

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This memorandum of understanding (the “**Memorandum**”) is made on 03...07..., 2015

BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

1. **KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY**, seated at No. 123 Mittraphap Road, Muang, Khon Kaen 40002, Thailand, duly represented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kittichai Triratanasirichai, President

Hereinafter referred to as “**KKU**”

AND:

2. The **KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN** (University of Leuven), seated at Oude Markt 13, 3000 Leuven (BELGIUM), enterprise number 0419.052.173, acting on behalf of GROUP T – International Engineering School – KU Leuven, and duly represented by VZW GROUP T – Academy – University of Leuven (GROUP T – Academy), seated at Andreas Vesaliusstraat 13, 3000 Leuven, enterprise number 0541.384.615, represented by prof. Johan DE GRAEVE, PhD, President – Chief Executive GROUP T – Academy;

Hereinafter referred to as “**KU Leuven**”;

Hereinafter also collectively referred to as the “**Parties**” and individually as a “**Party**”.

WHEREAS:

- (A) Khon Kaen University - (hereinafter also referred to as “**KKU**”) strategic goal is to be recognized both internationally and regionally as a leading university in research. KKU currently has more than 40,000 students studying in 21 faculties, 3 colleges 1 school, and 2 campuses and in 38 international programs which cover a wide variety of disciplines
- (B) GROUP T – International Engineering School – KU Leuven (hereinafter also referred to as “**GROUP T – International Engineering School**”) organizes international bachelor and master programmes in engineering technology in the fields of chemical, biochemical, electromechanical and electronics engineering, as well as research in the fields of Health Engineering, Sustainable Engineering and Enterprising Engineering Education at Campus GROUP T in Leuven.
- (C) GROUP T – Academy promotes the further expansion and development of the international character and the international programmes of GROUP T – International Engineering School and identifies and explores opportunities for strengthening and expanding the international dimension of the engineering programmes, research and development of GROUP T – International Engineering School. This concerns, amongst others, exploring the potential for the development of further international extensions and collaborations, developing new cooperation, promoting the international programmes towards international students and proposing candidate international staff members.

The bachelor and master programmes in engineering technology offered by GROUP T – International Engineering School – KU Leuven, which used to be organized by GROUP T – International University College Leuven (predecessor of GROUP T – Academy) are officially organized by KU Leuven since the start of the academic year 2013-2014 when the competence to do so was attributed to KU Leuven by law, as a consequence of the restructuring of the European area for higher education initiated by the so-called Bologna reform.

(D) Parties have entered into discussions with respect to a possible cooperation between them in view of exchange and collaboration in areas of interests and benefit to both institutions and have reached agreement on cooperation between them, as well as a consensus on the joint intention to implement this cooperation through the negotiation and conclusion of specific agreements to cooperate in those individual areas that may be agreed upon and this in accordance with the basic guidelines and principles set out in the present Memorandum.

NOW, THEREFORE:

Article 1: Object

Parties agree and undertake to set up and develop cooperation between them and, to this effect, set up initiatives at various levels of their organisation to explore and propose effective forms of collaboration in the fields they deem appropriate, whereby they intend to act in accordance with the basic guidelines and principles set out in the present Memorandum.

Article 2: Areas of cooperation

The areas of the collaboration envisaged by the Parties can cover, amongst others, various aspects of some, or all, of the following activities:

- (i) Collaboration in or exchange of academic publications, materials and information;
- (ii) Exchange of faculty, visiting scholars and (post-)doctoral research fellows working on course development and programmes which are mutually complementary or of joint programmes, including scholarship schemes;
- (iii) Exchange of students to enter the respective programmes of the Parties or receive training at the other Party's institutions;
- (iv) Collaboration in research and development programmes and meetings;
- (v) Development of joint degree programmes;
- (vi) Any other activities Parties may agree upon.

Article 3: Implementation through separate agreements

For each of the activities to be undertaken a separate agreement shall be elaborated by the Parties, on the proposal of GROUP T – Academy.

Each of the separate agreements will have to be approved and executed by KKKU and KU Leuven prior to the actual commencement of the activities envisaged by the separate agreement.

Exchange cooperation, programs and courses shall be conducted in English and shall require adequate knowledge of the English language by all participants.

Article 4: Duration

This Memorandum is effective as from today and remains in force for a 3-year period.

Each of the Parties has the right to terminate this Memorandum and the cooperation envisaged by it by serving a prior written 6 month notice to the other Party by registered letter.

Parties can at all times terminate this Memorandum with immediate effect by mutual agreement.

The duration of the individual agreements that may be entered into in execution of this Memorandum will be agreed upon in those agreements.

Article 5: Amendments

Any amendments, modifications or annexes to the text of this Memorandum require a separate written addendum to this memorandum, to be signed by the Parties.

Article 6: Applicable law and jurisdiction

This Memorandum shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Belgium and Thailand.

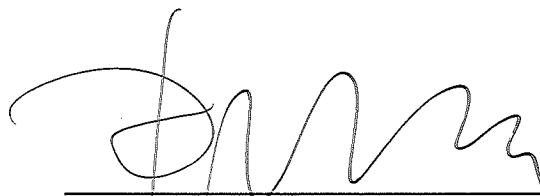
In witness whereof the Parties have caused this agreement to be initialled and executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date written above, in two (2) original copies, each Party acknowledging receipt of one fully-signed original.

For and on behalf of the KKU:

For and on behalf of KU Leuven:



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kittichai Triratanasirichai
President



GROUP T – Academy, represented by
Prof. Johan DE GRAEVE, PhD
President – Chief Executive