

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
Khon Kaen University, Thailand  
and the  
Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Northern Arizona  
University, U.S.A.**

Khon Kaen University (KKU), Thailand, and the Arizona Board of Regents, for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University (NAU), U.S.A, believe that mutual benefits can be derived by bridging their two institutions, achieving a closer relationship by linking their scholars, students, and personnel. Both institutions share the strong conviction that mutual understanding among people can be promoted through the establishment of academic links. Therefore, both institutions agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

**Article I: Principles of Cooperation**

KKU and NAU agree to develop their academic links under the principles of mutual understanding, mutual benefits, common interests, and mutually complementary activities.

**Article II: Objectives of cooperation**

- (1) to promote individual contacts among scholars, students, and personnel of both universities,
- (2) to promote links in teaching, research, and cultural activities,
- (3) to provide opportunities for both staff and student exchanges; however, such faculty exchange need not be equally reciprocated,
- (4) to develop and to encourage joint research, seminars, conferences, workshops and to also assist each other in obtaining external funding from outside sources,
- (5) to develop, when opportunity avails, joint study and degree programs,
- (6) to support the exchange of academic materials, resources, and services,
- (7) to share experiences and expertise concerning university administration and management,
- (8) to encourage any other activities that both universities agree to be of mutual benefit.

**Article III: Areas of Cooperation**

Areas of cooperation can include any academic or other programs offered by KKU and NAU.

**Article IV: Implementation**

It is understood and agreed that:

- (1) Proposals for collaborative projects under this MOU will be submitted through the institutions and it is recommended that reports should be submitted to each Chief Executive Officer at the completion of each project.
- (2) Each institution will continue to pay the regular in-country salary of its staff members on exchange or visiting programs. However, under specific contracts or secondments, the host university may consider paying a supplemental salary to visiting scholars during the period of their assignment.

- (3) Particularly able students will be eligible to participate in exchange programs arranged between the two institutions. Students taking part in the exchange will be granted the same access as home students to libraries, teaching facilities, advisory services and living accommodation (in as far as rooms are vacant). An attempt to balance student exchange numbers over a five year period should be made.
- (4) Where external funding is not available for the cost of tuition fees for the students taking part in an exchange or degree program, students will be responsible for payment of their tuition and fees in full, normally to their home institution which may then form an exchange on a common and reciprocal basis between the two institutions. In the absence of such an arrangement, the tuition and fees would then be sent to the institution hosting the student, or students could pay the host institution directly.
- (5) Student involvement will apply to undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students at both institutions, and may include practical or industrial attachments or training allowed within visa regulations.
- (6) Financial arrangements for collaborative research, seminars, workshops, conferences, and other such activities will be negotiated separately and will be subject to the availability of funds.
- (7) The host institution is not responsible to cover the costs of medical treatment or hospitalization for visiting scholars or students, and it is required that visitors obtain overseas health insurance coverage valid in the country being visited and acceptable to the host institution.
- (8) Both KKU and NAU are free to pursue co-operative ventures with other parties, and nothing in this MOU shall imply exclusivity on the part of either party or affect their ability to contact or collaborate with other parties, except where this is provided for in an annex to this MOU.
- (9) Participation in this cooperative program by the personnel or students of either university in any activities relating to this agreement shall not be denied to any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, non-disqualifying handicapping condition, veteran status, or sex.

**Article V: Duration and Termination of the Agreement**


- (1) This MOU is effective as of the date of signature by the Chief Executive Officer of each participating institution.
- (2) This MOU may be amended at any time as indicated by written mutual consent.
- (3) This MOU may be terminated by either institution by the provision of written notice of termination not less than six months prior to the desired termination date. However, both institutions agree that all continuing obligations to students, staff, funding bodies or other entities are met in full subsequent to the notice of termination.

**Article VI: Status of this MOU**

This Memorandum of Understanding is not legally binding and shall not give rise to any legal relationship between the parties. This MOU is intended only to be indicative of the parties intentions as to the nature and conduct of the relationship existing between them.

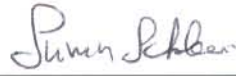
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Dr. John Haeger, President,  
Northern Arizona University

Date April 18, 2005



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sumon Sakolchai  
President, Khon Kaen University

Date May 4, 2005