

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
Faculty of Dentistry, Khon Kaen University  
and  
Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong**

WHEREAS the Faculty of Dentistry, Khon Kaen University (KKU), Thailand and the Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong (HKU), Hong Kong are mutually interested in establishing collaboration on academic and research related development activities;

WHEREAS the two faculties have discussed the furtherance of these interests and now desire to record their mutual understanding in this regard;

NOW, THEREFORE, both faculties agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

**ARTICLE I : PRINCIPLES OF COLLABORATION**

The purpose of this MOU is to develop and carry out collaborative activities of mutual benefit to the two faculties and in furtherance of the common interests set out below.

**ARTICLE II : AREAS OF COLLABORATION**

Collaboration may cover any academic discipline, the disciplines covered being agreed by mutual consent of both institutions. In particular the existing collaboration in the areas of academic and research related development activities will be continued and expanded.

**ARTICLE III : METHODS OF COLLABORATION**

The scope of collaboration may include the following activities:

- (1) individual contacts and exchanges between scholars, students and personnel of both institutions;
- (2) the encouragement of a collaborative postgraduate programme and other academic degrees between Faculty of Dentistry KKU and Faculty of Dentistry HKU in areas of mutual interest;
- (3) the development of joint research projects;
- (4) the development of training programmes;
- (5) the organization of joint conferences, seminars and workshops;
- (6) assistance with obtaining funds for collaborative activities;
- (7) the encouragement of any other activities that both institutions agree to be of mutual benefit.

**ARTICLE IV : IMPLEMENTATION**

It is understood and agreed that :

- (1) For the purposes of this MOU, the following are the persons in charge of this collaboration:

at Faculty of Dentistry KKU: the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry.  
Khon Kaen University, Thailand.

At Faculty of Dentistry HKU: the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry.  
The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

- (2) This MOU does not commit either Faculty to any financial expenditure. Collaborative projects will be initiated only if the necessary support funding has been guaranteed.
- (3) The ownership of any intellectual property created under this MOU shall be decided on a case by case basis taking into consideration any conditions laid down by the funding body, the employment status of the creators, the Faculty's regulations, and current international regulations. The Faculties will act reasonably in all matters of ownership and commercialization of intellectual property.
- (4) Both Faculties of Dentistry, KKU and HKU 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.

#### ARTICLE V : DURATION AND TERMINATION

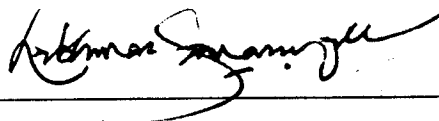
- (1) This MOU is effective as of the date of signature by the appropriate officers at each Faculty as below.
- (2) Either Faculty may terminate this MOU in giving not less than six months notice in writing of termination. However, each institution agrees that all continuing obligations to students, clients funding bodies or other persons or agencies are met in full subsequent to notice of termination.
- (3) This MOU shall remain in force for an initial period of five years. It may be amended at any time or extended by mutual written consent.

#### ARTICLE VI : STATUS OF THIS MOU

This Memorandum of Understanding 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.

Signed for and on behalf of  
Faculty of Dentistry, Khon Kaen University

Signed for and on behalf of  
Faculty of Dentistry, The University of Hong Kong

Associate Professor Intarapol Hovichitr  
Dean,  
Faculty of Dentistry, Khon Kaen University

Professor Lakshman P. Samaranayake  
Dean,  
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Date

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Date

20<sup>th</sup> July 2005