

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
DEAKIN UNIVERSITY
and
SUKHOTHAI THAMMATHIRAT OPEN UNIVERSITY

1. This Memorandum of Understanding made on March 28, 1996 between Deakin University, Victoria, Australia (hereinafter referred to as Deakin) and Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University of Thailand (hereinafter referred to as STOU) agrees in principle to the provision of the establishment of an academic link between both institutions.
2. This link broadly involves initial collaboration between the two institutions in:
 - 2.1 the exchange of staff and students between the universities;
 - 2.2 the joint development of academic programs to be offered at STOU;
 - 2.3 the development and provision of short courses to be offered at STOU on a fee-paying basis;
 - 2.4 the provision of shared doctoral programs;
 - 2.5 the provision of opportunities for graduate and postgraduate academic research in both Thailand and Australia;
 - 2.6 the provision of opportunities for the professional development of STOU staff through the opportunity to undertake postgraduate awards offered by Deakin and short courses offered by Deakin;
 - 2.7 the academic development of the two universities generally.
3. The areas of agreement outlined in paragraphs 4 to 8 of this Memorandum of Understanding are not binding on either institution in any way, but are described to facilitate detailed and specific negotiations between the institutions leading to formal, long term Agreements and specific Annual Implementation Agreements.
4. **FACULTY EXCHANGES**

It is generally agreed in principle that faculty and staff exchanges will take place between the two universities. As far as practical, the number of staff who are exchanged from Deakin to STOU will be equal to the number of staff who are exchanged from STOU to Deakin. It is intended that this balance in numbers will be achieved over time, and that exchanges of counterparts may occur at different times so that counterparts have the opportunity to work together.

4.1 Purposes

The purposes of staff exchange may include:

- Providing opportunities for joint research;
- providing opportunities for joint development and offering of academic programs;
- providing opportunities for professional development for staff on exchange;
- visiting staff providing or participating in short courses offered at the receiving University; and
- the academic development of the two Universities generally.

4.2 Expenses

Relevant costs and expenses incurred for the purpose of carrying out the programs and activities under staff exchanges will be borne by the Universities as mutually agreed in the formal Agreement.

4.3 In addition to exchanges where appropriate, faculty members of both universities will be encouraged to spend at least part of any study leave periods at the other University.

4.4 The number of staff exchanges annually and the specific conditions relating to exchanged staff will be as determined in Annual Implementation

5. STUDENT EXCHANGES

It is generally agreed in principle that student exchanges will take place between the two universities. As far as practical, the number of students who are exchanged from Deakin to STOU will be equal to the number of students who are exchanged from STOU to Deakin.

5.1 EXPENSES

Relevant costs and expenses incurred for the purpose of carrying out the programs and activities under student exchanges will be borne by the Universities as mutually agreed in the formal Agreement.

5.2 The number of student exchanges annually and the specific conditions relating to exchanged students will be as determined in Annual Implementation Agreements.

6. HIGHER DEGREE PROGRAMS

6.1 Research Degree Program

6.1.1 Deakin agrees generally to assist STOU in staff training and development, as well as providing research opportunities for STOU faculty in Australia. STOU agrees to provide reciprocal arrangements in Thailand for Deakin faculty if required.

6.1.2 Arrangements will be agreed between Deakin and STOU to enable academic staff from STOU and others in Thailand to undertake study towards Master's and Doctoral degrees offered by Deakin. It is envisaged that, as appropriate, some or all of this study may be undertaken in Thailand by distance education with appropriate support services.

6.2 Shared Doctoral Program

6.2.1 Deakin and STOU will cooperate in the provision of a Professional Doctorate Program at Deakin as part of a staff development program at STOU. It is envisaged that this program will involve a combination of study at STOU and of study at Deakin.

6.2.2 Details in regard to the academic regulations, administration, sources of funds and costs and expenses incurred for the purposes of carrying out the programs and activities under this link will be mutually agreed between the universities in the formal Agreement and in Annual Implementation Agreements...

7. GENERAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

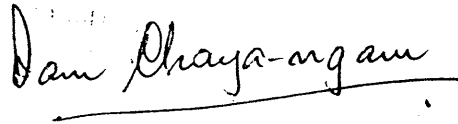
It is agreed in principle that Deakin and STOU will seek to support each other's academic endeavours in their respective regions.

8. PREPARATION OF FORMAL AGREEMENTS

It is the intention of the Universities to discuss and prepare formal Agreements within six(6) months of the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding.

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