safety

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- 3. Development of disease surveillance, prevention, investigation and control along the borders
- 4. Development of joint healthcare provision and international referral system
- 5. Capacity building of public health personnel to support ASEAN Public Heath Cities

This Memorandum of Understanding is in effect since the date when all parties sign this MoU. This MoU may be subject to amendment whenever agreed by all three parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding is composed and signed at Nevada Grand Hotel, Ubon Ratchathani Province, Royal Kingdom of Thailand dated 4 September 2015 in 3 languages, including Lao, Thai and English. All language versions are equally recognized.

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