

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT outlines a program of cooperation between Khon Kaen University at the Polytechnic of Namibia hereinafter referred to as the POLYTECHNIC and KKU

WHEREAS the POLYTECHNIC and KKU recognize the value of educational cooperation and exchanges for the purpose of deepening the understanding of scientific, technological, historical, social, economic and political issues, as well as the traditions of each of the respective cultures; and

WHEREAS the POLYTECHNIC and KKU affirm the desirability of strengthening the bonds between the two academic communities through the development of curricula, exchange and secondment of faculty, staff and students and research at both institutions.

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

In order to promote international co-operation and understanding and to foster institutional development, the two institutions agree to co-operate in the areas of: curriculum development, faculty, staff and students exchange; research and materials exchange.

1. CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

POLYTECHNIC and KKU agree to develop and upgrade curricula and qualifications with the objective of offering quality programmes and qualifications subject to the approval by the respective Senates.

2. FACULTY/STAFF EXCHANGE

In order to promote professional development at their respective institutions, the institutions agree to establish an exchange program for faculty and professional staff. The host institution agrees to provide hospitality in the form of office space, library privileges, access to technology and resources and other local privileges customarily afforded to faculty in residence.

The host institution will also assist in the finding of suitable accommodation and assist with compliance with immigration regulations of the host country. Faculty exchanges will be mutually agreed upon between the institutions and will be based on a work plan covering the full period of the exchange. The visiting scholar will prepare a final report upon completion of the exchange period.

3. STUDENT EXCHANGE

The two institutions will develop and conduct a student exchange program offering coursework, internships, joint projects, and research which are directed at the preparation of highly qualified and internationally competent graduates in KKU.

Participants will be registered students, selected by their respective institutions to participate in the program on the terms agreed between the institutions.

English will serve as the language of instruction at both institutions during exchange periods. However, language programmes will be developed in the official languages of KKU and the Republic of Namibia to help students cope with language demands while on exchange.

4. RESEARCH AND MATERIALS EXCHANGE

The POLYTECHNIC and KKU will encourage and promote and promote collaborative research activities between the faculties, staff and students of the two institutions to promote the generation of knowledge and development of the institutions and their respective societies. This will include upgrading of laboratory facilities and the installation of specialized equipment for relevant departmental laboratories.

5. FORMAL FACULTY AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

To further build human capacity at the Polytechnic of Namibia KKU will offer nominated staff and students opportunities to obtain formal qualifications in the full-time mode at Bachelors and Masters degree levels. The specific terms and conditions will be agreed upon in an addendum that will form part of this agreement.

6. FUNDING

The POLYTECHNIC and KKU agree to investigate opportunities to raise funds to support the different activities in the partnership. POLYTECHNIC and KKU agree to facilitate activities with Namibian business and industry when appropriate, and *vice versa*.

7. PROGRAM COORDINATORS

As specific and mutual areas of interest are identified and agreed, each institution will appoint a program coordinator to assure the implementation of the various planned activities.

8. IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS

Supplemental agreements will be entered into to establish details for the operation and implementation of specific programs and will become attachments to this Memorandum of Agreement.

9. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement will be effective upon signature by duly authorised representatives and will be effective for a period of five years.

10. AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement may be amended by mutual consent, in writing, as appropriate from time to time.

11. TERMINATION

This Memorandum of Agreement may be terminated by either party following a 90-day written notice. However, the effective date of cancellation shall not take place prior to the completion of an on-going activity.

Signed at Khon Kaen University, THAILAND, on 26th February 2010.

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Polytechnic of Namibia

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26 February 2010