



## Memorandum of Understanding Between

## The National Press Council of Thailand and Press Council of Indonesia

Number: 4/DP/MoU/VIII/2018

This Memorandum of Understanding is made in Jakarta, Indonesia on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 between:

The National Press Council of Thailand (NPCT), based in Bangkok, Thailand represented by Ms. Nattaya Chetchotiros, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson of The National Press Council of Thailand and The Press Council of Indonesia, based in Jakarta, Indonesia represented by Mr. Nezar Patria, Member of Press Council of Indonesia, Chairman of International Commission.

Herein after referred to as Parties;

## WHEREAS

- 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 National Press Council of Thailand and Press Council of Indonesia 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 put more effort to encourage ASEAN State Members 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 agreed upon on collaborate basis to initiate the following activities:

- 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.
- 2. Organizing activities such as exchange visit between the existing Press Councils in the ASEAN State Members;
- 3. Organizing exchange programs on code of ethical journalism;
- 4. Establishing a joint committee to implement the agreement in this Memorandum of Understanding.

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 the Parties. Such revisions or amendments shall come into effect on such date as may be determined by the Parties 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 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 until 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

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

The National Press Council of Thailand

Ms. Nattaya Chetchotiros

1st Vice Chairperson

**Press Council of Indonesia** 

**Nezar Patria** 

Member of Press

Council/Chairman of

International Commission