

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Yangon University
And
Prince of Songkla University**



Faculty of Science, Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Thailand and the Yangon University (YU), Myanmar, believe that mutual benefits can be derived by bridging their two institutes, achieving a closer relationship by linking their scholars, students, and personnel. Both Institutes share the strong conviction that mutual understanding among people can be promoted through the establishment of academic links. Therefore, both institutes agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Article I: Principle of collaboration

Faculty of Science, PSU and Yangon University agree to develop their academic links under the principle of mutual understanding, mutual benefits, common interests, and mutually complementary activities.

Article II: Aim of collaboration

- (1) To promote individual contacts among scholars, students, and personnel of both institutes,
- (2) To promote links in teaching, research, and cultural activities,
- (3) To provide opportunities for both staff and student exchanges, however such exchange need not be equally reciprocated,
- (4) To develop and to encourage joint research, seminars, conferences, workshops, and also to assist each other in obtaining external funding from outside sources,
- (5) To develop joint study programs when opportunities arise,
- (6) To support the exchange of academic materials,
- (7) To encourage any other activities that both universities agree to be of mutual benefit.

Article III: Area of Collaboration

Joint biodiversity studies in Myanmar and Thailand including field work, analysis of data and the publication and dissemination of data shall be the major activity undertaken between the research teams from Zoology Department (YU) and Biology Department (PSU). However, areas of collaboration can include any academic or other programmes offered by Faculty of Science, PSU and the Yangon University.

Article IV: Implementation

It is understood and agreed that

- (1) Proposals for collaborative projects under this MoU shall be submitted through the Chief Executive Officer of both sides and it is recommended that reports should be submitted to each Chief Executive officer at the completion of each project.

- (2) The two sides shall continue to pay the regular in-country salaries of their staff members on exchange or visiting programmes.
- (3) Financial arrangements for collaborative research, seminars, workshops, conferences, and other such activities shall be negotiated separately and shall be subject to the availability of funds.
- (4) The host institute or host government shall render all necessary assistance for the successful completion of field surveys.
- (5) The host institute is not responsible for covering the costs of medical treatment or hospitalization for visiting scholars or students and it is recommended that visitors obtain overseas health insurance coverage from their home country.


Article V: Duration and Termination of the Agreement

- (1) This MoU shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of execution.
- (2) This MoU may be amended at any time by written mutual consent.
- (3) This MoU may be terminated by either party giving to the other party not less than one month's written notice provided that such notice shall not be given less than six months prior to the agreed termination date.

Having read and being fully in agreement with the above terms and conditions we, the undersigned, affix our signatures on this MoU on the 23 day of January, 2006.

For the Yangon University

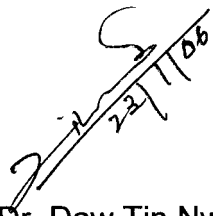
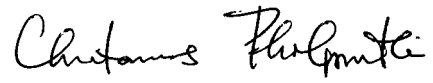
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