



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF **EDUCATION OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND AND THE MINISTRY OF** EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND SPORTS OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN ON EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND (hereinafter referred to as MoE), and

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND SPORTS OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN (hereinafter referred to as MEFPD),

Hereinafter individually referred to as a Participant and collectively as the Participants.

Convinced of the importance of languages as instruments of communication among people and countries, as well as the valuable role of these languages in the exchange of ideas in the fields of education, economy, science and culture;

Inspired by the desire to strengthen the ties between the citizens of Thailand and Spain to collaborate in the joint efforts to design the educational model of the 21st century with the educational dimensions of interculturality and internationalization as fundamental elements:

Considering that the collaboration of both Participants will mutually benefit their educational objectives;

Promoting collaboration in the field of education between the two Participants, with respect to the principles of equality, mutual benefit and reciprocity,

Both Participants have reached the understanding as follows:

1. OBJECTIVES

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aims to:

- a) Contribute to the promotion and development of the teaching and learning of the Spanish language and culture in the educational system of Thailand and the teaching and learning of the Thai culture in Spain.
- b) Promote the relationship between the citizens of Thailand and Spain, encouraging the understanding and appreciation of the culture of both communities.
- c) Provide the students within the framework of this MoU with the possibility of experiencing a multicultural and international education which will prepare them for future personal, professional, and academic success.
- d) Provide opportunities for professional development and academic exchange to students, teachers, and other education professionals and the realization of joint activities.



2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

1. For the purpose of this MoU, the MEFPD agrees to:

- a) Collaborate with the MoE in the delivery of quality Spanish language and studies programs, in accordance with the Thai curriculum requirements, within Thai schools, with a specific focus on the development of linguistic competence, awareness of society, educational policies, and language teaching methodologies for the teachers of Spanish.
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- b) Collaborate in teacher training initiatives, visits to schools and provide advisory support to teachers of Spanish in Thai schools.
- c) Facilitate the use of online teaching materials from the Spanish Education Office for teachers in Thailand.
- d) Organize courses, seminars, and meetings for teachers of Spanish in Thai schools, with specific attention given to the enhancement of linguistic and pedagogical skills.
- e) Organize seminars, conferences, and workshops for teachers of Spanish that include specific presentations on language that deal with educational topics related to Spanish.
- f) Support students from Thailand to participate in Spanish language and cultural immersion experiences.
- g) Support the hosting of teachers and educators from Thai schools in Spanish schools.
- h) Explore the possibility of organizing an annual Spanish Language and Cultural Assistant (SLCA) Program within Thai schools with the provision of a native speaker to support students in Spanish language programs.
- Promote the Language Teacher Assistant Program in Spain within the senior secondary schools of Thailand.
- j) Explore the possibility of implementing a Visiting Teachers from Spain Program, to be placed within Thai schools for a school year to provide support to students in Spanish language programs.

2. For the purpose of this MoU, the MoE agrees to:

- a) Explore the opportunities to support the MEFPD's implementation of quality Spanish language and studies programs in Thai schools, in accordance with the local curriculum requirements, with a specific focus on the development of linguistic competence, awareness of society, educational policies, and language teaching methodologies for the teachers of Spanish.
- b) Support the MEFPD to promote professional development activities for teachers of Spanish in the local schools.
- c) Collaborate with the MEFPD to explore the possibility of organizing an annual Spanish Language and Cultural Assistant Program within Thai schools to provide the students with a native speaker in Spanish language programs, in accordance with local legislative requirements.
- d) Explore the possibility of implementing a Visiting Teachers Program from Spain being placed in Thai schools, for one school year (renewable), as part of a Spanish Teacher Visiting Program providing support to students of Spanish language programs.

3. For the purpose of this MoU, the Participants agree to:

- a) Jointly investigate ways in which to establish a bilingual Thai/Spanish immersion program in Thailand as well as a network of schools with bilingual programs that will facilitate the study of Spanish from K to Y12; and
- b) Jointly investigate the establishment of a Spanish Language and Cultural Assistant Program within Thai schools.

3. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

This MoU does not generate any financial obligation to any of the Participants. All the activities undertaken within the framework of this MoU will be subject to budget availability.

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4. LEGAL BINDING

This MoU is neither legally binding nor subject to international law. In the event of any differences regarding the implementation of this MoU, these will be amicably resolved by consultations.

5. COORDINATION AND MONITORING

A Joint Committee of Coordination and Monitoring of the MoU will be established by the Participants to oversee the management of its development and to resolve any discrepancies that may arise during its implementation.

This Committee will meet at least once annually and as many times as necessary for the development of the MoU and, specifically, to carry out planning functions for joint actions and to determine the specific conditions of collaboration in each of the school years during the implementation of the MoU.

6. IMPLEMENTATION, DURATION AND MODIFICATION.

This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signing and will remain in effect for a period of four (4) years. It may be extended for a further successive four-year period should the Participants so mutually decide.

This MoU may be revised or amended by mutual consent of the Participants upon a written proposal for an addendum submitted by either Participant with adequate justification at least three (3) months prior to the date set for the coming into effect of such revision or amendment. Any revision or modification agreed by both Participants will form part of this MoU.

The implementation of this MoU may be terminated in writing by mutual consent or at the request of either Participant, notifying the other Participant three (3) months prior to the intended date of the termination.



The termination of this MoU will not affect the validity, duration or implementation of any ongoing programs, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Participants.

Signed in duplicate in Madrid, on the 23rd of April in the year 2025, in the Thai, Spanish and English languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of divergence in the interpretation of this MoU, the English text will prevail.

For the Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand

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