Disaster Preparedness Partnership Agreement between Mitaka City and MISHOP

Mitaka City (hereinafter to be mentioned as A) and Mitaka International Society for Hospitality (hereinafter to be mentioned as B) conclude an agreement of mutual participation and cooperation aiming at the creation of a disaster prevention community based on Mitaka City Regional Disaster Prevention Plan, where the emergency countermeasures following the disaster and disaster preparedness measures as provided by A for foreign residents are to be supported by B in the following manner.

(Purposes)

Article 1: This Agreement aims at cooperation between A and B to work jointly to minimize possible damage caused by a disaster such as an earthquake, flood, typhoon etc.,(which are to be mentioned hereinafter as Disasters) when it occurs or is likely to occur, by making use of B's organizational and wider regional network in the spirit of partnership. This will be accomplished by cooperation to be provided by B in response to A's ongoing emergency disaster countermeasures for foreign residents and cooperative efforts for disaster preparedness measures.

(Emergency Countermeasures in Disaster)

Article 2:

1. When a Disaster occurs or is likely to occur in Mitaka City, A can request B for cooperation.

2. When A requests B for cooperation in accordance with the preceding article, A shall let B know the date, place, contents of the request, and as much other necessary information as is possible.

3. When B receives a request from A in accordance with the preceding article, B shall extend its cooperation in every possible way, taking into consideration the situation of the calamity and also its preparedness.

(Disaster Preparedness Countermeasures)

Article 3:

B shall cooperate with A to every possible extent in disaster preparedness measures as provided by A in preparation for the occurrence of a Disaster.

(Management Responsibility)

Article 4:

A shall be responsible for the management of any facilities provided by B's cooperation.

(Person/Section in Charge of Liaison)

Article 5:

A and B shall decide in advance on the section/person in their respective parties to be in charge of liaison in regard to cooperation for disaster prevention, and shall remain in close contact at the time of a Disaster or when it is likely to occur.

(Reporting)

Article 6:

B shall inform A when B starts its operations in accordance with A's request and also when it completes its operations.

(Parties to bear expenses)

Article 7:

For the expenses incurred as the result of B's operations made in accordance with A's request, A shall reimburse B for the costs actually incurred, based on B's request.

(Indemnity for Damage)

Article 8:

When B's facilities suffer damage as the result of cooperation provided under this agreement, A shall be responsible for compensations covering such damage.

(Accident Compensation)

Article 9:

In regard to the implementation of emergency countermeasures whereby B complies with A's request by dispatching B's members or those others under its directions, A shall compensate B in accordance with the stipulations contained in the municipal bylaw covering accidents inflicted

upon members of the Mitaka City Fire Brigade and others (Reference Mitaka City Bylaw Article No.31)when those dispatched by B should be injured, fall sick, or die, and if the Labor Accident Compensation Law (Law Article No.50 enacted in 1947) is not applicable to them.

(Participation in Drills etc.)

Article 10:

A and B shall cooperate with each other in order to make this Agreement workable by actively participating in disaster preparedness drills and also in disaster prevention countermeasures among a variety of activities conducted by the respective parties.

(Validity of Agreement)

Article 11:

This Agreement shall remain valid for the period of one year from the date of the conclusion of the agreement. However, unless so requested within three months prior to the expiration of the validity by either party, the Agreement shall be extended for one more year, to continue following the same procedures beyond that time.

(Consultation)

Article 12:

Any matter not covered in this Agreement or any doubts related to it shall be decided in consultation by both A and B.

To verify, this Agreement is hereby prepared in duplicate, duly signed and sealed. A and B shall each retain a copy thereof.

January 20, 2004

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