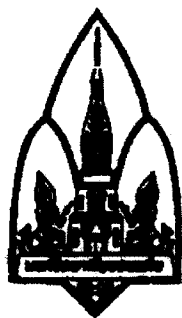


MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA / AUSTRIA
AND
KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY / THAILAND



Khon Kaen University



University of Vienna

JUNE 1995

Preamble

The long history and tradition of fruitful Austrian-Thai partnership in science and technology has encouraged the representatives of the University of Vienna, Austria and Khon Kaen University, Thailand to create new opportunities for cooperation in research and academic exchange. On the occasion of the official visit of the Thai delegation from Khon Kaen University (Vienna, May 22-24, 1995) both parties welcomed the establishment of a framework for future collaboration in joint projects and educational activities. The following Memorandum of Understanding represents a first and major step towards a good partnership between the University of Vienna and Khon Khaen University.

Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Vienna and Khon Kaen University

The University of Vienna, Austria on the one hand, and Khon Kaen University, Thailand on the other hand,

Aware of the need to promote research and academic exchange between Austria and the Kingdom of Thailand,

Aware of the importance of cooperation between the University of Vienna and Khon Kaen University in organizing and managing joint activities for the promotion of scientific, social and economic development,

Convinced that cooperation between them will contribute to scientific and economic progress and international scientific developments,

Desirous of establishing new frameworks for international, interdisciplinary cooperation to the benefits of both parties and society in general,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

- I. The two parties shall plan and promote their cooperation in the field of science, and take all the necessary measures to ensure its effective implementation. Such cooperation may include the provision of expert and consultant services, preparation of studies, project management, organization of forums, seminars, lectures, workshops, expert group meetings, training programmes, and other activities.
- II. The following fields of activity shall be given priority:
 - a. Organization and management of joint activities such as scientific projects, training programmes, seminars, excursions or workshops;
 - b. Interdisciplinary cooperation and collaboration within the framework of the planned joint activities;
 - c. Technology transfer including technical assistance for activities to be specified by the Joint Committee and exchange of knowledge and experience;
 - d. Human resources development for science;
 - e. Establishment of a pilot project, most probably situated in the geosciences, as a first step towards an extended partnership between the University of Vienna and Khon Kaen University;
 - f. Application of international standards and guidelines concerning environmental protection and preservation of natural resources for all project activities;
- III. Cooperation within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding may be extended to other fields of activity agreed upon by the parties in writing, following request or proposal from either party.
- IV. The University of Vienna and Khon Kaen University shall review the implementation of the above-mentioned fields of activity. The review will be carried out by a Joint University of Vienna / Khon Kaen University Committee to be established in accordance with Article 2 below.

- V. All activities under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be financed, subject to the availability of funds, from:
- a. Regular budget of the University of Vienna and Khon Kaen University;
 - b. Other extrabudgetary sources.

Article 2

- VI. The Rectors of the University of Vienna and Khon Kaen University shall designate members of the Joint University of Vienna / Khon Kaen University Committee, comprising at least one official from each university, to undertake the following tasks:
- a. Preparing and recommending a programme of work;
 - b. Reviewing the progress of implementation of the agreed programme;
 - c. Making recommendations regarding working procedures, as well as organizational, financial, and technical matters for the implementation of the programmes;
 - d. Identifying new possible areas of cooperation between the two parties;
- VII. The Joint Committee shall meet according to the requirements and progress of the working programme, either in Vienna or Khon Kaen.
- VIII. The Joint Committee shall submit an annual progress report to the Rectors of the University of Vienna and Khon Kaen University.
- IX. Implementation of the programme prepared by the Joint Committee shall be subject to the availability of adequate financial resources to be determined for each project by both parties in accordance with their financial regulations and rules. Each party shall bear the cost of its participation in the meeting of the Joint Committee. Concerning the Austrian party the expenses for the activities of the Joint Committee should be covered by regular budget of the University of Vienna and the institutes involved in joint activities with Khon Kaen University, as well as by extrabudgetary sources such as project funds or donations.

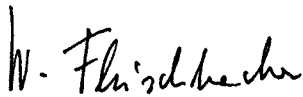
Article 3

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended and revised by mutual accord in writing between the two parties. It may be terminated by either party subject to six months' written notice being given to the other party, it being understood that such termination shall not affect activities already under way.

Article 4

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature, by both parties (two copies).

Signed :



For the University of Vienna, Austria:
Wilhelm Fleischhacker
Dean, Faculty of Natural Sciences

Date: 6. Juli 1995

Signed :



For Khon Kaen University, Thailand
Vanchai Vatanasapt
President

Date: 4 Aug. 1995