

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
(UNITED KINGDOM)
AND
PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY
(THAILAND)**

1. The University of Manchester and Prince of Songkla University have concluded this Memorandum of Agreement in the recognition of the mutual benefits accruing to their academic communities from the establishment of strong collaboration and co-operative links between the two institutions.
2. The purpose of this Memorandum is to promote friendly relations through the development of academic collaboration between the two Universities.
3. Areas of cooperation may include any academic or other programmes offered by the two universities.
4. The two Universities agreed to promote and develop their co-operation by the following means:
 - a) establishing a formal split-site PhD programme (a copy of the University's pre-requisites and conditions under which such a programme would work is set out in the attached Appendix)
 - b) exploring the possibility of staff and student exchanges
 - c) exploring the possibility of joint co-operative research projects
 - d) the exchange of information and academic publications
 - e) such other ways as may be mutually acceptable
5. Members of staff in appropriate departments of both Universities will be encouraged to consult with each other and to develop specific plans for collaboration in any of the ways mentioned in article 4 above.
6. Recognising that the implementation of any form of academic collaboration depends on the availability of financial support, both Universities shall use their best endeavours to identify and gain access to suitable sources of funding to support the activities proposed in the Memorandum.
7. The renewal of this Agreement will become effective from the date when the representatives of both Universities shall have affixed their signatures to it, and shall be valid for a further period of five years. The Agreement may be further extended beyond that period as a result of discussion by representatives of both Universities commencing not later than 3 months before the terminal date of the initial period.
8. The Agreement may be revised or modified within its period of validity by mutual consent. It may also be terminated within that period by either party giving not less than 3 months written notice of the intention to terminate to the other party.

For the Victoria University of Manchester

Mart Harris

Professor Sir Martin B. Harris
Vice-Chancellor

Date..... 28.04.00

For the Prince of Songkla University

Sunthorn Sotthibandhu

Professor Sunthorn Sotthibandhu
President

Date..... 28th April 2000