



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN
THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR UNIFICATION OF PRIVATE LAW (UNIDROIT)
AND
SUKHOTHAI THAMMATHIRAT OPEN UNIVERSITY (THAILAND)

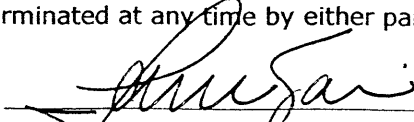
This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in recognition of existing good relations that have been developed between the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) and Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand (STOU), and in anticipation of the further strengthening of this cooperation in the future.

UNIDROIT and STOU, pursuant to the co-operation links established between these two institutions and in accordance with their respective statutory aims, commit themselves to expand and enhance the degree of cooperation and collaboration between their institutions through the following ways:

1. Joint research programme in the field of uniform law according to the framework agreement to be concluded, including the followings options:
 - a. academic staff and researchers of STOU may apply individually to the Unidroit research programme under normal UNIDROIT acceptance procedures, and would be conditional upon availability of UNIDROIT funding; or
 - b. STOU may sponsor (directly or through an external donor) a given number of scholarships for the academic staff and researchers taking part in its international and Ph.D. programmes to conduct research at UNIDROIT for a period to be determined. Depending on the availability of funds, and on the profile of the candidates, Unidroit may provide partial financial support to this scheme on a case by case basis;
2. Scientific cooperation -in particular through an exchange of publications - in the development of programme and learning content; and
3. Visit of academic staffs and students or experts and officers for seminars, discussions, academic services or observation tours.

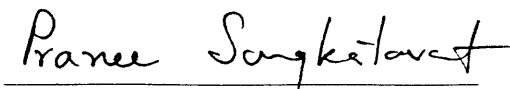
This Memorandum is not intended to create binding or legal obligations on either party. As and when details of any of the above activities are developed, such details, especially those requiring financial resources, will be set forth in the Agreements to be separately executed under the cooperation intended under this Memorandum.

This Memorandum shall become effective on the date of signing. This Memorandum may be terminated at any time by either party.



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Date 31/8/2010



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