



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
RAJAMANGALA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY RATTANAKOSIN
AND
MEKONG INSTITUTE

Purpose of Cooperation

Mekong Institute (MI) and Rajamangala University of Technology Rattanakosin will join their respective experiences for the countries of the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS), through joint projects on general cooperation in the Greater Mekong Sub-region.

Mekong Institute (MI) is an Intergovernmental organization chartered to provide capacity building activities for government officials, members of private enterprises and civil society involved in the government of the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS). MI works closely with the governments of the six GMS countries in designing and delivering high quality and relevant human resource development programs and applied researches identified by the stakeholders. The mandate of the Mekong Institute includes serving GMS-focused HRD needs, promoting regional cooperation, networking, and partnerships.

Rajamangala University of Technology Rattanakosin (RMUTR), a public university under the Office of Higher Education Commission (OHEC), is committed to be a leader in providing professional education and achieve excellence in science and technology, in arts, in the fields of service and in business administration for the community of entrepreneurs, and aiming to become one of Thailand's leading universities.

Areas of Cooperation

MI and RMUTR agree to cooperate in selected areas of capacity building for regional development, cooperation and integration. Acknowledging each other's strengths and expertise and, both sides may consider the cooperation in the following areas:

1. Joint trainings, conferences, meetings, and symposiums;
2. Research and studies collaboration;
3. Developing and sharing GMS Resource and Information Network;
4. Student Internship; and
5. Other forms of cooperation as determined by the parties

Duration of Cooperation

This MOU may be signed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original and both of which duly executed will constitute one entire document, and will enter into force on the date it is signed by both Parties (the "Effective Date"). The MOU will have an initial term of five (5) years from the Effective Date, unless terminated earlier by either Party with a given three (3) months prior written notice to the other Party. MI and RMUTR may agree to extend this MOU upon agreement in writing for subsequent terms. No termination of the MOU will affect any legal or contractual obligations already created or entered by either Party in connection with activities arising pursuant to this MOU.

Changes and Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding

In the event one party or both parties would like to change the cooperation under the MOU, reasonable advance notice must be given. Once both parties have consulted and agreed to the changes or amendments, a written record of the changes or amendments will be signed by both parties taking effect from the date of signing.

This MOU is not intended to create any legal relationship or legal obligations between MI and RMUTR or to impose formal obligations on them.

Endorsement of the Cooperation

With the signature of their authorized representatives, MI and RMUTR express their intention to implement this cooperation on October 14, 2015 at MI, Khon Kaen of Thailand.

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