

City of Los Angeles State of California

Certificate of Friendship Between

City Council of Los Angeles & Bangkok Metropolitan Council

WHEREAS, the City of Bangkok, Thailand is one of the greatest cities in the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is also one of the great cities of the world with a diverse population and a world class economy larger than many states; and

WHEREAS, these two great cities share the same name which is, the City of Angels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is home to the largest Thai population and the first official Thai Town outside of Thailand; and

WHEREAS, Thailand and the United States of America are celebrating the 180th anniversary of diplomatic relations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has always been at the forefront of encouraging greater friendship and understanding with other cities around the world; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Los Angeles and the Bangkok Metropolitan Council in the spirit of friendship are willing to cooperate for the mutual benefit of their communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities, including specifically, efforts in the areas of trade and investment as well as in the areas of cultural and sporting links, as detailed below:

Promotion of trade and investment links:


- Strengthen business to business links and trade and investment relations.
- Support exchanges and internships between research institutes and private sector companies.

Promotion of cultural and sporting links:

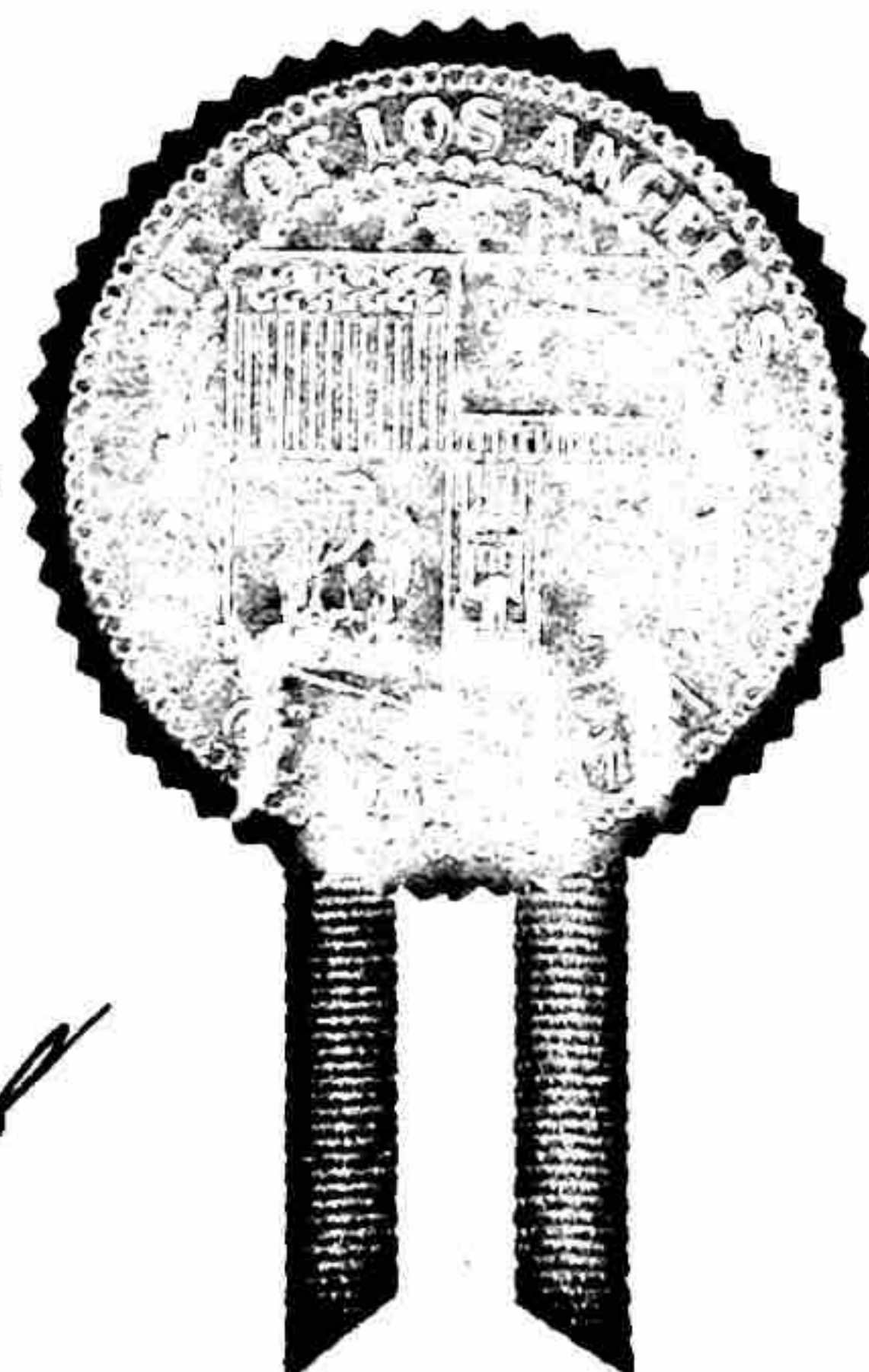

- Support business development and private investment in Thai Town on Hollywood Boulevard.
- Support the Thai New Year Songkran Festival in Los Angeles.
- Support creative artist and student exchange programs and any cultural and sport activities of mutual interest.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of Los Angeles hereby confirms the friendship with the Bangkok Metropolitan Council, Thailand and looks forward to working together on issues of mutual interest and benefit to our two great cities.


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