Statement of Cooperation between

The Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand

The British Council

The Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand and the British Council, a not-for-profit organisation incorporated by Royal Charter in the United Kingdom and a registered charity under the laws of England and Wales and Scotland (hereinafter referred as the Participants)

Wishing to cooperate in the field of education to facilitate the strengthening of cultural relations between the two countries through mutually beneficial cooperation in the fields of education and English language,

Acting within their competence and in accordance with their national legislation and international commitments,

Have reached the following understandings:-

Paragraph 1

Measures to be carried out in the framework of cooperation

Pursuant to the provisions of this Statement, the Participants will cooperate in the the following areas:-

- a) The Participants will seek to promote intercultural exchange through a language assistant programme to increase English language competency amongst young people from Thailand and to provide international work experience to young people from the United Kingdom.
- b) The Participants will collaborate to improve the quality of digital materials available to support English language teaching and learning at primary level in Thailand.
- c) The Participants will seek opportunities to work together to train primary school teachers in Thailand in the use of digitally available English language learning resources.
- d) The Participants will seek opportunities to work together on increasing access to English learning resources and training programmes for key sectors of the Thai workforce.

Paragraph 2 Changes and Additions

Any amendment or addition to this Statement may only be made by a joint written decision signed by both Participants, such decisions to be recorded in an annex to this Statement.

Paragraph 3 Project Memoranda

Each project established pursuant to this Statement will be implemented by a separate memorandum to be signed by both Participants.

Paragraph 4 No Legally Binding Effect

Any issues concerning interpretation or operation of this Statement will be resolved through negotiations in good faith between the Participants. For the avoidance of doubt, this Statement is not intended to have legally binding effect.

Paragraph 5 Effective Date and Termination

This Statement will come into operation on signature and will continue in operation until terminated by either Participant on [6] months' written notice to the other. Termination of this Statement will not affect the development and completion by the Participants of projects which were established pursuant to this Statement prior to its termination.

The foregoing record represents the understandings reached between the Participants upon the matters referred to herein.

Signed in duplicate in Bangkok on 6 March 2013 in the English and Thai languages, both texts having equal validity.

For the Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand

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