

THAI NGUYEN UNIVERSITY
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

And

SULTAN KUDARAT STATE UNIVERSITY
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, made and entered into on the 15th day of May, 2015 in Thai Nguyen University, Vietnam by and between:

Thai Nguyen University, a regional institution of higher education in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, with principal office at Tan Thinh Ward, Thai Nguyen City, Vietnam, represented herein by its President, **Assoc. Prof. Dr. DANG VAN MINH**, hereinafter referred to as "TNU":

and

Sultan Kudarat State University, an institution of higher education, with principal address at the City of Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat, Philippines, represented herein by its President, **DR. ROLANDO F. HECHANOV A, Ph.D.**, hereinafter referred to as "SKSU":

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, in the interest of educational cooperation and in the spirit of making significant contribution to the international and intercultural education of people, both parties have agreed, as they hereby agree, to form and develop a cultural and education collaborative understanding;

WHEREAS, both parties are geared to become world-class universities committed to engage in collaborative academic, research, cultural, and extension undertakings on a global context;

WHEREAS, both parties are devoted to cooperate in the development and implementation of programs and activities relevant to their institutional mandates, more specifically in international partnerships and external linkages;

WHEREAS, both parties acknowledge that such understanding will bring not only the faculty members of their respective institutions, but also the students and the people they

activities on mutually agreed areas of disciplines, with consideration on both parties' priority areas;

3. TNU and SKSU shall work together for possible conduct and hosting of professional visits, symposia, and international conferences, that are relevant and pertinent along areas of joint interests, the arrangements of which shall be subjected to terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties;
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5. TNU and SKSU shall explore the possibility of offering dual or joint-degree programs subject to terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties;
6. TNU and SKSU shall agree on matters necessary or corollary to carry out the aforesaid covenants and agreements, which may arise.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

7. TNU and SKSU shall agree that the conduct of activities, as aforementioned, shall be subject to the availability of funds and/or presence of funding agencies. Expenses for such activities shall be based on equitable capability of both parties;
8. More specific details regarding the aforementioned activities could be executed through subsequent supplemental agreements by both parties.

12. If any provision contained herein is invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect or manner under the laws of either or both of the States where the parties belong to, the validity, legality, or enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected or impaired in any way;
13. Any amendment to this agreements and/or termination thereof shall be made upon mutual consent.
14. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be made in four original (4) copies in English language, providing two copies for each party.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the parties have hereunto signed these presents on the 15th day of May 2015 at Thai Nguyen University, Vietnam.

For: SULTAN KUDARAT STATE UNIVERSITY
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPINES JOVITA

ROLANDO F. HECHANNOVA, Ph.D.
President

For : THAI NGUYEN UNIVERSITY
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

Assoc. Prof. Dr. DANG VAN MINH
Vice President

Signed in the Presence of:

FURTHER EVIDENCE

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NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and mutual covenants herein set forth, both parties shall commit and agree to undertake the following:

1. TNU and SKSU shall conduct collaborative or joint research undertakings, joint proposal making and submission to funding agencies, and sharing of research capabilities for external resource generation on mutually agreed areas of disciplines, with consideration on both parties' priority areas;
2. TNU and SKSU shall exchange students/scholars, scientists, faculty members, researchers, and extensionists in the conduct of instructional researches, academic undertakings, cultural endeavors, and extension

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9. The terms and conditions specified in this mutual cooperation shall be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the appropriate responsible officers of both parties prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity;
10. Both parties shall jointly endeavor to realize the aforementioned activities but such duty shall primarily be based on institutional goodwill, cooperation, and partnership, thus, non-compliance to provisions shall not be legally actionable and demandable;
11. This MOU shall be effective upon signing of the parties and instrumental witnesses and shall take effect for a period of five (5) years from its execution.

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