

The University Network for Wetland Research and Trainings in the Mekong Region

Extension of the Agreement on Academic Cooperation

between

Royal University of Agriculture, Cambodia
Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia
National University of Laos, Lao PDR
Champasack University, Lao PDR
Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia
Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
Khon Kaen University, Thailand
Mahasarakham University, Thailand
Mahidol University, Thailand
An Giang University, Vietnam
Can Tho University, Vietnam
Nong Lam University, Vietnam
University of Science, Vietnam National University –
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

In accordance with the Article 6 of the Agreement on Academic Cooperation signed into being on 22 May 2003 between the Royal University of Agriculture of Cambodia, Royal University of Phnom Penh of Cambodia, National University of Laos of Lao PDR, Chulalongkorn University of Thailand, Mahidol University of Thailand, Can Tho University of Vietnam, Nong Lam University of Vietnam, and University of Natural Sciences of Vietnam, and in view of the many cooperative accomplishments this collaborative relationship has born, it is hereby on 15 February 2008, agreed between 8 initial universities plus 5 amended universities that the Agreement on Academic Cooperation shall be formally extended.

Article 1 - Goal

Royal University of Agriculture of Cambodia, represented by its Rector Professor Dr. Chan Nareth; Royal University of Phnom Penh of Cambodia, represented by its Rector H.E. Lav Chhiv Eav; National University of Laos of Lao PDR, represented by its President Associate Professor Soukkongseng Saignaleuth; Champasack University of Lao PDR, represented by its Rector Dr. Sikhamtath Mitaray; Universiti Sains Malaysia of Malaysia, represented by its Vice Chancellor Professor Dato Dzulkifli bin Abdul Razak; Chulalongkorn University of Thailand, represented by its President Professor Khunying Suchada Kiranandana; Khon Kaen University of Thailand, represented by its President Associate Professor Dr. Sumon Sakolchai; Mahasarakham University of Thailand, represented by its President Professor Dr. Somsak Chuckpaiwong; Mahidol University of Thailand, represented by its President Clinical Professor Piyasakol Sakolsatayadorn; An Giang University of Vietnam, represented by its Rector H.E. Le Minh Tung; Can Tho University of Vietnam, represented by its Rector Professor Dr. Nguyen Anh Tuan; Nong Lam University of Vietnam, represented by its Rector Dr. Trinh Truong Giang; and University of Science, Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam, represented by its Rector Professor Dr. Duong Ai Phuong, declare that they are in agreement to formally implement this document relating to their efforts to develop and promote beneficial cooperation between the thirteen universities in the Mekong and the Asian region.

Article 2 - Areas of Cooperation

For the realization of the goal set in Article 1, thirteen member universities will strive for and support

- The establishment of a university network of academic cooperation and collaboration
- The development and operation of joint practical training courses in wetland ecology and management

- The capacity building for establishment of complete academic programs in wetland science in member universities of the network
- Collaboration in wetland research, education and communication projects
- Collaboration in research and education on other scientific and technical areas of mutual concern and interest
- The exchange of lecturers, scientists and students
- Regional wetland conferences and consultations

Article 3 – Methods

Each member university shall make every endeavour to facilitate and support the joint efforts and activities of the network by

- Searching for sources of financial support
- Providing working places
- Providing resource persons
- Promoting advisement
- Exchange of lecturers, scientists and students
- Mutually recognising student performance

Article 4 – Acquisition of Funds

To achieve the objectives of this agreement, thirteen member universities will try to obtain financial support from national and international institutions. In addition, they will, as far as possible, make their own physical infrastructure as well as their administrative, laboratorial, and logistical capacity available to the network.

Article 5: Cooperation on Faculty Level

Individual affiliated faculties can declare the desire to cooperate on the implementation of this agreement, through the Plan of Activities (Annex 1), approved by their respective deans. Such mutual agreements enter into force as soon as the appropriate university bodies have given their consent for the Plan of Activities.

Article 6 - Terms of agreement

This agreement enters into force after it has been signed by the member universities and shall continue for a period of five years. The agreement may thenceforth be renewed by mutual consent. Either member may terminate the agreement upon six months written notice to each other. Any amendment or

modification to this agreement requires written approval by the rectors or presidents of thirteen member universities.

Article 7 – Domicilia

For the purpose of this agreement and whatever arises from it, the member universities choose as the domicilia of execution their respective addresses set out in this clause, at which addresses the delivery to or serving on them of all process documents and notices that arise from this agreement or the non-fulfilment or termination thereof, shall be deemed valid.

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The Rector
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- 7.3 National University of Laos
The President
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Lao PDR
- 7.4 Champasack University
The Rector
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The President
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The President
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Vietnam
- 7.13 University of Science, Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City
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Signed by / for and on behalf of

Phnom Penh, Cambodia



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Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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Royal University of Phnom Penh
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Vientiane, Lao PDR

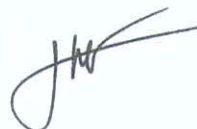
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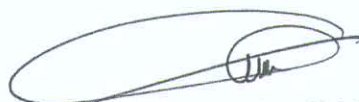
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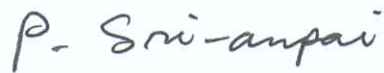
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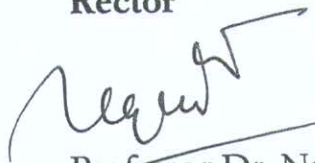
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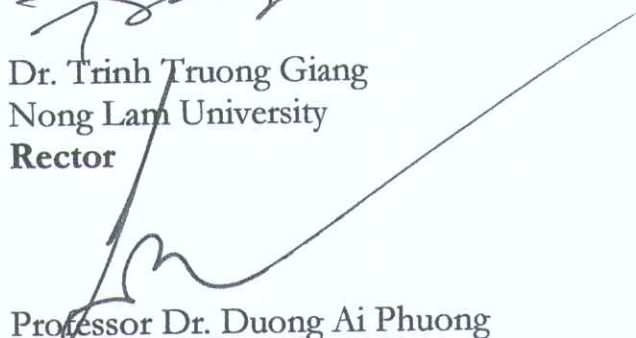
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Rector

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



Professor Dr. Duong Ai Phuong
University of Science, Vietnam National
University – Ho Chi Minh City
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Annex 1

Plan of Activities for the Agreement on Academic Cooperation

between

**Royal University of Agriculture, Cambodia
Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

National University of Laos, Lao PDR

Champasack University, Lao PDR

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City, Vietnam**

Part 1 : Faculty cooperation

With reference to Article 5 of the Agreement on Academic Cooperation between the thirteen universities, the Faculty of Forestry of the Royal University of Agriculture of Cambodia, the Faculty of Science of the Royal University of Phnom Penh of Cambodia, the Faculty of Forestry of the National University of Laos of Lao PDR, the Faculty of Agriculture of Champasack University of Lao PDR, the School of Biological Sciences of Universiti Sains Malaysia of Malaysia, the Faculty of Science of Chulalongkorn University of Thailand, the Faculty of Science of Khon Kaen University of Thailand, the Faculty of Science of Maharakham University of Thailand, the Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies of Mahidol University of Thailand, the Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources of An Giang University of Vietnam, the College of Natural Environment Science of Can Tho University of Vietnam, the Faculty of Forestry of Nong Lam University of Vietnam, and the Faculty of Biology of University of Science, Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam, agree to collaborate especially in the field of exchange of students, scientists and lecturers,

development of academic programs, and carrying through joint research and training activities, in the scope of the International Course of Study "Wetland Ecology and Management in the Mekong and the Asian Region", promoted within a framework of member universities of this network, in both levels of undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, community and public studies.

Part 2 : Methods

For the purpose of implementing the International Course of Study, the following activities should be developed at / by all thirteen member universities:

1. The member universities will take turn hosting training courses on wetland ecology and management, on a yearly basis. The sixth training in 2008 will be held in Thailand. Subsequent trainings will be held in Lao PDR, Cambodia, Malaysia, and Vietnam.
2. The member universities will actively initiate and collaborate in joint research and educational activities on scientific and technical areas of mutual concern and interest.
3. It is expected to promote a yearly meeting of the members of this university network, that will take place accordingly to the availability of resources from the financial sources.

Part 3 : Coordination

For the purpose of developing this Plan of Activities, each member university appoints a member to act as a coordinator of the cooperation between the universities. Mr. Von Monin of the Faculty of Forestry at the Royal University of Agriculture of Cambodia, Mr. Thao Sokhunthia of the Faculty of Science at the Royal University of Phnom Penh of Cambodia, Mr. Souksompong Pixa of the Faculty of Forestry at the National University of Laos of Lao PDR, Dr. Phetsamay Virapheth of the Faculty of Agriculture at Champasack University of Lao PDR, Associate Professor Dr. Che Salmah Md Rawi of the School of Biological Sciences at the Universiti Sains Malaysia of Malaysia, Associate Professor Dr. Nantana Gajasen of the Faculty of Science at Chulalongkorn University of Thailand, Dr. Samang Homchuen of the Faculty of Science at Khon Kaen University of Thailand, Associate Professor Dr. Usa Klinhom of the Faculty of Science at Mahasarakham University of Thailand, Associate Professor Dr. Sansanee Choowaew of the Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies at Mahidol University of Thailand, Dr. Vo-Tong Anh of the Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources at An Giang University of Vietnam, Dr. Duong Van Ni of the College of Natural Environment Science at Can Tho University of Vietnam, Dr. Vien Ngoc Nam of the Faculty of Forestry at Nong Lam University of Vietnam, and Associate Professor Dr. Tran Triet of the Faculty of Biology at the University of Science, Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam, will be the focal points for implementing activities mentioned in this agreement.