



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into on November 21, 2023, by and between Vietnam Urban Planning and Development Association (VUPDA) and American Planning Association International Division (APA ID) collectively referred to as the 'Parties.'

The Parties, sharing goals of increasing applications of urban planning ideas and tools in communities, seek to cooperate when feasible by sharing information and working together.

This MOU outlines the intentions and understandings between the Parties with the recognition that actual projects undertaken will depend on the availability of resources.

The Parties seek to cooperate to provide a good platform to enable planning and development professionals to share good practices and ideas to address urban planning challenges faced by communities in Vietnam and the United States.

Cooperation may take the following forms:

1. Knowledge Exchange

The Parties would participate in knowledge exchange, fostering the growth of expertise. Whenever an opportunity arises, experts from the Parties would be invited to share their insights and contribute to projects or research in the field of urban planning and development.

2. Event Coordination

The Parties would join forces to organize a spectrum of events, including seminars, webinars, and conferences. In this pursuit, one party would extend invitations to members of the other party as and when appropriate. The two parties would engage in consultations to identify pertinent topics for these events.

3. Cross-Border Visits

As opportunities arise, the Parties would coordinate international visits to fortify their relationship and foster the exchange of knowledge.

4. Advancing International Collaboration:

Both Parties would jointly champion various international cooperation initiatives with the objective of not only elevating the stature and impact of their respective

institutions but also enhancing the reputation of local governments and both countries collectively. The specifics of international cooperation activities will be determined through consultation.

5. Collaborative Promotion of Planning Awards:

The Parties would collaborate in the promotion of their planning awards, contributing to the recognition and celebration of exceptional accomplishments in the field of urban planning.

To implement the above cooperation, the Parties commit that:

- This Memorandum of Understanding does not impose and will not impose any financial and legal obligations on the Parties;
- Any cost of participation in this agreement shall be borne by each organization separately and without the expectation of reimbursement;
- Not to disclose any confidential information disclosed to each other, to any third parties and to use such information strictly to plan and organize the programs.
- Not to use the name of any party for any other purpose whether about advertisement or publicity without the prior written consent of that Party.
- This Memorandum of Understanding is valid till 30 December 2025 unless extended by mutual agreement. Each party participates in this Agreement voluntarily and may terminate their involvement at any time upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.
- Disputes between parties of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably by means of negotiation in the spirit of friendship and partnership.

Signed by for and on behalf of

VIETNAM URBAN PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

President



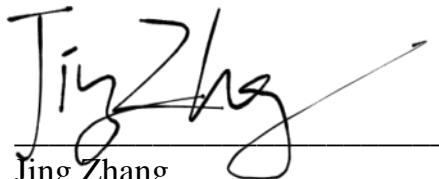
Tran Ngoc Chinh

Date: November 21, 2023

Signed by for and on behalf of

AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION
INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

Chair



Jing Zhang

Date: November 21, 2023