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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY**  
**AND**  
**UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

In an effort to strengthen and promote academic/research cooperation as well as provide opportunities for exchange of students between Prince of Songkla University (PSU) and Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), both institutions have expressed a mutual desire to enter into a formal agreement following an exchange of letters between Professor Phasook Kullavanij, President of PSU and The Honourable Datuk Professor Amir Awang, Deputy Vice-Chancellor [Student Affairs] of USM.

**2. OBJECTIVES/SCOPE OF COLLABORATION**

The general forms of cooperation to be pursued under this arrangement could include aspects of the following:-

**2.1 Academic Development and Research**

- (a) the development of joint research projects on topics of mutual interest and relevance to both institutions;
- (b) the sponsorship of cooperative seminars, workshops and other scientific meetings of mutual interest;
- (c) the provision of opportunities for short-term visits of faculty members to the other institution for the purposes of research, lectures, discussions and where appropriate to undertake aspects of staff training; and
- (d) the facilitation of exchange of information, including library materials and research publications, on areas which are relevant and of interest to either or both institutions.

## 2.2 Student Activities

- (a) the encouragement of visits by students from PSU to USM and vice versa in order to undertake study tours including the promotion of sports and other cultural activities with the view towards fostering closer understanding between the student communities of the two institutions and, in the process, contribute towards better relations between Thailand and Malaysia; and
- (b) the provision of opportunities for postgraduate students from one university who, in the course of working towards their degree requirements, may need to undertake a part of their studies/research work in the other University because of specialised facilities being available in the latter institution. Such students would be subject to the admissions criteria laid down by the receiving institution.

## 3. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Both universities recognise that their current levels of funding will restrict the extent to which financial support can be given to the above proposals for cooperation. Consequently in the implementation of the proposals, both universities understand that:-

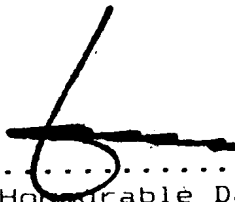
- (a) Financial arrangements for collaborative research projects and other related activities e.g. organisation of seminars etc. will have to be negotiated separately and are subject to availability of funds.
- (b) Cost of travel between USM and PSU and accommodation expenses in respect of visiting staff will remain the responsibility of the staff concerned except where the sending institution may determine otherwise.
- (c) Visiting students, will be responsible for meeting the cost of accommodation, travel and all other incidental/local expenses [including payment of fees in the case of postgraduate students "on attachment"] unless otherwise mutually agreed upon separately.

- (d) This arrangement does not preclude either one or both institutions from obtaining travel grants from organisations and foundations or to seek an external source of funding in support of any aspect of this programme of cooperation.

4. GENERAL

This agreement will be deemed to become effective upon approval of the appropriate authorities of both institutions and shall continue to remain in force unless terminated by either party giving written notice of such intention to the executive head of the other institution.

Executed for  
Universiti Sains Malaysia



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The Honourable Datuk Haji  
Musa Mohamad  
Vice-Chancellor

Date: 17 May 1991

Executed for  
Prince of Songkla  
University



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Professor Phasook  
Kullavanij  
President

Date: 7 May 1991.