

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Khon Kaen University
(KKU)
Thailand

Auckland Institute of Technology
(AIT)
New Zealand

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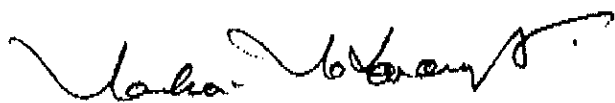
- 1 Khon Kaen University (KKU), and Auckland Institute of Technology (AIT) staff have met from time to time over the past year to explore areas of possible co-operation between the two institutions.
- 2 KKU and AIT seek to add to the long tradition of friendship and co-operation between Khon Kaen Province, (particularly KKU) and New Zealand through the development of a long-term relationship that is mutually beneficial to both institutions and countries.
- 3 KKU and AIT acknowledge the growing importance of the Asia/Pacific region, and the need for tertiary institutions in countries such as Thailand and New Zealand to develop closer co-operation, thus providing greater opportunities for students and lecturers to gain enhanced understanding and knowledge of each others society.
- 4 KKU and AIT accordingly will proceed step-by-step to identify and build areas for mutual co-operation, according to the resources available, and according to the strengths and interests of each institution.

In the first year of this memorandum, KKU and AIT will focus on developing relationships in the following areas:

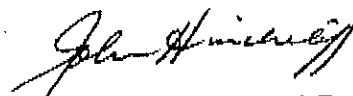
- i) staff and student exchange and development between the Faculty of Management Science (KKU) and the Faculty of Commerce (AIT).
- ii) An exploration of the possibility of long-term co-operation between the Centre for Professional Development (CPD) at AIT, and the newly opened University Academic Service Centre at KKU.
- iii) English Language learning opportunities for Thai staff and students from different Faculties of KKU at AIT, and a possible special relationship between the Foreign Languages Department, Faculty of Humanities (KKU), and the ESOL Department, School of Languages (AIT).
- iv) Other areas of mutual interest that may arise from time to time.

- 6 KKU and AIT acknowledge their mutual interests in the educational developments emerging rapidly in Indochina (Lao PDR, Kingdom of Cambodia, SR Vietnam), and agree to consider (when appropriate) possible joint co-operation in any or all of these countries, according to the resources available.
- 7 This Memorandum of Understanding will be valid for five (5) years from the date of signing, and may be amended and extended by mutual agreement of both institutions.
- 8 There are four copies of this Memorandum, two in English and two in Thai, both languages being equally valid. A copy in Thai and English will be held at each institution, as a basis for future developments.

Signed this²¹..... day of April, 1994.



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