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**Memorandum of Understanding
between the
East-West Center
and
Khon Kaen University**



The East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii USA (hereafter EWC) and Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen, Thailand (hereafter KKU) enter into this Memorandum of Understanding with the intent to increase collaboration between the two institutions.

The purpose of this collaboration between EWC and KKU is to achieve a deeper understanding of economic, social, environmental, educational, international security, and other issues of common concern facing the Asia Pacific region and the United States. Through a process of dialog and collaborative education, training, and research, EWC and KKU seek to mutually benefit their institutions and increase the channels for informed communication between the societies of Thailand and the United States. EWC recognizes the importance of an institutionally strong and vibrant KKU for the Isan region and the Thai nation now and over the decade ahead as KKU continues to expand its scope and strengthen its quality as an institution of higher learning. EWC and KKU agree to pursue approaches to cooperation that emphasize incremental, cumulative strengthening of KKU as an institution providing highly valued and socially relevant education and research. KKU in turn recognizes the significance of a vital and active EWC in the Asia Pacific region, and capacity of KKU to enhance EWC understanding of regional diversity, the role and dynamics of the Isan, and broader Thai, community and institutions, and paths to peaceful resolution of regional conflict situations.

EWC will seek to extend appropriate opportunities in its programs to well-qualified individuals from the KKU faculty, students and staff. KKU will help to identify well-qualified applicants with high potential to contribute to its institutional development. EWC will review applicants from KKU on an open and competitive basis along with others from throughout the Asia Pacific and the U.S., in accordance with selection criteria for each program, and cannot assure selection of KKU applicants. However EWC will take into consideration its desire to strengthen the human resources of KKU as part of the selection process.

KKU faculty, staff, and alumni will be encouraged to apply to participate in the following EWC regular programs:

- EWC graduate degree fellowship program
- Asia Pacific Leadership Program
- Asian Studies Development Program summer seminars
- Collaborative research projects of mutual interest
- Cooperation with Research Information Services of EWC


As resources permit, KKU junior faculty may apply for following specially-designed opportunity for professional development:

- Short-term (3 to 6 months) library research and language study

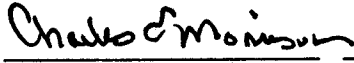
KKU places a high priority on encouraging its current and potential junior faculty to achieve advanced proficiency in English language to enable them to take advantage of opportunities offered by EWC. KKU actively seeks to employ the capacity of its Language Institute to address this priority need. KKU will endeavor to provide internship opportunities to qualified graduate students to augment teaching resources with native speakers on a short-term basis.

This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect for five years from the date of signature unless or until terminated by either party following a 60-day notice.

Signed in Khon Kaen, Thailand, and Honolulu, Hawaii, USA on this day.


Prof. Dr. Sumon Sakolchai
President, KKU

Mar 12, 2008
Date


Dr. Charles E. Morrison
President, EWC

Date