



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION,

CHIANG MAI UNIVERSITY

and

MEKONG INSTITUTE

Purpose of Cooperation

Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration, Chiang Mai University (POL, hereafter) and Mekong Institute (MI, hereafter), with the objective of facilitating mutual friendship and academic cooperation, join their respective expertise for the countries of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS, hereafter) through cooperative projects for inclusive and sustainable development in the region, hereby conclude this MOU.

POL, represented by Associate Professor Dr. Pailin Phujsenaphan, Dean, having its main address at 239 Huay Kaew Road, Muang District, Chiang Mai, 50200, Kingdom of Thailand, is one of the faculties of Chiang Mai University. Located in the northern part of Thailand, the academic roots of POL trace back over half a century as it was originally a department within the Faculty of Social Sciences. POL offers comprehensive academic program at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels covering broad spectrum of disciplines, including political science, public administration, international relations and sustainability. POL is guided by a vision to develop global citizens by equipping students with knowledge, skills and values necessary to navigate and address global challenges, emphasizing the importance of cross-cultural understanding, ethical leadership, and sustainable development. To accomplish the mission, academic program, research, and community engagement are the driving cornerstones of the faculty.

MI, having its main address at 123 Mittraphap Road, Muang District, Khon Kaen 40002, Thailand, is an intergovernmental organization chartered to provide capacity building activities for government, private enterprises and civil society representatives involved in the development of the GMS. MI works closely with the governments of the six GMS countries (Cambodia, P.R. China (specifically Yunnan Province and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region), Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam) in designing and delivering high quality and relevant human resource development programs, as well as applied researches identified by stakeholders. The mandate of MI includes serving GMS-focused Human Resource Development needs, promoting regional cooperation, facilitating networking, and building partnerships.

Areas of Cooperation

POL and MI (Parties, hereafter) will cooperate in selected areas of capacity building for regional development, cooperation and integration. Acknowledging each other's strengths and expertise, both Parties may explore cooperation through, but will not be limited to, the following areas:

- a) Undertaking of collaborative research projects;
- b) Exchanging of personnel as resource persons, scholars, secondment, visiting research fellows, faculty and administrative staff;
- c) Exchange of information and publications, including developing and sharing networks, contacts, databases, research studies and other forms of technical information to help strengthen the research and innovation of POL;
- d) Organization of joint trainings, conferences, meetings, workshops, and symposiums;
- e) Enhancement of professional experience of POL students;
- f) Other activities mutually agreed upon by the two Parties.

To initiate any of the above activities, a detailed plan, which must be grounded on the framework of this MOU, will be defined in a separate agreement of implementation with the mutual consent of both Parties.

The Parties will also develop specific agreements, through discussions and consultations as needed, according to the collaborative themes and forms intended in this MOU.

Duration of Cooperation

This MOU is signed by counterparts in two (2) copies in English, with each document deemed an original and both of which, duly executed, will constitute one document. The MOU will enter into effect on the date signed by both Parties (Effective Date, hereafter). The MOU will have an initial term of **five (5) years** from the Effective Date, unless terminated by either Party with a given two-month prior written notice to the other Party. POL and MI 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 Mutual 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, which will take effect from the date of signing.

This MOU is not intended to create any legal relationship or legal obligation between POL and MI or to impose formal obligations on them. This MOU is also not contracted to bind either party to any financial and legal commitments.

Endorsement of the Cooperation

With the signature of their authorized representatives, POL and MI express their intention to implement this cooperation on August 1, 2024 in Khon Kaen, Thailand.



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