

**Arrangement between  
The Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand  
and  
The Ministry of Education of New Zealand  
on Education Cooperation**

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The Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Ministry of Education of New Zealand (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants");

- o Recognising education as an important component of Arrangement on the Establishment of a Joint Commission between the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of New Zealand, Signed on November 14, 2005;
- o Recognizing the importance of education and training in national development;
- o Mindful of each Participant's achievements in the field of education field; and
- o Desiring to strengthen and broaden cooperation and mutual assistance in the provision of education and training in their respective countries on the principles of equality and mutual benefit,

have reached the following understanding:

**I. GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

1. This Arrangement will provide the framework within which detailed proposals for programs of education and training will jointly be considered by the Participants on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.
2. Cooperation activities under this Arrangement will be subject to the laws and regulations of each country.

**II. FORMS OF COOPERATION**

3. Cooperation under this Arrangement to be encouraged by the Participants may take the form of links between educational institutions of all levels, through exchanges of education experts, staff and students, or exchanges of education-related materials and information. This includes interaction through meetings, conferences and symposia, and any other form of education cooperation as may be mutually determined by the Participants.

**III. FIELDS OF COOPERATION**

4. Fields of cooperation under this Arrangement may include but will not be limited to the following:
  - a. Pre- primary and kindergarten schooling;
  - b. Primary and secondary schooling;
  - c. Vocational education and training;
  - d. Higher education;
  - e. Inclusive education and education for children with special needs;
  - f. Strategic planning and management in education, research and training;
  - g. Teacher training and professional development;
  - h. E-learning and distance education;
  - i. English and Thai language training;
  - j. Student, teacher, educational personnel and academic exchange;
  - k. Qualifications recognition; and
  - l. Other fields of cooperation as may be mutually determined by the Participants.

#### IV. FUNDING

5. As a general principle, the costs of cooperative activities undertaken pursuant to this Arrangement will be funded on a joint basis. By mutual arrangement, however, the Participants may determine alternative arrangements for funding in relation to specific cooperative activities pursuant to this Arrangement.
6. All cooperation activities under this Arrangement will also be subject to the availability of funds.

#### V. IMPLEMENTATION AND CONSULTATIONS

7. The Participants may, in their respective countries, facilitate the organization of other activities not specifically mentioned in this Arrangement which are in accordance with the laws and regulations of their countries and the objectives of this Arrangement. The specific implementation details of such activities will be subject to the available resources of the participants.
8. The Participants may convene periodic meetings to establish appropriate measures for developing specific programs and projects between their appropriate authorities and institutions and to review the implementation of this Arrangement.

#### VI. SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

9. Any differences arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Arrangement will be settled by consultations between the Participants.

#### VII. AMENDMENT

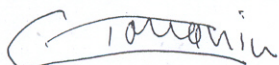
10. At the request of either Participant, this Arrangement may be revised or amended by mutual written consent of the Participants.

#### VIII. COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION

11. This Arrangement will come into effect upon its signature and will remain in effect for a period of three years. It will thereafter be automatically renewed for successive periods of one year until terminated by six months' prior written notice of either Participant through diplomatic channels.
12. Any revision of amendment of this Arrangement will not affect ongoing cooperation activities initiated during the currency of this Arrangement. These cooperation activities will be carried out to their completion, unless the Participants decide otherwise.

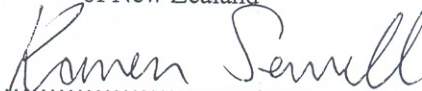
Signed in duplicate in the English language, at Bangkok, Thailand on the First Day of June 2007

for the Ministry of Education  
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