

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
BETWEEN**

**Council of University Presidents of Thailand
Council of Rajabhat University Presidents of Thailand
Council of Rajamangala University of Technology Presidents
of Thailand
Association of Private Higher Education Institutions of Thailand
AND
Elite StudyInTaiwan Program Office of Taiwan**

The Council of University Presidents of Thailand (CUPT), the Council of Rajabhat University Presidents of Thailand (CRUPT), the Council of Rajamangala University of Technology Presidents of Thailand (CRMUTT), the Association of Private Higher Education Institutions of Thailand (APHEIT) and the Elite StudyInTaiwan Program Office of Taiwan (ESIT) authorized by the Ministry of Education of Taiwan, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties";

DESIRING to strengthen and broaden cooperation and mutual assistance in the provision of higher education and research in their respective countries, on the principles of equality and mutual benefit, and;

CONVINCED that the strengthening of cooperation in higher education and research will contribute to human resource development and better mutual understanding between the Parties, while;

RECOGNISING the importance of higher education and research in national development;

Hereby agree to the following:

**Article 1
GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

This Memorandum of Understanding provides the framework within which detailed cooperation in higher education, research and training between the Parties are to be jointly considered on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit. Cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the laws and regulations of their respective countries.

**Article 2
FORMS OF COOPERATION**

Under the auspices of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties will encourage cooperation between higher education institutions, research and training centres. In order to pursue the above objectives and cooperation, either Party may propose fields of cooperation of mutual benefit for consideration by the other party. Cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding may include but will not be limited to:

- a. Facilitating institutional linkage between higher education institutions, research and training centres in both countries in the form of:
 - Exchange of students, staff, academics, experts, researchers and administrators;
 - Promoting and exchanging of joint research;
 - Interacting through academic meetings, conferences and symposia;

- Exchange of training, internships and research in the fields of mutual interest;
 - Promoting institutional cooperation and partnership in higher education, research and training.
- b. The exchange of education, research and training information in the areas of mutual interest including:
- Higher education, research and training systems;
 - Pedagogy and curriculum development;
 - University governance, monitoring and evaluation;
 - Technical and professional training;
 - Educational administration.

Article 3 FIELDS OF COOPERATION

In order to pursue the above objectives and cooperation, either Party may propose fields of cooperation of mutual benefit for consideration by the other Party. Fields of cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding may include but will not limited to:

- a. Higher education;
- b. Research;
- c. Training;
- d. Teacher training and professional development;
- e. Curriculum development and quality assurance;
- f. Distance education;
- g. Students, teachers, educational personnel and academic exchanges;
- h. Mutual recognition of degrees and qualifications;
- i. Higher education management.

Article 4 FUNDING

As a general principle, the costs of cooperative activities undertaken under this Memorandum of Understanding should be funded on a reciprocal basis. The Parties may, however, mutually determine alternative arrangements for the sharing of costs with specific considerations given to the availability of funds.

Article 5 IMPLEMENTATION AND CONSULTATION

The Parties shall establish a Joint Working Group to implement this Memorandum of Understanding. The Joint Working Group shall be co-chaired on behalf of CUPT, CRUPI, CRMUTT, APHEIT by a representative of Thai higher education institutions, and on behalf of ESIT by a representative of Taiwan higher education institutions, along with the participation of representatives of the other agencies and institutions of the Parties, as deemed appropriate. The Joint Working Group shall meet alternately in Thailand and Taiwan or as the Parties may otherwise mutually determine, to review the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 6 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any differences that may arise from the interpretation and/or implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved by negotiations and consultations between the Parties, through diplomatic channels.

Article 7
Entry into Force, Duration and Termination

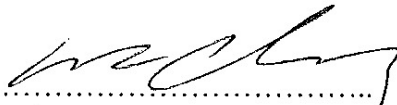
This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect on the date of signature and shall remain in effect for three years and shall be automatically renewed, thereafter, for further periods of three years, unless either Party requests its termination after six months written notice, given through diplomatic channels.

Done at Bangkok on this 11th day of February in the Year Two Thousand and Eleven in five copies in the English language.

For
Council of University Presidents
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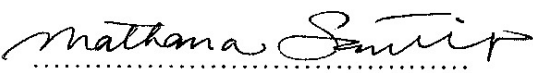
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