

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY, KOLHAPUR, INDIA
And
KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, KHON KAEN, THAILAND

This Memorandum of Understanding is drawn up and agreed upon to establish cooperation between the Shivaji University hereinafter referred to as SU, and Khon Kaen University, hereinafter referred to as KKU.

Shivaji University, Kolhapur, named after the founder of Maratha empire Chhatrapati Shivaji and inaugurated in 1962 by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the then President of India, is a premier institution of higher education and research in Western India. The University is committed to meet the educational, social, cultural and economic needs of the region and is dedicated to promote and foster a culture of high quality teaching, learning and research.

KKU was established in 1964 as the first university in the Northeastern region of Thailand. The University is the leading educational and learning center for the region and prides itself on advances in its learning and teaching innovation, where the graduates obtain knowledge in conjunction with acquiring moral principles and the ability to learn from oneself effectively. KKU is located in Khon Kaen 40002, Thailand.

The two parties recognize human resource development and institutional capacity building as the basis for a mutually beneficial cooperation program, hereinafter referred to as the **Program**.

ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

The objectives of the Program are to provide higher education opportunities for staff members of SU and KKU, promote institutional linkage between SU and KKU, and to explore other avenues for possible collaboration.

ARTICLE II: SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM

The Program, which is for five years, is established to provide collaborative cooperation through:

- i) Collaborative Research Programs in specific fields of interest - SU and KKU will jointly identify specific fields to conduct collaborative research programs of mutual interest and benefit to both the institutions.
- ii) Student Exchange Programs - Exchange programs for SU and KKU students will be explored and conducted accordingly which will be beneficial mutually for both the parties.
- iii) Faculty Exchange Programs - Exchange programs for SU and KKU faculty will be explored and conducted accordingly which will be beneficial mutually for both the parties.
- iv) Any other form of cooperation that may be agreed upon between SU and KKU.

ARTICLE III: DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signing by both parties and shall take effect for a period of 5 (five) years. If this MoU is to be terminated without cause, a three months prior notice should be sent by one party to another party. This MoU may be renewed by mutual written consent of both the Institutions.

ARTICLE IV: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Both parties shall disseminate information on each other's programs and activities.
2. Both parties hereto shall do their utmost to ensure the smooth and efficient implementation of the Program.
3. Both parties shall exert their best effort to be available for mutual consultation and shall give each other necessary information whenever reasonably requested.
4. Any amendment to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be made in writing and mutually agreed upon.
5. All disputes arising in connection with the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through mutual negotiation.
6. The two parties will maintain close contact so as to ensure the smooth implementation of the Program.
7. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of Thailand.

This Memorandum of Understanding is prepared in two identical copies: each party will hold one original duly signed.

Signed on 29/08/2005 at Khon Kaen University, Thailand.

*For and on behalf of the
Shivaji University*

Prof. M. M. Salunkhe
Vice Chancellor
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*For and on behalf of
Khon Kaen*

Assoc. Prof. Sumon Sakolchai
President
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KKU Ref: 0514.1.11.1/ 5684



August 30, 2005

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Dear Prof. Salunkhe,

I have the great pleasure to send you a signed original of the Memorandum of Understanding between Shivaji University, India and Khon Kaen University, Thailand, for your record.

We do hope this agreement will provide an effective means to bring our two universities closer together and cooperative work will be active and produce fruitful results. Wishing us a mutually beneficial cooperation and looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Nawat Warat

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