



**Memorandum of Understanding  
between the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, East-West Center,  
and Khon Kaen University**

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (hereafter UHM); the East-West Center (hereafter EWC); and Khon Kaen University (hereafter KKU) enter into this Memorandum of Understanding with the intention of increasing collaboration among the three institutions, and advancing opportunities for doctoral degree study for KKU Faculty in various disciplines at UHM. Following are the responsibilities of each institution:

**KKU**

1. KKU will identify qualified candidates for doctoral study at UHM in a variety of fields, including agriculture, policy and administration, economics, urban planning, political science, travel industry management, and others as identified by KKU.
2. Applications for the program will be submitted to KKU. KKU will manage the pre-screening and selection process in consultation, as required, with UHM. Dossiers of the candidates will be sent by KKU to the EWC for processing.
3. All funding will be provided by the KKU Department, Faculty and/or the University for the degree study of the accepted candidates.

**UHM**

1. The program will be open to KKU Faculty members that meet the eligibility requirements of the respective departments.
2. The Dean of the UHM College of Social Sciences (CSS), or related College, in consultation with the EWC Director of the Education or a designee will select recipients for reduced Tuition Awards.
3. The review of applicants will be done on an open and competitive basis along with other applications from throughout the Asia Pacific region and the United States, in accordance with selection criteria for each program, and therefore admission cannot be assured.
4. The UHM CSS will provide tailored student services, including assistance with English, and student orientation in coordination with the EWC.

## EWC

1. The EWC will coordinate the review of candidates with the appropriate offices and departments at UHM.
2. The EWC will be responsible for providing candidates admitted into UHM doctoral degree programs with a DS-2019 document to facilitate application for the J-1 student visa, and will subsequently continue staff assistance to ensure these students maintain proper immigration status.
3. Priority preference will be given to candidates for housing in one of the EWC residence halls at the most favorable rates.
4. An EWC scholarship coordinator will offer KKU doctoral students academic guidance and monitoring as well as social and cultural support. As needed, EWC staff will also endeavor to work with the UHM program advisors of these doctoral students to facilitate, where possible, provision of special academic support arrangements to enable successful completion of their graduate study.
5. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of formal and informal EWC activities and events aimed at fostering personal and professional enrichment and will be expected to become active participants in the diverse EWC community of students and scholars.

It is understood and agreed that UHM and EWC will provide selected candidates with favorable rates of UHM tuition (currently resident tuition) subject to the availability of funds. EWC and UHM will make every effort to find suitable placements for these KKU candidates, and to advise on steps that can be taken to adequately prepare a candidate for admission, including pre-academic preparation at KKU or at EWC and UHM. All of this will be undertaken in the context of the desire of UHM and EWC to contribute to the strengthening of the comprehensive partnership with KKU.

Students will be placed at EWC-UHM subject to mutually suitable candidates, placement opportunities, and housing. The number of students accepted each term may be adjusted by any of the parties, subject to mutual agreement and available resources dedicated for this purpose. Upon execution of this Memorandum of Understanding and prior to implementation of reduced Tuition Awards the parties to this agreement shall confirm the funding arrangements and scheduling.

This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect for five years from the date of last of the three signatures below unless or until terminated by either party following a 60-day notice. (Students currently admitted into existing programs will not be affected.) Any changes or amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding must be in writing and approved by all the parties to this agreement.



Dr. Robert Bley-Vroman  
Chancellor, UHM  
Date: MAY 26 2015



Dr. Charles E. Morrison  
President, EWC  
Date: MAY 26 2015



Dr. Kittichai Triratanasirichai  
President, KKU  
Date: 15 JUN 2015