

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY
(THAÏLAND)

and

UNIVERSITÉ DU MAINE
(FRANCE)

Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, and Université du Maine, France, 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

Prince of Songkla University and Université du Maine agree to develop their academic links under the principles of mutual understanding, mutual benefits, common interests, 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 to assist each other in obtaining external fundings 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 expertises 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 programs offered by Prince of Songkla University and Université du Maine.

Article IV : Implementation

It is understood and agreed that :

(1) Proposals for collaborative projects under this Memorandum of Understanding will be submitted through the Chief Executive Officer of each University, and it is recommended that reports should be submitted to each Chief Executive Officer at the completion of each project.

(2) Each University will continue to pay the regular in-country salaries of its staff members on exchange or visiting programs. However, under specific contracts or secondments, the host University may consider paying a supplemental salary to visiting scholars during the period of assignment.

(3) Tuition fees will be waived for an agreed number of students exchanges, and the host University will assist in finding reasonable accommodation for participating students.

(4) Students mobilization will apply undergraduate, graduate/post graduate students at both universities, and may include practical or industrial attachments.

(5) 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.

(6) The host University is not responsible to cover the costs of medical treatments or hospitalizations 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 Memorandum of Understanding is effective at of the date of signature by the Chief Executive Officer of each participating University.

(2) This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time as indicated by written mutual consent.

(3) This Memorandum of Understanding 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.

Le Mans, October 22, 1999

Executed for Université du Maine



Gilles COTTEREAU
Président de l'Université du Maine

Executed for Prince of Songkla University



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