



***Memorandum of Understanding for International Collaboration***

***Between the Sister Institutes:***

***The Prince of Songkla University, Thailand***

***Chiang Mai University, Thailand***

***Kunming Medical College, China***

***and Toho University, Japan***



***Historical Collaboration***

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1998, the Prince of Songkla University's Faculties of Science, Medicine, and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Toho University signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop the mutual benefits to be derived from closer academic links and personal communication between their students, scholars and other personnel. Two further MoUs were signed: on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2002, between Chiang Mai University and Toho University, and on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2003, between Kunming Medical College and Toho University. By dint of their history of collaboration, the Prince of Songkla University, Chiang Mai University, Kunming Medical College, and Toho University now agree to become Sister Institutes.

***Statement of Intent***

With this document, the Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, Kunming Medical College, China, and Toho University, Japan, (hereinafter referred to individually as Party, and collectively as the Parties) do hereby agree to cooperate in the promotion of mutually beneficial collaboration in the development and implementation of academic programs and exchange activities, especially in the biomedical and clinical fields.

***Objectives***

The Parties agree to enable the reciprocal exchange of scholars, lecturers, students and academic information and materials via academic programs already offered by the Parties' institutes, and collaboration in the joint development and implementation of research programs and projects in areas of mutual interest. The extent of participation of the Parties in such programs and activities will be subject to the availability of funds and academic personnel within each Party's university.

***Activities***

Activities to be engaged in under the terms of this agreement include:

- a. Joint research programs and activities
- b. The exchange of students and academic personnel for study and research purposes
- c. The exchange of academic information and materials, including academic periodicals and publications, of interest to the Parties' academic personnel and students.
- d. The exchange of academic personnel as researchers, lecturers, guest lecturers, and speakers at academic events.
- e. Joint collaboration in staff development and training programs.
- f. Collaboration in the organization of a Joint Seminar of Biomedical Sciences, to be held every three years, and other conferences, seminars and workshops mutually agreed to be of interest to the Parties.
- g. Any other forms of academic exchange considered mutually beneficial to the Parties.

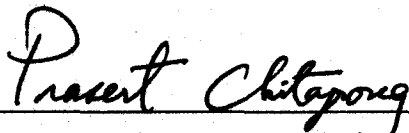
***Conditions for the development and implementation of programs and activities***

- 1) Prior to the commencement of each program and/or activity, the Parties will mutually agree to the extent of the duties and responsibilities of each Party in the proposed program and/or activity, and the extent of each Party's financial commitment to the program and/or activity.
- 2) Each Party will designate a person to be responsible for ensuring the satisfactory completion of programs and/or activities generated by this agreement. Said person's responsibilities will also include providing assistance in obtaining visas, the provision of suitable accommodation, and access to appropriate facilities for study and/or research.

***Duration, Evaluation, Renegotiation and Termination of this Agreement***

- 1) This agreement will remain in effect for a period of six (6) years, from the date of its co-signature by authorized representatives of the Parties. At the time of its expiry, subject to the mutual consent of the Parties, this agreement may be renewed for a further period of six (6) years.
- 2) The Parties agree to meet every three years for the purpose of evaluating the progress and efficacy of activities conducted under the auspices of this agreement.
- 3) The Terms of Agreement may be subject to renegotiation, on an individual, case-by-case basis, with the consent and approval of both parties. Either Party may, by tendering six (6) months written notice of their intention, request the revision of a part of this agreement. The revision of any part of this agreement may only be made after joint consultation and with the subsequent mutual consent of the authorized representatives of the Parties.
- 4) Either party may, by tendering six (6) months written notice of their intention, request the termination of this agreement in advance of its expiration date. Should such termination be mutually agreed by both Parties, all staff and/or students who have commenced activities under this agreement will be allowed to complete the activities under the conditions applying at the time when the notice was accepted.

Executed for Prince of Songkla University



Prasert CHITAPONG, Ph.D.  
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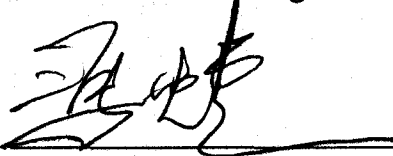
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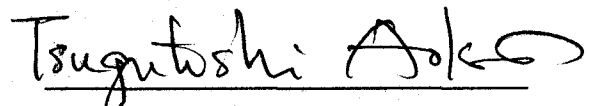
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