



**HEADS OF AGREEMENT
ON COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC COLLABORATION**



between

KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND

and

GROUP T - UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LEUVEN, BELGIUM

KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, with its main address at 123 Mitraparp Highway, Amphur Muang, Khon Kaen in Thailand (hereafter referred to as KKU) and represented by its President, Professor Dr. Sumon Sakolchai,

and

GROUP T – University College Leuven, with its main address at Vesaliusstraat 13, 3000 Leuven in Belgium (hereafter referred to as GROUP T) and represented by its President, Dr Johan De Graeve,

have agreed to develop comprehensive academic collaboration as stipulated below.

Mission

The parties agree to inform each other of their vision and mission, and to exchange information on the organisational structure of their institutes. They state their resolve to work together in the domains of engineering, enterprising, educating, environmenting and ensembling in view of their mission.

Mission of GROUP T

The mission of GROUP T is defined in Article 3 of the articles of association as they were accepted by the General Assembly on December 4, 2007 (in attachment). The article states that the objects of GROUP T are “with the exclusion of any pursuit of profit, to provide education in the broadest sense, both locally and globally, from a plurality of world views.” Based on the 5 E-concept (environmenting, enterprising, engineering, educating, ensembling), the mission is: “educing essence by experiencing existence.” The article further states that “the international nature of GROUP T’s education, research and services is essential.”

Mission of KKU

In order to achieve the internationally recognized standards and strengthen the community and society, Khon Kaen University has the mission:

- To produce graduates with well-balanced knowledge, morals and wisdom
- To promote and expand the university research
- To provide academic services to the community through the university community outreach programs
- To preserve and promote the arts, culture and heritage

Collaboration

Both parties agree to collaborate and set up initiatives at the respective levels and along the following lines

Governance

At governance level, both parties will collaborate with respect to the vision and mission of their institutes. To enable smooth collaboration the leadership at both partner institutes will maintain regular communication, including mutual working visits of leaders and administrators. Collaboration initiatives can be set up that promote collaboration and create opportunities for participants to gain insight in each other’s structures and culture.

Staff

At staff level, both parties will collaborate with respect to the management and administration of their institutes. Collaboration initiatives can be set up that create opportunities for staff members to enter programs and receive training at the other institute.

Faculty

At faculty level, both partners will collaborate with respect to education, research, and services at their institutes. Collaboration in education may include, without being restricted to, initiatives with regard to program development, course development, joint programs, and educational collaboration with companies. Collaboration initiatives can be set up that create opportunities for faculty members to enter programs and receive training at the other institute. Collaboration in research, development, and collaboration may include, without being restricted to, scientific and technological research, research in enterprising engineering education, research collaboration with companies, and doctoral programs in collaboration with other partner universities.

Students

At student level, both partners will collaborate with respect to education, research, and services at their institutes. Collaboration initiatives can be set up that create opportunities for students to enter programs and receive training at the other institute. Collaboration may include, without being restricted to, the development and promotion of exchange and send-abroad programs, on-campus recruitment, and scholarship schemes.

Creation of a steering committee

The undersigned persons shall oversee and facilitate implementation of this agreement. They will be assisted by personnel that they have designated for this goal. Together they make up the steering committee that will be in charge of the implementation and supervision of the collaboration.

The steering committee will meet as needed to discuss and manage the collaboration. On a yearly basis the committee will select which collaboration initiatives will be taken, determine the budget, and define the specific modalities. These decisions will form the contents of specific agreements that will be added to this document.

The steering committee will decide on guiding principles to cover the costs of international and local transportation and accommodation for the delegations who visit with this purpose.

Term of the agreement

Without amendments, the agreement will be automatically extended for periods of one year. If a partner chooses to end the agreement, the party will notify the other in advance. Any disputes on the agreement will be submitted to the President of GROUP T and the President of KKU in order to find a solution in the interest of all participants.

This agreement is made in two copies, of which each party will keep one.

GROUP T – University College Leuven
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Dr. Johan De Graeve
President

Date: 1 juli 2008

Khon Kaen University
Khon Kaen
Thailand

Professor Dr. Sumon Sakolchai
President

Date: 1 July 2008