



# Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Khon Kaen University, Thailand

and

EDENZ Colleges, New Zealand

Faculty of Education, Khon Khen University (KKU), Thailand and EDENZ Colleges, New Zealand believe that mutual benefits can be derived by bridging their two institutes, achieving a closer relationship by linking their students, teachers 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.

## **I: Institutions**

A: Faculty of Education is one of the key faculties in Khon Kaen University, established in 1968. Khon Kaen University (KKU) was one of four regional universities established in 1964 as part of a decentralized development plan for higher education in Thailand. Khon Kaen University ranked 528th in the World ranking and 21st in ASEAN ranking in 2008.

B: EDENZ Colleges is a private training establishment (PTE) offering a range of courses, but particularly English and training teachers for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Language (TESOL).

## **II: Principles of Cooperation**

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

## **III: Objectives of Cooperation**

- 1) To promote individual contacts among students, scholars, participants, lecturers and personnel of both institutions related to academic matters
- 2) To promote links in teaching and cultural activities
- 3) To provide opportunities for both students and academic staff exchanges ideas and experiences
- 4) To develop and encourage joint seminars, conferences, workshops, academic or cultural activities
- 5) To develop, when opportunity avails, joint study and degree programmes
- 6) To support the exchange of academic materials, and services
- 7) To encourage any other activities that both institutions agree to be of mutual benefit.

## **IV: Areas of Cooperation**

Areas of cooperation can include any academic or other programme offered by Faculty of Education of Khon Kaen University and EDENZ Colleges. The particular areas of cooperation are:

- a) English and
- b) Training teachers for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

## V: Implementation

It is understood and agreed that:

- 1) Proposal for collaborative projects under this MOU will be submitted through the institutions and it is recommended that reports should be submitted to each Principal/Director of each project.
- 2) Each institution will continue to pay the regular in-country salary of its staff members on exchange or visiting programmes. However, under specific contracts or project, the host institution may consider offering allowance, accommodation or meals.
- 3) Financial arrangement for each collaborative project, workshops, seminars and activities, and other such activities will be negotiated separated and agreed on a project basis.
- 4) Both KKU and EDENZ Colleges 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.
- 5) Participation in each cooperative project, workshop, seminar and training by the students or academic staff of either institution 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.

## VI: Duration and Termination of the Agreement

- 1) This MOU is effective as of the date of signature by the Director of each institution which will be the three years period.
- 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 three months prior to the desired termination date. However, both institutions agree that all continuing obligations to students, staff, teachers, lecturers are met in full subsequent to the notice of termination.

## VII: Status of this MOU

This MOU 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.

Executed for Faculty of Education, Khon Kaen Univeristy

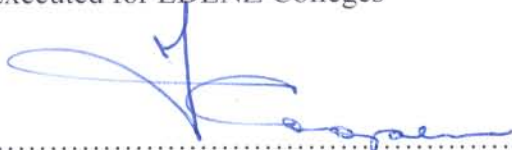


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27<sup>th</sup> January 2010

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Executed for EDENZ Colleges



Tim Cooper  
(Director)

6<sup>th</sup> January 2010

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