

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

Agreement on Academic Cooperation

among

Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia, Cambodia Royal University of Agriculture, Cambodia Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia Southwest Forestry University, China Yunnan University, China Champasack University, Lao PDR National University of Laos, Lao PDR Savannakhet University, Lao PDR Souphanouvong University, Lao PDR Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia Mandalay University, Myanmar University of Forestry and Environmental Science, Myanmar Yangon University, Myanmar Yezin Agricultural University, Myanmar Chulalongkorn University, Thailand Kasetsart University, Thailand Khon Kaen University, Thailand Mahasarakham University, Thailand Mahidol University, Thailand Rambhai Barni Rajabhat University, Thailand An Giang University, Vietnam Can Tho University, Vietnam Nong Lam University – Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Tay Nguyen University, Vietnam Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology (HCMUT), Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City, 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, the Extension of the Agreement on Academic Cooperation signed into being on 15 February 2008, and in view of the many cooperative accomplishments this collaborative relationship has born, it is hereby agreed among 26 universities that the Agreement on Academic Cooperation shall be formally extended.

Article 1 – Goal

Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia, represented by its President Dr. Kol Pheng; Royal University of Agriculture of Cambodia, represented by its Rector Professor Dr.Ngo Bunthan; Royal University of Phnom Penh of Cambodia, represented by its Rector Professor Dr.Chet Chealy; Southwest Forestry University of China, represented by its Director Professor Dr. Tian Bin; Yunnan University of China, represented by its Rector Professor Dr.Fang Jingyun; Champasack University of Lao PDR, represented by its President Dr.Bounmy Phonesavanh; National University of Laos of Lao PDR, represented by its President Professor Dr.Oudom Phonekhampheng; Savannakhet University of Lao PDR, represented by Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Bounheuang Ninchaleune; Souphanouvong University of Lao PDR, represented by its President Associate Professor Vira Anolac; Universiti Sains Malaysia of Malaysia, represented by its Vice Chancellor Professor Dr.Abudul Rahman Bin Mohamed; Mandalay University of Myanmar, represented by its; University of Forestry and Environmental Science of Myanmar, represented by its President Professor Karein Naw; University of Yangon of Myanmar, represented by its; Yezin Agricultural University of Myanmar, represented by its Rector Dr.Nang Hseng Hom; Chulalongkorn University of Thailand, represented by its President Professor Dr.Bundhit Eua-arporn; Kasetsart University of Thailand, represented by its President Dr.Chongrak Wachrinrat; Khon Kaen University of Thailand, represented by its President Associate Professor Charnchai Panthongviriyakul; Mahasarakham University of Thailand, represented by its President Associate Professor Dr. Prayook Srivilai; Mahidol University of Thailand, represented by its President Professor Banchong Mahaisavariya; Rambhai Barni Rajabhat University of Thailand, represented by its President Assistant Professor Waigoon Tongaram; An Giang University of Vietnam, represented by its President Associate Professor Dr. Vo Van Thang; Can Tho University of Vietnam, represented by its Rector Professor Dr.Ha Thanh Toan; Nong Lam University - Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam, represented by its Vice President Associate Professor Dr.Nguyen Tat Toan; Tay Nguyen University of Vietnam, represented by its Rector, Dr.Nguyen Thanh Truc; Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology (HCMUT), Vietnam National University - Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam, represented by its Rector Associate Professor Mai Thanh Phong; University of Science, Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam, represented by its President Associate Professor Dr. Tran Le Quan; declare that they are in agreement to formally implement this document relating to their efforts

to develop and promote beneficial cooperation between the 26 universities in the Mekong and the Asian region for 5 years during 2023 - 2028.

Article 2 - Areas of Cooperation

For the realization of the goal set in Article 1, 26 member universities and their focal point faculties, schools, colleges, centers, institutions will strive for and support:

- Academic cooperation and collaboration activities of the university network for Wetland Research and Trainings in the Mekong Region
- Development and operation of joint practical training courses in wetland ecology and management
- 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
- 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 Network's activities
- Facilitating exchange programmes of lecturers, researchers and students

Article 4 – Acquisition of Funds

To achieve the objectives of this agreement, 26 member universities will try to obtain financial support from national and international institutions either individually or collectively. 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 at Faculty Level

Individual affiliated faculties, schools, colleges, centers, and institutions can declare the desire to cooperate on the implementation of this agreement, approved by their respective dean(s) or, director(s). Such mutual agreements enter into force as soon as the appropriate university bodies have given their consent for the proposed 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 26 member universities. Unless otherwise agreed, termination or expiration of this Agreement shall not affect the validity and implementation of any agreement(s) or any cooperative activity entered into between the Parties under this agreement that has been initiated prior to such termination or expiration.

Article 7 – Domicile

For the purpose of this agreement and whatever arises from it, the member universities choose as the domicile 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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