

FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PORT AUTHORITY OF THAILAND  
AND THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT OF  
THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS

The port Authority of Thailand and the Minister of Public Works and Transport of the government of Flanders decide to cooperate in various fields related to maritime transportation and port development.

The cooperation should embrace such issues as :

1. Exchange of experience and background information
  - 1.1 cargo flows (separate cargo type) shipping and business opportunities, including setting up statistics.
  - 1.2 Documentation, leaflets, port development news (project development).
  - 1.3 Information on operation performance and techniques (ex. financial information or accounting).
  - 1.4 Port infrastructure and installation for port users, with emphasis on maintenance and planning.
2. Exchange of experts.

Transfer of knowledge by experts, organized seminars, practice weeks or training programmes for the commercial and marketing aspects and the issues mentioned under 3.
3. Exchange of technology covering issues such as :
  - 3.1 Infrastructure and environment
    - Planning of port facilities and inland transportation
    - Port construction
    - Port and marine environmental issues
    - Development of distribution centers

### 3.2 Management and operation

- Operation of specialized terminal such as bulk, break bulk or container terminals
- Handling and transportation of different types of cargo such as planning of cargo handling, selective maintenance and control of handling equipment spareparts.
- Maintenance of infrastructure and equipment
- Port management and terminal operations
- Marketing strategies
- Expertise on computerization and intermodal transport systems
- Electronic data interchange
- Handling and storage of hazardous cargo
- Port performance indicators

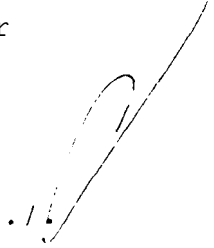
### 3.3 Legal aspects, international as well as internal

- Legal aspects related to private sector participation
- Legal aspects related to hazardous cargo
- Marine registration law

### 4. Mutual promotion of Thai and Flemish ports by way of :

- Organizing a 'THAI PORTS DAY' and 'FLEMISH PORTS DAY' in the respective partner countries;
- Providing mutual support on the occasion of exhibitions, seminars, ...
- Publicizing both countries' ports in specialized magazines and national press by way of articles, advertisements, press releases, ...

### 5. Enhance the friendly relationship by organizing, participation to or contributing to each others social activities.



It is understood the above endeavours are in no way imperative or have any limiting character.

Both Parties will yearly draw up concrete programmes on cooperation.

Costs involved in any of the above activities will be shared between both Parties on a case by case basis agreed in advance.

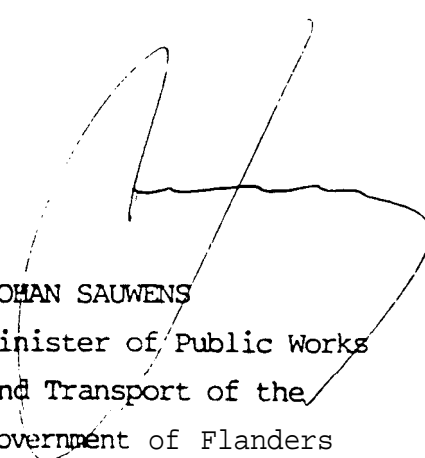
The cooperation will primarily be based on mutual respect and friendship inspired by the long-standing and friendly relationship between both countries, their Royal Families and their people.

This ~~document~~ has been ~~agreed~~ by Johan SAUWENS, Minister of Public Works and Transport of the ~~Government~~ of Flanders as the final draft that was discussed ~~between~~ both Parties to be submitted to the approval of the Board of Commissioners of the Port Authority of Thailand before proceeding.

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