

**Memorandum of Understanding
on Educational Cooperation Between
The Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand and
The Ministry of Education of the Republic of Singapore**

The Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Singapore (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

Recognising the importance of education and training in national development;

Mindful of each Party's achievements in the education field; and

Desiring to strengthen and broaden cooperation and mutual assistance in the provision of education and training in their respective countries on the principle of equality and mutual benefit;

Have reached the following understanding:

I. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") shall provide the framework within which detailed proposals for programs of education and training shall be jointly considered by the Parties on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

2. Cooperation activities under this MOU shall be subject to the laws and regulations of each country.

II. FORMS OF COOPERATION

3. Cooperation under this MOU to be encouraged under the auspices of the relevant government authority of the Parties may take the form of links between schools and colleges, by exchanges of, and between, education experts, staff and students, exchanges of all forms of education-related materials and information. This includes interaction through meetings, conferences and symposia, and all other forms of education cooperation as may be mutually determined by the Parties.

III. FIELDS OF COOPERATION

4. Fields of cooperation shall include the following :

4.1 Allocation of up to 30 scholarships for Thai students to study in the Republic of Singapore;

4.2 Provision of information, where necessary, for Thai students to further their studies at the tertiary level in the Republic of Singapore;

4.3 Setting up of Partner Schools at primary and secondary levels where designated schools in the Republic of Singapore will partner designated schools of the same level in the Kingdom of Thailand to participate in the education collaborations as agreed upon by both Parties;

4.4 Exchange of educational personnel :

4.4.1 Attachment of suitable Singaporean teachers to teach Chinese or English languages in the Kingdom of Thailand;

4.4.2 Attachment of Thai school principals to schools and educational institutions in the Republic of Singapore;

4.4.3 Exchange of researchers, lecturers, and students between interested educational institutions;

4.5 Organisation of short term training courses for Thai educational personnel in educational institutions in the Republic of Singapore;

4.6 Camping of Thai and Singaporean students in the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of Singapore with the participation of members/non-members of Partner Schools;

- 4.7 Cooperation on vocational education training between the respective vocational and technical education institutions in the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of Singapore;
- 4.8 Strengthening research cooperation between institutions in areas of mutual interest;
- 4.9 Exchange of information and experiences in science and technology;
- 4.10 Other fields as may be mutually agreed upon between the Parties.

IV. FUNDING

5. As a general principle, the funding arrangements for on-going collaborations shall continue to apply.
6. The new cooperation activities undertaken under this MOU shall be self-funded.
7. The Parties may mutually determine alternative arrangements for payment of costs in relation to specific cooperation activities under this MOU.
8. Cooperation activities shall also be subject to the availability of funds and other resources.

V. IMPLEMENTATION AND CONSULTATIONS

9. The Parties shall facilitate the arrangement of other activities not specifically mentioned in this MOU which are in accordance with the laws and regulations of their countries and the objectives of this MOU in their respective countries. The specific implementation details of such activities shall be subject to the available resources of the Parties.
10. The Parties shall convene periodic meeting to establish appropriate measures for developing specific programs and projects between their appropriate authorities and institutions and to review the implementation of this MOU.

VI. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

11. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be settled by consultations between the Parties.

VII. AMENDMENT

12. At the request of either Party, this MOU may be revised or amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.

VIII. COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION

13. This MOU shall come into effect on its signature and shall remain in effect for a period of 3 years. It shall thereafter be automatically renewed for successive periods of one year until it is terminated by six months' prior written notice of either Party through diplomatic channels.
14. Such termination shall not affect on-going cooperation activities initiated during the validity of this MOU. These cooperation activities shall be carried out to its completions, unless the Parties agreed otherwise.
15. Any revision or amendment of this MOU shall not affect ongoing cooperation activities initiated during the validity of this MOU, to which the revision or amendment does not apply. These cooperation activities shall be carried out to their completion, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

Done in duplicate at Bangkok, on this 14th day of December in the year Two thousand and Six of the Christian Era, in the English and Thai languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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