

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY
SONGKHLA
THAILAND**

**AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF
TECHNOLOGY
AUCKLAND
NEW ZEALAND**

Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Thailand and Auckland University of Technology (AUT), New Zealand believe that mutual benefits can be derived by bridging their two universities, achieving a closer relationship by linking their scholars, students, and personnel. Both universities share the strong conviction that mutual understanding among people can be promoted through the establishment of academic links. Therefore, both universities agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article I : Principles of Cooperation

PSU and AUT agree to develop their academic links under the principles of mutual understanding, mutual benefits, common interest, and mutually complementary activities.

Article II : Objectives of Cooperation

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

Article III : Areas of Cooperation

Areas of cooperation can include any academic or other programmes offered by PSU and AUT.

Article IV : Implementation

It is understood and agreed that:

- (1) Proposals for collaborative projects under this MOU will be submitted through the Chief Executive Office of each university, and it is recommended that reports should be submitted to each Chief Executive Officer at the completion of each project. Overall cooperation between the two universities will be coordinated through the International Offices of PSU and AUT.

- (2) Each university will continue to pay the regular in-country salary of its staff members on exchange of visiting programmes. Each university will cover the accommodation and local transport costs of a visiting lecturer to the other institution for visits of 7-10 days. Under specific contracts or secondments, the host university may consider paying a supplementary salary to visiting scholars during the period of their assignment.
- (3) Tuition fees will be waived for an agreed upon number of student exchanges and the host university will assist in finding reasonable accommodation for participating students.
- (4) The exchanged students need to pay bench fees according to the rule of the host universities.
- (5) Student mobilisation will apply to undergraduate and graduate/post graduate students at both universities, and may include practical or industrial attachments.
- (6) Financial arrangements for collaborative research, seminars, workshops, conferences, and other such activities will be negotiated separately and will be subject to the availability of funds.
- (7) The host university is not responsible to cover the costs of medical treatment or hospitalisation 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 is effective as of the date of signature by the Chief Executive Office of each participating university.
- (2) This MOU may be amended at any time as indicated by written mutual consent.
- (3) This MOU may be terminated by either university by the provision of written notice of termination not less than six months prior to the desired termination date. However, both universities agree that all continuing obligations to students, staff, funding bodies or other entities are met in full subsequent to the notice of termination.

Executed for Prince of Songkla University:



Prasert Chitapong, Ph.D.
President

Executed for Auckland University of
Technology:



Dr. John Hinchcliff
Vice Chancellor

Date: 13 September 2000

Date: 2nd October 2000