



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Between
The Faculty of Architecture
Khon Kaen University, Thailand
And
The Institute of Geography of the University of Cologne
Cologne, Germany



The Faculty of Architecture, Khon Kaen University (KKU), Thailand and The Institute of Geography of the University of Cologne, Germany agree to enter into a formal collaborative agreement based on a foundation of trust for the mutual benefit and development of the two institutions and the promotion of international understanding and goodwill. The two institutions affirm the significance and importance of cooperation between them and agree to carry out into effect the activities as follows:

General principles of cooperation

The Faculty of Architecture, Khon Kaen University, Thailand and The Institute of Geography of the University of Cologne, Germany agree to develop academic links under the principles of mutual understanding, benefits, common interests, and mutually complementary activities. Areas of cooperation may include academic field related to Urban and Regional Planning, Geographical Study and other related fields, which are agreed by mutual consent of both institutions.

Training

Faculty of Architecture, Khon Kaen University, Thailand and The Institute of Geography of the University of Cologne, Germany will collaborate on an appropriate short-term training programs in urban and regional planning, geographical study, techniques and urban study aspects and vice-versa. Training courses in above aspects may be provided on request and through the collaboration and assistance of Faculty of Architecture or other related Faculties in Khon Kaen University, Thailand and The Institute of Geography of the University of Cologne, Germany.

Staff and Student Exchange

1. The two institutions will have regular exchange of staffs and/or students. The cost of each exchange program will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.
2. The two institutions will encourage and seek financial support for the visiting scholars and/or students in both institutions. Visiting scholars/students from both institutions will visit the other country for 2-5 weeks to exchange various academic activities such as giving public lectures, attending workshops and joining fieldtrips and so on.

The implementation of exchange based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both universities.

Research

The parties may undertake collaborative research on organization of joint research programs; topics of mutual interest and expertise and exchange of research materials, publications and information. However, before any particular cooperative research project or program above is initiated, all financial details shall be negotiated and agreed upon by the two institutions.

The Faculty of Architecture, Khon Kaen University, Thailand and The Institute of Geography of the University of Cologne, Germany will jointly develop some or all of the following activities based on their respective academic and educational needs:

1. To jointly assist in the PhD and Master Degree programs.
2. To undertake joint geographical studies and urban studies in the Faculty of Architecture, Khon Kaen University, Thailand and The Institute of Geography of the University of Cologne, Germany including fieldwork, analysis, publications and dissemination of data.
3. Training of local counterparts in urban and regional research as well as in techniques of scientific methods in geography and planning, transfer of study skills (including Geographical Information Systems, Remote Sensing and qualitative social research methodologies).
4. To undertake joint surveys and excursions to further develop the understanding of the potentials and constraints of these areas in the physical and human geographical sense.
5. To particularly undertake common analysis in the field of urban, social and cultural geography and Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing.
6. To publish the results, in different kinds of publications, including peer-reviewed international journals either as individual or joint publications.

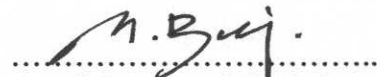
This agreement shall be effective from the day when both institutions affix their signatures into it. The duration of term of effectiveness shall be five (5) years and maybe renewed before the expiration date by agreement between the two. This agreement is drawn up in English in two copies of the same validity, one of each side. Every amendment or addition should be inform each other by both sides in due time. Amendment of additions to this agreement may be made only by consultation of, and agreement by both parties.



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