



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**on**  
**Educational Collaboration and Partnership**  
**between**  
**Rajamangala University of Technology**  
**Thanyaburi and Finland University**



This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made to record the understanding between Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi located at 39 Village No. 1 Rangsit-Nakhonnayok Road, Klong 6, Thanyaburi, Pathumthani 12110 Thailand (hereinafter referred to as RMUTT), represented by its duly authorized representative Assoc. Prof. Prasert Pinpathomrat, Ph.D., residing in Thailand and Finland University, Mannerheimintie 20 B, 00100 Helsinki, Finland, Business ID2580777-5 (hereinafter referred to as “Finland University”), represented by its duly authorized representative CEO Pasi Kaskinen, residing in Helsinki, Finland.

Whereas, Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi and Finland University agreed to enter into the “Academic Collaboration and Educational Partnership” (hereinafter referred collectively as “the Collaboration”) for the advancement of academic, educational development, humanities and sciences to benefit the growth of Thailand and Finland.

Whereas, the Collaboration activities include, but not limited to:

1. Focused services and development projects which are related to the teacher education reform, development of university programs in general, and capacity building needed in developing new educational system and educational research units. These activities include:
  - 1.1. Intensive training of people who will be responsible for the development of teacher education in the future. This could include series of expert seminars. For participants who do not hold a PhD degree the program would also offer opportunities to join afterwards in one of the international doctoral programmes in a Finnish university;
  - 1.2. Short-term teacher training programmes including innovative educational practices;
  - 1.3. Focused study visits for teachers in Finland and Thailand (possibly extending to other ASEAN countries) to further enhance teachers’ learning and capabilities;
  - 1.4. Long-term consulting on the general development of the degree systems and curricula of higher education based on the Bologna process and domain specific tuning projects;
  - 1.5. Training in university pedagogy;
  - 1.6. Focused study visits and courses of doctoral students focusing on state of the art research in educational sciences, Theoretical and hands on training in advanced research and data analysis methods, and international publishing.

2. Finland University with its three world-class founder universities also has a strong interest in cooperating with RMUTT on the following activities;

- 1.1 Fasilitation of data collection together with the RMUTT
- 1.2 Planning and supporting empirical studies in the frames of mathematics, science and language learning

3. Special projects to be determined

The implementation of the Collaboration as referred to above is subject to concluding separate written agreements where the content, scope, financing and other conditions regarding the respective Items are agreed between the parties. This MOU does not, however, constitute any binding promise to enter into any such separate written agreement. In the case of reaching mutual agreement on the implementation of the Collaboration and the Items, details of Items shall be attached to this MOU and/or added as an Addendum.


Whereas, the Collaboration shall be implemented in Thailand, Finland, and/or other countries relevant to the activities as agreed separately by the parties in writing.

A party is not responsible towards the other party for any indirect, incidental or consequential damage or costs. This MOU shall be governed by the laws of Finland excluding its choice of law provisions. The Parties shall try to resolve any dispute, controversy or claim concerning or related to this MOU by negotiations. In the event no settlement can be reached by means of negotiations, any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this MOU, or the breach, termination or validity thereof, shall be finally settled by arbitration in accordance with the Rules for Expedited Arbitration of the Arbitration Institute of the Central Chamber of Commerce of Finland. Arbitration shall take place in Helsinki, Finland in the English language. All arbitration awards shall be final and binding on the Parties and enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

This MOU is effective on the date of the signing by both parties (“Effective Date”) and shall remain in effect for 3 years from the Effective Date. It will automatically be extended for a period of one year at a time unless one of the parties expresses its wish to terminate the MOU by providing the other party with written notice at least six months prior to the beginning of the next period of cooperation. Each party shall have the right to terminate this MOU with immediate effect upon written notice to the other party, if the other party commits a material breach of this MOU and fails to remedy such a breach within fourteen (14) days of the other party’s written notice thereof.

This MOU is made in two identical originals, each one having equal force and effect. The parties to this MOU have read and understood its entire substance and acknowledge that all terms and contents in this MOU are important and correct. Any changes, additions and amendments to this MOU shall be made in writing. The parties hereby sign their names in the presence of witnesses and retain one copy each.

Rajamangala University of Technology  
Thanyaburi




Assoc. Prof. Praseert Pimpathomrat, Ph.D.  
President,  
Rajamangala University of Technology  
Thanyaburi



Date: 7/5/2015

As witnessed by:



Asst. Prof. Sommai Pivsa-Art, Ph.D.  
Vice President  
Rajamangala University of Technology  
Thanyaburi

Finland University



Pasi Kaskinen,  
CEO  
Finland University



Date: 7.5.2015

As witnessed by:



Mirka Gustafsson  
Coordinator of Transnational Education,  
University of Tampere