

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
CAN THO UNIVERSITY, VIETNAM
AND
KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND**

1. Can Tho University (CTU) and Khon Kaen University (KKU) agree to cooperate in regard to international programs based on the principle of reciprocity.

2. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) serves as a legal document for CTU and KKU to establish and develop their bilateral relationships. This will also help enhance research and educational processes at both institutions and thereby expand the academic spectrum and culture awareness between the institutions' respective staff and students.

3. It is agreed that CTU and KKU will work together to develop scientific agreements for cooperation based on their respective academic, scientific and educational needs. The areas in which specific agreements may be developed include:

- Exchange of academic staff and students at all levels.
- Exchange of academic information, materials and programs.
- Developing and implementing joint research programs, including developing proposals for funding purposes.
- Implementing Vietnamese, Thai and English language proficiency at KKU and CTU.
- Co-organizing joint conferences and workshops as well as international training programs at CTU and KKU.
- Developing programs to assist the staff from the two institutions in studying towards Masters and PhD degrees, including Split Programs involving co-supervision from both universities.

These activities shall encompass but not be restricted to collaboration in:

- Tropical agriculture
- Rural development
- Language training
- Biotechnology
- Food science and processing technology
- Fisheries and aquaculture

4. The development and implementation of each exchange based on this agreement shall be separately discussed and determined by both universities and when signed by both parties will form appendices to this agreement. Both universities will use their best efforts to find financial sources for carrying out the activities.

5. Nothing in this Memorandum shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, or impose constraints on either party in carrying out the agreement.

6. This MOU is effective for a period of five years from the date of signature. It may be extended with the written agreement of both parties and may be subjected to revision by mutual consent.

7. Any necessary changes to the memorandum of understanding or early termination of this agreement require written notice six months in advance.

8. In the first instance KKU and CTU shall nominate Dr. Nawarat Waraasawapati Charoen (nawarat@kku.ac.th) and Dr. Le Viet Dung (lvdung@ctu.edu.vn) to implement the provisions of this agreement.



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For Can Tho University

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