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- To improve capacities of epidemiologic investigation, research, and public health surveillance in the territory of the authorities represented by TECRO.
- To evaluate, assess and reform the Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) of the territory of the authorities represented by TECRO.

The AIT designated topic coordinator for the activities described in this Implementing Arrangement is:

Director
Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Program
Office of Workforce and Career Development
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

The TECRO designated topic coordinator for the activities described in this Implementing Arrangement is:

Steve Hsu-Sung Kuo, M.D., MPH, PhD Director Field Epidemiology Training Program Centers for Disease Control Taiwan Department of Health

## B. Services

AIT, through its designated representative, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention within the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS/CDC), intends to provide the following services:

- Training up to five candidates (EIS officers) in ten years for TECRO's designated representative, the Centers for Disease Control (Taiwan CDC).
- Providing HHS/CDC EIS training, which is a unique, 2-year postgraduate program of service and on-the-job training, for qualified candidates from TECRO's designated representative, Taiwan CDC.
- Sharing experiences of the US EIS program with TECRO's designated representative, Taiwan CDC to improve the Taiwan FETP program.

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  program annually, sending that candidate to Atlanta, Georgia, for a formal interview
  with the EIS staff, and, if the candidate is accepted, sending the candidate to Atlanta for
  training for two years.
- Providing complete financial support to Taiwan CDC candidates/EIS participants during the two-year training program and during the preceding EIS Conference.
- Sharing infectious disease-related data with accepted candidates for any available
  assignment of their choice.
- Inviting experts from HHS/CDC's EIS program to visit Taiwan CDC once a year to assist TECRO's designated representative, Taiwan CDC, in evaluating, reviewing and improving the FETP in Taiwan.

# C. Additional Implementation Plans

Accepted candidates are to attend the annual HHS/CDC EIS Conference in April prior
to the start of their training in July. The candidate is to participate in the regular
assignment "match" process and should be free to compete with the rest of the class for
any available assignment choices.

# D. Financial Arrangements

TECRO, through it designated representative, Taiwan CDC, is responsible for providing all salary, travel, insurance expenses, related expenses, etc., for any EIS applicant and any

accepted candidate/EIS participant.

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#### F. Effective Date

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## G. Amendment and Termination

This Implementation Arrangement may be amended through mutual consent of the Parties or terminated at the discretion of either Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized have signed this Implementing Arrangement.

DONE at Washington, D.C., in duplicate, in English language.

FOR THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN

FOR THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL PRESENTATIVE OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES

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