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Royal Commonwealth Society and Commonwealth Exchange sign MOU.

We are pleased to announce that the Royal Commonwealth Society (RCS) and Commonwealth Exchange (CX) will be working more closely after signing a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

This builds on the RCS and CX's strategic aim of forging close partnerships with other organisations that share objectives to promote the potential of the modern Commonwealth which includes a third of the world's population and 1.3 billion young people under thirty. The MOU allows both parties the opportunity to work together on a forthcoming report on understanding Commonwealth education in young people in the UK.

RCS Director, Michael Lake CBE, said:

"I am pleased to be working with a professional and imaginative organisation and that shares our belief that the Commonwealth is ideally positioned as a modern and effective association that can bring great mutual benefit to its members. This MOU with the Commonwealth Exchange think tank adds to the RCS aim of working more closely with other organisations as we strive together to find solutions to common problems in the Commonwealth. Recent tragedies, such as terrorist attacks and natural disasters such as Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu, have highlighted the value of Commonwealth nations banding together in times of crisis."

The RCS recently featured a blog about CX's latest report on enhancing Commonwealth defence and strategic connections. Read the [Commonwealth Voices blog](#).

Notes to Editors

The Royal Commonwealth Society is a network of individuals and organisations committed to improving the lives and prospects of Commonwealth citizens across the world.

Founded in 1868, the Society is constituted by Royal Charter (amended 2013) and as a charity.

The Society engages with its youth, civil society, business and governmental networks to address issues that matter to the citizens of the Commonwealth. Its primary focus is the promotion of young people throughout the Commonwealth.

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