

**Cooperation Framework Agreement
between**

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Given the desire of René Descartes -Paris V University and Prince of Songkla University to collaborate within the framework of different teaching and research programmes with a view to enriching the skills and experience of the teaching body and to improving the qualifications of the students and teachers;

Given the mutual will of the two universities to develop through this collaboration their teaching and research resources in their respective fields of competence;

Given the importance of encouraging such international collaboration on a basis of friendship, equality and mutual assistance;

Desiring, moreover, to develop their scientific relations on the basis of the traditional links of friendship between Thailand and France, the two universities have decided to sign an agreement of scientific cooperation which will be submitted to the parent authorities in accordance with the statutory procedures in use in each of the countries concerned;

Article 1: Cooperation in the different fields of teaching and research

The present agreement aims at defining the modes of cooperation between the two universities in the fields that are of common interest to them .

Article 2: Nature of this cooperation

Within the limits of the laws and regulations in use in each country and in accordance with their respective means and facilities, the two universities will endeavor to favor and develop:

- common research projects, publications, organization of congresses and seminars
- researcher-lecturer exchanges
- postgraduate student exchanges or trainee exchanges in the context of continuing education
- organization of training programmes and advanced courses
- exchange of scientific and technical documentation and of pedagogical material
- joint supervision of PhDs

Article 3: Modes of this cooperation

1 - Each cooperation programme within the present framework agreement will be defined by a specific convention which will specify the field of study concerned, the nature and the objectives of the programme as well as the conditions and modes of its implementation.

2 – Each specific convention will have to receive the approval of the authorities of each of the university bodies concerned (Institute, Faculty or Department), and will be recorded in an appendix to the present framework agreement.

3 – Each of the university bodies concerned will appoint a person to oversee the cooperation programme (or a coordinator): he/she will be in charge of the preparation, implementation and annual evaluation of this programme.

4 – The partners agree to seek from the national or international organizations the necessary funding for the implementation of the present framework agreement.

Article 4: Conditions of this cooperation

1 - The missions of the researcher-lecturers carried out within the present framework agreement will be in conformity with the regulations in use in each country. The lecturers nominated for these missions will fulfil, in their home university, all the departmental duties required by their status. They will continue to be paid by their home university and will benefit from all the rights and prerogatives attendant to their function.

2 – The number, nature and duration of the missions will be decided each year by common agreement of the partners.

3 – The admission of students (or of trainees in the case of continuing education) proposed by Prince of Songkla University into the teaching and research programmes of René Descartes - Paris V University, will be defined by particular

measures in keeping with the proposals of the pedagogical coordinators of each university and in accordance with the admission criteria of each department and the number of students it can accept: these measures will also take into account possible complementary training for some candidates, and, if so required, the opinion of the commission in charge of admission procedures.

4 – The enrolment of the selected candidates will involve the payment of university fees in the home university .In the case of continuing education, each trainee - as part of his/her enrolment procedure – will be required to take out an individual civil liability insurance policy.

5 – The number of students (or trainees in the case of continuing education) who will benefit from the above-mentioned measures will be determined each year by common agreement of the two parties.

Article 5: Duration of the agreement

The convention is drawn up for a period of three years. It can, however, be terminated by either party provided six months' notice are given and without causing prejudice to the action already undertaken. It can be renewed by express agreement.

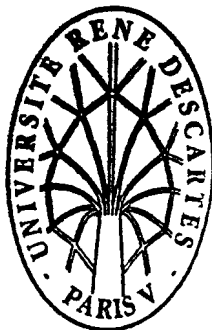
The present agreement can only be modified through an exchange of letters between the President of René Descartes Paris V University, and the President of Prince of Songkla University .

For René Descartes Paris V University
Professor Pierre DAUMARD
President

For Prince of Songkla University
Sunthorn Sotthibandhu, Ph.D
President

Date

10 March 2000



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Sunthorn Sotthibandhu". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Date 24 March 2000