



# **AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN



**RAJAMANGALA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

**THANYABURI (RMUTT), THAILAND**

AND

***Mälardalen University***

***(MDH), SWEDEN***

## Introduction

This agreement is entered by Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi (RMUTT) in Thailand and Mälardalen University (MDH) in Sweden. This program for cooperation seeks to broaden the scope of academic curriculum, encourage teachers' exchange and to provide unique learning experience for students in an overseas environment, as well as to promote other forms of cooperation between the two institutions. Other collaborative academic activities may be added when developed and approved by both institutions.

## This agreement covers:

- A. Student exchange in general at undergraduate and graduate levels.
- B. Staff exchange combined with research, development and teaching.
- C. Responsibilities of the partners and the students.
- D. Other areas of cooperation
- E. Renewal, termination and amendment.

### **A. Student Exchange**

#### Undergraduate Studies

RMUTT-students are offered the possibility to study as exchange students at MDH taking courses taught in English at the undergraduate level, either the number of 5 (five) students for one year each or the number of 10 (ten) students for one semester each. Up to 10 (ten) MDH-students are offered the possibility to study courses taught in English or do their final degree project/thesis at RMUTT during on semester each.

#### Master's degree programs

The cooperation will be primarily focused on Mälardalen International Master Academy (MIMA) programs. Programs available and number of students per program will be decided on a yearly basis. The Thai students can choose to follow either a one-year master's degree program or a two-year master's degree program; both will lead to a Swedish Master's degree. RMUTT-students must fulfill the specific eligibility criteria set up for the master's degree program applied to. MDH will make the final selection and admission of students, according to the rules, regulations and prerequisites required for the programs. Teachers selected to join a master's degree program will be counted separately and will not be included in the number reserved for students. Equal number of students of MDH students will be offered the possibility to study courses or do their final degree project/thesis at the Master's degree level at RMUTT. MDH-students must fulfill the eligibility criteria put forward by RMUTT.

## **B. Teacher Exchange**

On a yearly basis the parties will nominate teachers with suitable background that can be possible candidates for teacher exchange. Both parties will support and encourage teacher's exchange. Both parties will also ensure that practical arrangements function smoothly, (i.e. concerning housing and similar). Teachers involved in the exchange will also participate in seminars and other collegial gatherings during the exchange period. The duration of the exchange shall be determined in each individual case. Costs regarding teacher's exchange will be negotiated separately for each individual depending on the length of the stay and the proposed performance. The most important effects of the teacher's exchange are the possibilities to develop research contact and co-operations. Both parties are much in favor of this kind of development as well as joint co-operations for publication of papers, exchange of papers and materials.

## **C. Responsibilities**

### Responsibilities of the universities

Studies will be free of tuition for all students. Students from RMUTT need to present a CUTEP score that corresponds to a TOEFL score of 213 (CBT) or 550 (PBT) with their application in order to be admitted to the master programs. Students from MDH need to fulfill the Swedish requirement of level of English.

Each party will ensure that all the necessary information about courses and relevant literature is available for students on easy accessible websites. Students participating are guaranteed full credit recognition and transfer.

Each party will also assist the student with the following:

- a) Information about accommodation;
- b) Necessary information for traveling and visa applications;
- c) Necessary practical information;
- d) Study advising and counseling.

Both parties agree to establish a work plan on a one-year basis, including information about application deadlines, eligibility criteria, admission process, responsibility areas and other relevant information. This work plan needs to be finalized no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> the year before the studies applied for are to start.

### Responsibilities of participating students

Students attending either university will be responsible for the costs associated with:

- a) Accommodation
- b) Medical insurance
- c) Transport to and from the universities
- d) Purchase of textbooks, clothing and other personal items
- e) Passport and visa application fees
- f) Miscellaneous enrollment charges such as the Students Affairs Charges and Student Association fees
- g) Debts incurred while in the host country



#### D. Other areas of cooperation

MDH and RMUTT agree to identify possible areas of further cooperation in the future, such as:

- a) Exchange of doctoral candidates
- b) Development of joint projects

The terms and conditions of these areas of cooperation shall be mutually discussed and agreed to in writing prior to the initiation of any activity.

#### E. Renewal, Termination and Amendment

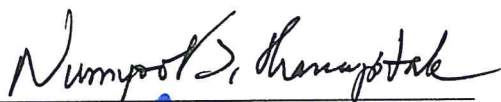
This agreement will remain in force until the end of 2012, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving the equivalent of one semesters' notice in writing to the other party, no later than the end of March in any year. In order to continue the cooperation from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 a new agreement must be written before the end of 2012.

In the event that the agreement is terminated, the participating universities agree that the termination shall not adversely affect any student whose exchange has been approved under this program.

This agreement must be amended by the exchange of letter between the two institutions on a yearly basis in order to give information about the number of study places available at each institution for each autumn entry as well as information on eligibility criteria. Such amendments once approved by both institutions and communicated to other relevant authorities for consideration and approval will become part of this agreement.

On behalf of  
Rajamangala University of Technology  
Thanyaburi

On behalf of  
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