

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**SUKHOTHAI THAMMATHIRAT OPEN UNIVERSITY**

Thailand

and

**UNIVERSITY OF BATANGAS**

Philippines

It is the desire of the parties named herein that at Memorandum of Understanding be formalized based on the headings set out below:

## **1. Parties to the Understanding**

1.1 Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, hereinafter referred to as 'STOU'.

1.2 University of Batangas, hereinafter referred to as 'UB'.

## **2. Statement of Purpose**

2.1 STOU and UB recognize that they have many interests in common and that there will be mutual benefits from collaboration and co-operation.

2.2 STOU and UB wish to formalize and standardize the relationship between the two parties in order to provide consistency, and a focal point, for the preparation and administration of programs for collaboration and co-operation.

2.3 This Memorandum provides the mechanism through which the expressed intent of the parties can be realized.

## **3. Objectives**

### **3.1 Areas of Collaboration**

The subject areas for potential collaboration and co-operation have been identified as, but not limited to, the following activities:

- Exchange of existing staff
- Exchange of students
- Exchange of publications, academic materials and other information
- Joint research and teaching activities
- Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- Joint training programmes

- 3.2 Each mutually identified and agreed activity, shall be covered by a separate Agreement which will be an annex to this Memorandum. The terms and conditions under which a specific program and activity shall be undertaken under the terms of this Memorandum, and any necessary financial arrangements to facilitate these, will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular program or activity.
- 3.3 The separate Agreements must have the formal approval of the President of STOU and President of UB or their nominees.

#### **4. Co-ordination of this Memorandum of Understanding**

- 4.1 The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding will, within three months from the signing of the Memorandum, each designate a key contact person who will take responsibility for development and achievement of the Objectives of this Memorandum, and when mutually agreed, the development of the separate Agreements, as mentioned in Clause 3.2 above.
- 4.2 Key contact persons should serve a term similar to the term of this Memorandum, as specified in Clause 5.1 below.

#### **5. Terms and Conditions of this Memorandum**

- 5.1 The term of this Memorandum shall be five (5) years from the date of the last signature, on the understanding that subject to revision or renewal it may be renewed upon each date of expiry by mutual agreement between the signatories to the Memorandum, or their nominees.
- 5.2 Either party may terminate this Memorandum at any time by giving no less than six months' notice in writing, though such action will only be taken after mutual consultation at the President level.

#### **6. Financial Matters Relating to this Memorandum**

- 6.1 Unless otherwise agreed, each party shall be responsible for its own financial contribution during the implementation of this Memorandum.

#### **7. Disclaimer**

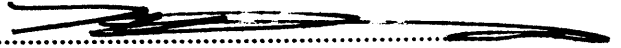
- 7.1 Nothing shall diminish the full autonomy of either party, nor will any constraints of financial obligations be imposed by either party upon the other in carrying out this Memorandum.
- 7.2 The parties agree that this Memorandum will act only as an interim understanding until further Agreements are reached for the separate activities identified within this Memorandum.

This Memorandum of Understanding was executed on the date written below.

**Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University**

**University of Batangas**

*Pranee Sungkatavat*



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**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pranee Sungkatavat**  
President  
Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University

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**Dr. Hernando B. Perez**  
President  
University of Batangas

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