



**Cultural Agreement**  
**Between**

**His Majesty's Government of Nepal**  
**and**

**The Government of the**  
**Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**

His Majesty's Government of Nepal and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties"),

Being inspired by a common desire to create and develop closer cultural relations in accordance with the highest ideals of the constitutions of both the nations,

Being desirous of strengthening the cordial and traditional relations existing between Nepal and Sri Lanka, especially in the fields of arts, culture and sports,

Being convinced that co-operation in cultural and other allied fields of arts, culture and sports could contribute in further developing better understanding between Nepal and Sri Lanka and their peoples,

Have agreed as follows :

**Article I**

The Contracting Parties shall encourage to develop relations and co-operation in the fields of arts, culture and sports between the two nations through the exchange of :-

- experts, researchers, scholars, artists, sportsmen and any other person or groups related to the world of arts, culture and sport;
- scholarships, fellowships, and grants for artists, researchers and sportsmen to study and to conduct researches at their respective nations.

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Article II

The Contracting Parties shall, according to respective needs and possibilities and subject to their respective national laws, encourage and facilitate the exchange of :-

- visits of cultural delegations and performances by their artists and art-troupes, cultural and art exhibitions.
- information and materials on culture, arts, history, Buddhism, literature, archaeology, architecture and sports.

Article III

The Contracting Parties shall encourage within their respective nations to promote:-

- a better knowledge of history, Buddhism, culture, arts, literature and other accomplishments of the two nations,
- co-operation between youth and sports organizations of their nations by means of visits, competitions and exchanges of sport teams, athletes and coaches,
- co-operation between their museums, archives, art academies and other cultural institutions, as well as the exchange of cultural programmes between their respective radio and television organizations,
- collaboration in the field of archaeological research and excavations, including restoration of their cultural heritage, historical monuments, work of art and manuscripts.

#### Article IV

The Contracting Parties shall, with a view to implementation of the present agreement, jointly draw up and co-ordinate through diplomatic channels, three yearly plans for specific projects for cultural, arts and sports exchanges. Should they deem it necessary, they shall establish a joint committee whose meetings and composition be agreed upon as needs may require.

#### Article V

1. The Agreement shall come into force from the date of its signing and shall remain valid for a period of five years. It shall continue to be renewed automatically for another period of five years unless either party gives a six month's prior notice to other of its intention to terminate the agreement.
2. Amendments and modifications to this agreement, if necessary, may be made by mutual consent of the Contracting Parties and such amendments and modification shall then form an integral part of this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at Kathmandu on this 6<sup>th</sup> day July 1999 in two originals in the English languages.

For  
His Majesty's Government  
of Nepal

For  
the Government of the  
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka