

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF
THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
AND
THE EDUCATION BUREAU OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

The Education Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (the "Hong Kong Special Administrative Region") and the Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand (hereinafter referred to singularly as the "Participant" and collectively as the "Participants");

Strengthening the collaboration in the field of education and promoting educational exchanges between the Participants;

Pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Kingdom of Thailand as well as their respective procedures and policies on education;

Have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1
OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") are:

- (a) to recognise and support collaborations between the educational communities of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Kingdom of Thailand;
- (b) to strengthen partnerships and strategic collaboration that support internationalisation of education and lifelong learning;
- (c) to enhance excellence and creativity in teaching, learning and research conducted by their educational institutions; and
- (d) to contribute to professional development in the education sector.

PARAGRAPH 2 AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

The Participants will endeavour to encourage and promote cooperation in the fields of education and research conducted by their educational institutions as follows:

- (a) to provide scholarships to students;
- (b) to facilitate the exchange of publicly available knowledge, expertise and experience in the field of education;
- (c) to exchange educational literature, teaching aids, demonstration materials, and other relevant information;
- (d) to promote exchanges of scholars, teachers, experts, students, and education personnel between their educational institutions that will be of mutual benefit to both Participants;
- (e) to promote cooperation in areas of mutual interest in basic education sector, higher education sector, vocational and professional education, and researches in policies and educational plans;
- (f) to promote cooperation in training and development for teachers in fields of science, mathematics, and technology;
- (g) to encourage the development of joint programmes with institutions of educational excellence; and
- (h) any other activities to be mutually determined by the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 3 IMPLEMENTATION

1. The activities under this MoU may be implemented through specific arrangements, programmes or projects.
2. The cost of the cooperative activities under this MoU will be subject to the availability of funds and resources of both Participants, and will be borne on terms to be mutually determined by the Participants. Each Participant will endeavour to provide adequate resources for the implementation of its own commitments in relation to such activities.

PARAGRAPH 4
AUTONOMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Each Participant will respect the autonomy of the higher education institutions in respect of the other Participant when such institutions are carrying out any collaborative activities and in their admission of students in accordance with their relevant regulations.

PARAGRAPH 5
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

Each Participant may for reasons of security, public order or public health, suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this MoU. Such suspension will be effective immediately after notification has been given to the other Participant through official channels.

PARAGRAPH 6
AMENDMENT

This MoU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 7
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE

Any differences or disputes arising from the interpretation and implementation of this MoU will be resolved amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Participants.

PARAGRAPH 8
ENTRY INTO EFFECT, DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signing.
2. This MoU will remain effective for a period of 5 (five) years and will be automatically extended for the same period, unless either Participant notifies the other Participant in writing of its intention to terminate this MoU 60 (sixty) days in advance through official channels.

3. The termination of this MoU will not affect any arrangements, programmes, activities or projects that are ongoing at the date of termination of this MoU until the completion of such arrangements, programmes, activities or projects, unless the Participants mutually determine otherwise.

PARAGRAPH 9
STATUS

This MoU is not intended to create, maintain or govern legally binding obligations between the Participants or between the Participants and any third party.

SIGNED in duplicate in the English language at Bangkok
and Hong Kong, on 5th day of January 2017 and
16th day of January 2017 respectively.

For the Ministry of Education
of the Kingdom of Thailand

For the Education Bureau of the
Government of the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region of
the People's Republic of China



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