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COLLABORATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY (THAILAND) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MURCIA (SPAIN)


BETWEEN

On the one hand, Excmo. Sr. D. José Ballesta Germán, the Chancellor of the University of Murcia (Spain).

And on the other, Prasert Chitapong Ph. D., President of the Prince of Songkla University (Thailand).

Both parties undersign this agreement as befits their duties, faculties and position, and on behalf of their respective entities.

AND THEY DECLARE

 That the Prince of Songkla University (Thailand) and the University of Murcia (Spain) 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 sign this Collaboration Agreement.

Article I: Principle of Cooperation

The Prince of Songkla University and the University of Murcia agree to develop their academic links under the principle of mutual understanding, mutual benefits, common interests, and mutually complementary activities.



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Article II: Proceedings

The foreseen Collaboration will be developed within the framework of the Agreement, in uniformity with the Specific Agreements that will be approved and signed by the Chancellor of the University of Murcia and the President of the Prince of Songkla University. These Specific Agreements will govern the following proceedings:

- (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 students exchanges, however, such exchange need not be equally reciprocated,
- (4) To develop and to encourage joint research, seminars, conferences, workshops, and to also assist each other in obtaining external funding from outside sources,
- (5) To develop, when opportunities avails, joint study program,
- (6) To support the exchange of academic materials,
- (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.

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Article III: Areas of Cooperation

Areas of cooperation can include any academic or other programs offered by Prince of Songkla University and the University of Murcia.

Article IV: Implementation

It is understood and agreed that



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- (1) Proposals for collaborative projects under this Collaboration Agreement 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 salary 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 their assignment.
- (3) Tuition fees will be waived for an agreed upon number of student exchange, and the host university will assist in finding reasonable accommodation for participating students.
- (4) Student mobilization will apply to undergraduate and graduate/post graduate student 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 subjected to the availability of funds.
- (6) The host university is not responsible for covering the costs of medical treatment or hospitalization for visiting scholars or students, and it is recommended that visitors obtain oversea health insurance coverage from their home country.

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Article V: Duration and Termination of the Agreement

- (1) This Collaboration Agreement is effective as of the date of signature by the Chief Executive Officer of each participating university and will remain in effect for a period of two years. It is renewable for periods of the same duration.
- (2) This Collaboration Agreement may be amended at any time as indicated by written mutual consent.
- (3) This Collaboration Agreement may be terminated by either university by the provision of written notice of termination not less than six months



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prior to the desired termination date. However, both universities agree that all continuing obligation to students, staff, funding bodies or other entities are met in full subsequent to the notice of termination.

The Agreement is hereby witnessed, in duplicated and on every page.

ON BEHALF OF UNIVERSITY OF
MURCIA

ON BEHALF OF PRINCE OF
SONGKLA UNIVERSITY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "José Ballesta Germán".

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~~JOSÉ BALLESTA GERMÁN~~
CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF MURCIA

DATE: 05/07/2005

PRASERT CHITAPONG, Ph. D.
PRESIDENT OF THE PRINCE OF
SONGKLA UNIVERSITY

DATE:

Aug 13, 05