

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Khon Kaen University, Thailand
And
Asia University, Taiwan**

Khon Kaen University (KKU), Thailand, and Asia University (AU), Taiwan, believe that bridging their two institutes can derive mutual benefits, achieving a closer relationship by linking their scholars, students and personnel. Both institutes share the strong conviction that mutual understanding among people can be promoted through the establishment of academic links. Therefore, both institutes agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article I: Principles of Cooperation

KKU and AU 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 institutes,
- (2) to promote links in teaching, research, and cultural activities,
- (3) to provide opportunities for both staff and student exchanges, however, such exchange need not 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 programs,
- (6) to support the exchange of academic materials, resources, and services,
- (7) to share experiences and expertise concerning university administration and management,
- (8) and to encourage any other activities that both institutes 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 AU.

Article IV: Implementation

It is understood and agreed that:

- (1) Proposals for collaborative projects under this MOU will be submitted through the institutes, and it is recommended that reports should be submitted to each Chief Executive Officer at the completion of each project.
- (2) Each institute will continue to pay the counterpart salary of visiting staff members on exchange or visiting programs. However, under specific contracts, the host institute 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 institutes. Students taking part in the exchange program will be granted the same access as home students to libraries, teaching facilities, advisory services and living accommodation (as far as the rooms are vacant).

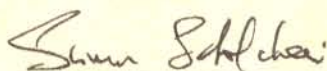
- (4) Where external funding is not available for the cost of tuition fees for the students taking part in an exchange program, students will be responsible for payment of their fees in full, normally to their home institute which may then form an exchange on a common and reciprocal basis between the two institutes.
- (5) Student's mobilization will apply to undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students at both institutes, and may include practical or industrial attachments.
- (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 institute is not responsible to cover the costs of medical treatment or hospitalization for visiting scholars or students, and it is recommended that visitors obtain overseas health insurance coverage from their home country.
- (8) Both KKU and AU are free to pursue co-operative ventures with other parties, and nothing in this MOU shall imply exclusively on the part of either party or affect their ability

Article V: Duration and Termination of the Agreement

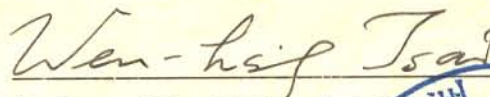
This MOU is effective on the date of signature by the Chief Executive Officer of each institute, and it shall continue to be in force and effective for five years and can be extended by mutual consent. It may be amended at any time as indicated by written mutual consent, and either institute may terminate this MOU by the provision of written notice of termination not less than six months prior to the desired termination date. However, both institutes 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 MOU is written and signed in two copies in an equal status, and each party holds one copy.



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