



香港教育大學

The Education University
of Hong Kong

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**Department of Social Sciences and Policy Studies,
The Education University of Hong Kong,
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China**

AND

**Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration,
Chiang Mai University,
Kingdom of Thailand**

ARTICLE 1: Preamble

2.1 **The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK)** is a publicly funded tertiary institution in Hong Kong dedicated to advancing learning and teaching, through a diverse offering of academic and research programmes on teacher education and complementary social sciences and humanities disciplines. The University is ranked 4th in the QS Asian University Ranking by Subject and 21st in the QS University Ranking by Subject in 2024. Since 2010, the University has been offering programmes in three new disciplinary areas complementary to education, i.e. humanities, social sciences, and creative arts and culture, upon the recommendation of the University Grants Committee and with government support. We aim to further seek local, regional, and international recognition for our scholarship and excellence in nurturing highly competent teachers and professionals who care.

2.2 **Chiang Mai University (CMU)** was founded in January 1964, under a Royal Charter granted by His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. CMU was the first institution of higher education in the north and the first provincial university in Thailand. Locally, CMU is acknowledged as the pre-eminent centre for study in Northern Thailand, and nationally, it is recognised as one of the top three universities in Thailand. Furthermore, CMU is an established member of the ASEAN University Network and is paving its way forward to be an important educational hub in the region. CMU is ranked 21st in the QS Asian University Ranking and 571st in the QS World University Ranking in 2024. These results demonstrate CMU's academic and research strength, a necessary prerequisite for CMU to achieve its goal of being a research-oriented "World Class University".

ARTICLE 2: Objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

2.3 In the pursuit of excellence in academics, for the purpose of disseminating knowledge to the benefit and service HKSAR and Thailand, the Department of Social Sciences and Policy Studies (SSPS), the Education University of Hong Kong, and the Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration (FPSPA), Chiang Mai University (CMU), hereby sign this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen mutual understanding, to foster friendly cooperation, and to promote academic collaboration and exchange.

ARTICLE 3: Responsibilities of the Parties

3.1 In order to promote cooperation between the Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, and the Department of Social Sciences and Policy Studies (SSPS), the Education University of Hong Kong, HKSAR, the two institutions agree as follows:

3.2 Each Institution will encourage direct contact and cooperation among their Faculty, Administrative staff, Departments, and Research Centres.

3.3 The fields of particular interest involve research and curriculum development *viz:* bilateral relations between Hong Kong and Thailand, public administration, social policy, public finance, international relations, good governance, human development, human security, gender equity, and migration. Within these fields, the following general forms of cooperation will be pursued:

- Visits by and exchange of staff for teaching and research;
- Visits by and exchange of graduate/ undergraduate students for study and research;
- The sharing of academic resources, including the exchange of library materials and research publications; and
- Joint research activities such as workshops, seminars, and international conferences in relevant fields to promote mutual interest.

3.4 Both parties understand that all financial arrangements related to the above general forms of cooperation will be consulted and agreed upon first based on mutual respect and the availability of funds. There will be no financial commitment from either party unless specified by further agreement.

3.5 Specific details for the implementation of these activities will be developed mutually by both sides for particular projects. These projects will be considered as outcomes of this

MoU, and they will be made available for the public to promote academic interest upon approval from the two institutions.

- 3.6 Both parties represent as the coordinating institution for regional partners. The EdUHK is represented as a regional convener for the institution of East Asia. The CMU is represented as a regional convener for the institutions in Southeast Asia.

ARTICLE 4: Intellectual Property

- 4.1 Any publication regarding such intellectual property shall only be possible with prior written consent of both parties, with the understanding that such consent should not be unreasonably withheld.

ARTICLE 5: Participating Staff

- 5.1 Participating staff involved in any activities under this MoU shall adhere to the laws of both HKSAR and Thailand and the rules and regulations of the host institution.

ARTICLE 6: Effectiveness, Duration, and Modification of the MoU

- 6.1 The MoU should come into effect on the date of signature. It will be terminated three months after either Party informs the other Party, in writing, of its intention to terminate this co-operation.
- 6.2 The Agreement will remain in force for three years. Any amendment of and/or modification to the Agreement will require written approval from the Heads of both institutions. After the initial three-year period, this Agreement may be renewed by mutual consent.

ARTICLE 7: Dispute Resolution

- 7.1 Both parties should use their best efforts to resolve disputes that arise between them from the interpretation and enforcement of the MoU.

ARTICLE 8: Legal

8.1 This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding rights or obligations.

For The Education University
of Hong Kong



(Signature)

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Date: *July 16, 2024*

For Chiang Mai University



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Faculty of Political Science
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