

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN WORK-BASED TRAINING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
AND
THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND ECONOMY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA**



INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy of the Republic of Austria, which is the *responsible* ministry for work-based training in Austria (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants");

RECALLING the establishment of diplomatic relations between Thailand and Austria on July 2, 1953;

RECOGNIZING good bilateral economic cooperation and vocational education cooperation;

DESIRING to promote cooperation among vocational schools/colleges/institutions, and enterprises in the field of vocational training according to the interest of the Participants;

IN ACCORDANCE with the legislation of the Participants;

Have envisaged the following:

ARTICLE I

General Objectives

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") aims to develop the framework for the further cooperation between the Participants in the field of vocational training by using work-based learning at vocational school/colleges/institutions and enterprises.

2. The emphasis will be laid on the further development of an efficient, practice-oriented vocational training system with focus on the cooperation between employers (training companies) and vocational schools/colleges/institutions.

3. Cooperation pertaining to the school part of apprenticeship training as well as VET-Schools and Colleges will be carried out in accordance with the responsible Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research.

ARTICLE II

Content of the Cooperation

The Participants understand that the previous experiences serve as basis for further cooperation. The Participants will bring expertise and knowledge in accordance with their competences to the cooperation. To do this, the Participants envisage to set up a joint working group on vocational education and training. In particular, an exchange should take place on the following contents:

1. Framework conditions for enhanced cooperation of vocational schools/colleges (particularly the Thai-Austrian Technical College)/institutions and employers (training companies) especially in the context of pilot projects aimed at increasing the practical part of vocational training in the companies in the respective country.

2. Framework conditions for increasing participation and responsibility of employers (training companies) in the training process, especially when adapting the content of existing training programs to the needs of the business community, to design new content for vocational training and to implement supportive accompanying measures (Train the Trainer education and exchange, equipment of the vocational schools in the form of practice centers).

ARTICLE III

Final Provisions

1. This MOU will take effect on the date of its signature and will be effective for 5 (five) years.

2. This MOU can only be modified, supplemented, and renewed in writing by the mutual understanding of the Participants.

3. Either Participant may cancel this MOU by written notification. Such notification will become effective 6 (six) months after its receipt by the respectively other Participant.

4. The signing of this MOU will not create any legal or financial responsibilities/obligations under national or international law for the Participants.

5. All differences regarding the design or application of this MOU should be settled through mutual understanding in the course of the consultations between the Participants.

Signed in Bangkok on November 14, 2022 in the English, Thai, and German languages in duplicate.



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