

Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand
and
the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea
on Cooperation in the Field of Korean Language Education

The Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Sides”),

Referring to the *Agreement between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of Korea on Cooperation in the Fields of Culture and Education*, done in Bangkok on 25 August 2004;

Recognizing the importance of international cooperation in the field of Korean language education for the national development of each country;

Desiring to strengthen and broaden the mutually beneficial relations between the two countries; and

Convinced that cooperation in the field of Korean language education contributes to deepening the relations and promoting better mutual understanding between their peoples;

Have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1
Objectives

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MOU”) aims to promote cooperation between the Sides and provides a framework for cooperation in areas of common interest in the field of Korean language education on the basis of the principles of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

PARAGRAPH 2
Principles

1. This MOU will be carried out in accordance with the respective laws and regulations of the two countries, and within the framework of the respective educational policies and procedures of the Sides.
2. This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding rights or obligations.

PARAGRAPH 3
Scope of Cooperation

1. The Sides will, under this MOU, encourage the following activities to promote Korean language education as a second foreign language in elementary and secondary schools in Thailand:
 - (a) support schools that provide Korean language as a regular subject;
 - (b) develop local Korean language teacher training programs and deliver trainings;
 - (c) develop and disseminate Korean language curricula, textbooks, references, and materials;
 - (d) dispatch Korean language teachers to schools that provide Korean language teaching; and
 - (e) establish a basis for cultivating Korean language teachers in Thailand and evaluating Korean language education;
2. The Korean Side will dispatch Korean teachers to local secondary schools in Thailand for the advancement of Korean language education, and the Thai Side will bear the costs of work permits, visas and accommodation of the dispatched Korean language teachers.
3. The Korean Side will offer government scholarships to outstanding Thai students through the Global Korea Scholarship program for their studies in Korean language education and any field of studies in Korea.
4. The Sides will encourage the following activities to promote the understanding of foreign language education policy:
 - (a) people-to-people exchanges including exchanges of students, teachers and educational officers;
 - (b) exchanges between elementary and secondary schools;
 - (c) research, exchange of information, and joint projects with regard to the status of foreign language education related policies; and
 - (d) Korean Language academic activities.
 - (e) Thai Language and culture activities.

PARAGRAPH 4
Implementation and Funding

1. Details of the substance, scope and implementation of cooperative activities and/or programs carried out under this MOU may be set out in more specific supplementary arrangements concluded between selected institutions of the Sides.
2. The implementation of activities and/or programs under this MOU is subject to the availability of human, material and financial resources of the Sides.
3. Unless otherwise specifically decided by the Sides, each Side will bear its own costs arising from the cooperative activities and/or programs under this MOU.
4. Each Side will make its utmost efforts to facilitate any educational cooperative activities and/or programs conducted under this MOU, and to ensure and protect the safety and security of visiting participants from the other country, including teachers, students, researchers and, experts during their stay in its country.

PARAGRAPH 5
Resolution of Differences

Any differences arising from the interpretation, implementation and/or application of this MOU will be resolved amicably through mutual consultations between the Sides, without reference to any third party or international tribunal.

PARAGRAPH 6
Amendment


1. This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Sides.
2. Such amendments will come into effect on such date as may be mutually determined by the Sides and will form an integral part of this MOU.

PARAGRAPH 7
Coming into Effect, Duration and Termination


1. This MOU will come into effect on the date of signing by the Sides.
2. This MOU will remain in effect for five (5) years from the date of signing, and will be automatically extended for successive periods of three (3) years, unless either Side notifies the other Side, in writing, of its intention to not extend the MOU at least six (6) months prior to the expiry date of the relevant period.
3. This MOU may be terminated at any time by mutual written consent of the Sides.
4. The termination of this MOU will not affect the validity and duration of any arrangements, programs, activities or projects made pursuant to this MOU that are underway and not yet completed at the time of termination, unless otherwise jointly decided by the Sides.

Signed in duplicate at Bangkok on the 2nd of September 2019, in the English language.

**For the Ministry of Education of the
Kingdom of Thailand**


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Republic of Korea**


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