

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
CENTER FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES

AND

THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY

In order to promote cooperation between the University of Michigan, Center for Southeast Asian Studies (hereinafter UMCSEAS) and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Khon Kaen University (hereinafter KKUFHSS), and desiring to expand scholarly ties, facilitate academic cooperation and promote mutual understanding, both partners agree to explore the feasibility of establishing mutually beneficial programs of research and education with a special emphasis on Southeast Asian Studies.

Both parties will:

- Propose programs of cooperation in education, training and research to be jointly considered between the partners on the basis of mutual benefit, as well as encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation for such academic activities;
- Through student and faculty exchanges, allow students to experience a different academic environment and research context and participate in areas of interest not available at their home institutions; allow researchers and students from both partners to seek consultancy from scholars in the partner university; and encourage the exchange of visiting professors;
- Both partners agree to establish cooperation in the area of Southeast Asian Studies
- Financial arrangements related to visiting faculty, lecturers and research collaboration will be determined on a case-by-case basis and must be agreed to by both partners in writing prior to the effective date. Both partners recognize the benefit of investigating outside funding sources for projects and programs determined to be mutually beneficial to both institutions.

The UMCSEAS, or appropriate Center faculty, will sponsor KKUFHSS faculty as visiting scholars under the University's regular Visiting Scholars Program.

Themes of joint activity and the conditions for utilizing the results achieved and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges, and other forms of cooperation will be developed mutually for each specific case. Any commitment of resources, financial or otherwise, must be made in specific agreements to be entered into for this purpose at a subsequent date.

Specific activities to be carried out under the Memorandum of Understanding shall be negotiated and facilitated by the institutional representatives in cooperation with the Dean of KKUFHSS and the Director of the UMCSEAS in the form of specific programs of activities.

This agreement shall extend for a period of five years effective upon the date of signature by authorized representatives of both partners. Toward the end of this five-year period, the agreement will be reviewed for possible renewal for an additional five-year period.

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies will administer this agreement for the University of Michigan. The partners agree to consult periodically concerning the status of these explorations and other relevant matters.

Signed: This 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005

University of Michigan

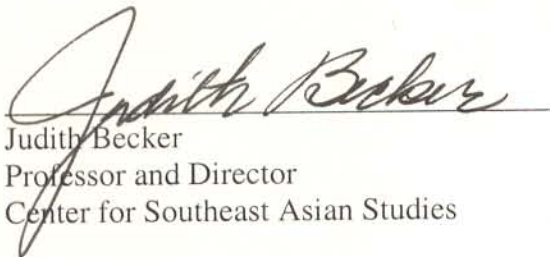
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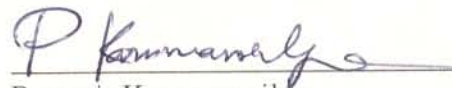
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