

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

Desiring to strengthen bilateral relations in the field of education;

Recalling the profound impact of education on human resource, economic and social development;

Recognizing that greater linkages between both countries in the field of education would be mutually beneficial;

Recalling the Cultural Agreement between the Government of Thailand and the Government of India signed on 29 April 1977;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Parties shall encourage, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation between the educational institutions of the two countries, based on their respective academic and educational needs. These may include all or some of the following activities:

- i) exchange of research materials, publications, educational literature, teaching aids, demonstration materials and information;
- ii) organization of joint conferences, exhibitions and seminars;
- iii) organization of joint research programmes and publications;

- iv) organization of training programmes for educational administrators, educators and teachers;
- v) exchange of academic personnel and other administrators;
- vi) exchange of scholars, teachers, experts, persons with local wisdom and students;
- vii) twinning arrangements between institutions of higher learning;
- viii) promoting and developing bilateral programmes between institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
- ix) examining the possibility of mutual recognition of educational qualifications;
- x) setting up of chairs on contemporary studies;
- xi) providing scholarships for further education in recognized institutions of higher learning on a reciprocal basis;
- xii) providing mutual assistance in the fields of information technology, computer science and mathematics & science;
- xiii) any other activities to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

Article II

The substance, scope and implementation of activities or cooperation within the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding may be the subject of more specific arrangements concluded between the selected institutions of the two countries on the basis of and within the provisions of the present Memorandum of Understanding.

Article III

The implementation of cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually determined and shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Article IV

The Parties shall establish a Joint Working Group to implement this Memorandum of Understanding. The Joint Working Group shall be chaired, on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand, by a representative of the Ministry of Education, and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of India, by a representative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, along with the participation of representatives of the other agencies and institutions of the Parties, as appropriate. The Joint Working Group shall meet alternately in Thailand and India or as the Parties may otherwise mutually determine, to review the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article V

Either Party may request in writing for a revision of or amendment of this Memorandum of Understanding. Any revision or amendment agreed to by the Parties shall be in writing and shall form part of this Memorandum of Understanding. Such revision or amendment shall come into effect on such date as may be determined by the Parties.

Article VI

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

The Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be automatically renewed thereafter for further periods of five years each time, unless either Party gives the other Party six months' prior written notice of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done at **New Delhi** on this **3rd** day of **June** 2005 in duplicate in the Thai, Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of
the Kingdom of Thailand



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Minister of Foreign Affairs

For the Government of
the Republic of India



(Arjun Singh)
Minister for Human Resource
Development