



**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT ON MEKONG REGION
LAW SCHOOL CONSORTIUM**
(MoA 1/2019)

FACULTY OF INTEGRATED SOCIAL SCIENCES
KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, NONGKHAI CAMPUS

and

FACULTY OF LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAOS

Building upon the Memorandum of Understanding already in effect between National University of Laos (NUOL) and Khon Kaen University (KKU) and in recognition of their common interest in developing bilateral and regional academic relations, the Faculty of Integrated Social Sciences, Khon Kaen University, Nongkhai Campus (hereinafter referred to as “FISS”) hereby enter into this Articulation Agreement on Mekong Region Law School Consortium with the Faculty of Law and Political Science, National University of Laos (hereinafter referred to as “FLPS”).

I. General Statement

Both parties wish to enter into this Articulation Agreement (1/2019) to spell out the research and education programs related to the establishment and operation of a “Mekong Region Law School Consortium” (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Consortium”).

II. Mekong Region Law School Consortium

II.A. Description

- 1) The “Mekong Region Law School Consortium” is a collaboration among law faculties/departments in the Greater Mekong Subregion (Cambodia, China-Guangxi and Yunnan, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam) to facilitate joint research and publication, annual symposia and scholarship support for consortium member students. Assuming available funding, FISS will support faculty members and students from law faculty/departments who are members of the Mekong Region Law School Consortium as follows:

- a. Priority for financial and other scholarship support for students and junior faculty members to attend English language law degree and non-degree programs at FISS.

- b. Priority for financial and other support to attend and present papers at annual symposia on subjects relevant to law and legal education in the Greater Mekong Subregion. Subject to the level of local member support, and available funding, the location of the annual symposia will be rotated among Consortium members.
 - c. Editing support to finalize acceptable English language research and articles for publication in FISS's forthcoming "Mekong Region Law and Public Policy Research" paper series and other English language law journals. When the Consortium is fully established, this paper series will come under the operation of the Consortium.
- 2) A board of directors will be established for the Mekong Region Law School Consortium. Board members will consist of one member representing each consortium member faculty/department. Funders who support the Mekong Region Law School Consortium may also be invited to be representative members of the Board.
 - 3) FISS will establish a Secretariat for the management of the Mekong Region Law School Consortium and for administrative support for the implementation of Consortium research and educational programs. The Secretariat will also serve the Board of the Mekong Region Law School Consortium.

II.B Membership

- 1) Membership in the Mekong Region Law School Consortium is limited to one law faculty/department from each GMS country or region (Cambodia, China-Guangxi, China-Yunnan, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam).
- 2) Membership in the Mekong Region Law School Consortium will first be determined according to bilateral agreements between FISS and other law faculty/departments in the Greater Mekong Subregion. When the consortium is established with at least four members, a new multilateral agreement shall be negotiated and established among the existing members with a goal to expand the Consortium to a total of seven law faculties/departments from the Greater Mekong Subregion.
- 3) Pursuant to this Articulation Agreement, FLPS hereby joins FISS as a member of the Mekong Region Law School Consortium.

II.C Future Agreement(s)

- 1) Further details regarding Mekong Region Law School Consortium benefits outlined in Section II.A.1 above will be set forth in future agreements between FISS and Consortium members law faculties/departments, preferably multilaterally among Consortium members, but where necessary bilaterally between FISS and individual Consortium members.

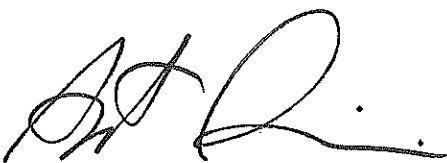
- 2) Further details on the operation and management of the Mekong Region Law School Consortium will be determined according to multilateral agreement of all Consortium members.

III. General Provisions

- 1) This Agreement shall terminate five (5) years from the date of execution or at the conclusion of the Memorandum of Understanding between the university parties, whichever comes earliest, and shall be reviewed by both parties at the end of such term and may at that time be updated and signed for an additional period of time to be specified in the updated document. As stated in this Agreement, the parties intend that this Agreement shall eventually be substituted by a multilateral agreement among all the members of the Mekong Region Law School Consortium.
- 2) Either party hereto may terminate this Agreement at any time upon one hundred eighty (180) days advance written notice, subjects to the terms of Section III.3 below.
- 3) If the Agreement is terminated, students/faculty members who have been admitted to any programs, supported by any scholarship, invited to any symposia or engaged in completing publishable research will be allowed to continue such activities as long as they are in good academic standing or employment at either FLPS or FISS.
- 4) FLPS and FISS will be represented in the operation of the terms and benefits of this Articulation Agreement by their appointed Board member of the Mekong Region Law School Consortium.
- 5) Any obligations under this Articulation Agreement are dependent on available funding to carry out its terms.
- 6) In the event of any disputes under this Agreement, the parties shall first try to solve the dispute through negotiation, followed by mediation.
- 7) The terms of this Agreement may be modified or amended on written consent of the parties. These changes shall be appended to the original agreement with the effective date.

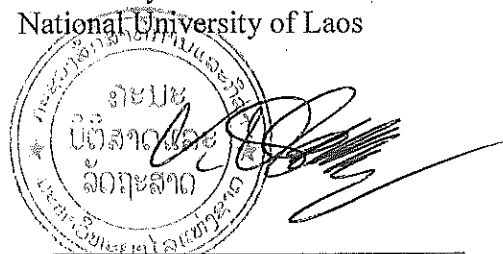
This Articulation Agreement is entered into during the Year 2019.

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