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**CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTO, PORTUGAL  
AND  
KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND**

The Universidade do Porto (Porto, Portugal), represented by its Rector, Professor Doutor José Carlos Diogo Marques dos Santos

and

Khon Kaen University (Khon Kaen, Thailand), represented by its President, Professor Dr. Sumon Sakolchai

considering the importance of establishing cultural and scientific exchanges, which could contribute to the progress and encounter to different cultures;

considering that both Universities are bound with the same interests and objectives in the academic and cultural fields;

considering that Universities are institutions called by the essence, goals and objectives, to establish communication channels, which would allow to exchange cultural and scientific knowledge;

agree to establish the following formal cultural and scientific Agreement.

**Article 1**

The two Universities agree to the following objectives:

1. Increase the scientific and cultural relationship.
2. Further the development of mutual collaboration.
3. Exchange of information, materials and scientific information in those fields which are of interest to both universities.
4. Promote teaching and researching in fields of mutual interest.
5. Exchange of Students.
6. Curriculum development.
7. Preparation of joint research projects and activities.
8. Participation in seminars and academic meetings.
9. Exchange of accreditation procedures and standards.

## Article 2

The two Universities agree to identify specific areas of collaboration and to design projects of academic collaboration. All projects developed within this framework shall be determined by mutual accord in writing (Addendums) and will not exceed the validity of the present agreement.

## Article 3

Matters arising in relation to the implementation of the joint academic projects shall be negotiated and dealt with between the two Universities on a case-by-case basis.

All the expenses in executing the Agreement will be negotiated and subject to the approval of the involved faculties, schools, institutes or departments.

## Article 4

The present Agreement becomes effective on the date of its signature and is valid for the period of five (5) years after which it will be automatically renewed.

## Article 5

Any modification to the present Agreement shall be undertaken by mutual decision in writing and any new changes will start on a date agreed by both Universities.

## Article 6

Either University may terminate this Agreement by giving six (6) months notice in writing. Termination of the Agreement is subject to finalisation of decided common projects and activities.

Fully accepting the articles stated above, the parties hereby sign this Agreement in two (2) equally dated copies, in English language, with a copy to each part.

Porto, 01/10/2008

Khon Kaen, 16/10/2008



Professor Doutor José Marques dos Santos  
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