

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN MINISTERS OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATION**

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND

CONCERNING

**THE SEAMEO REGIONAL CENTRE
FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Government of Thailand, hereinafter called "the Government", and the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization, hereinafter called "SEAMEO",

Noting the resolution of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Council, hereinafter called "SEAMEC", at its twenty eighth conference in Singapore in February 1993 to admit the Institute of Higher Education and Development as a SEAMEO Regional Centre, and

In view of the willingness of the Government to host the SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development,

Have agreed as follows :

ARTICLE 1

In this Memorandum of Understanding, unless the context otherwise requires :

- (a) "Agreement" means the Agreement between the Government of Thailand and the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization regarding the Headquarters of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization in Thailand, signed on 9 October 1970 at Bangkok;
- (b) "SEAMES" means the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Secretariat, which is the Headquarters in the context of the Agreement;
- (c) "Centre" means the SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development;
- (d) "Centre Seat" means the premises occupied by the Centre; and
- (e) "Centre Director" means the Director of the Centre and during his or her absence from duty, the officer acting on his or her behalf.

ARTICLE 2

LEGAL STATUS OF THE CENTRE

The Government recognizes the Centre as a subordinate body of SEAMEO. The Centre, on behalf of SEAMEO, shall possess, as authorized by SEAMEO in the Enabling Instrument for the SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development the capacity:

- (a) to contract;
- (b) to acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property, and
- (c) to institute legal proceedings.

ARTICLE 3

CENTRE SEAT

- 1) The Government agrees to provide the Centre Seat at no cost to SEAMEO.
- 2) The provisions of Article 2 (b) of the Agreement apply to the maintenance of the Centre Seat.

ARTICLE 4

FUNDING OF THE CENTRE

In keeping with the funding scheme of SEAMEO Regional Centres adopted by SEAMEC:

- (a) The Government agrees to underwrite the capital and operating costs of the Centre, without prejudice to its seeking contributions from third parties to meet its obligations;

- (b) SEAMEO, through SEAMES, undertakes to raise the Special Funds for the implementation of the approved programmes and activities of the Centre;
- (c) The extent and details of funding commitments of the Government and SEAMEO will be worked out and set forth in a separate memorandum of agreement on operation and funding of the Centre based on the programmes and activities of each development plan of the Centre to be approved by SEAMEC.

ARTICLE 5

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof and shall remain in force until its termination by either Party giving a notice in writing at least six months in advance to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the Government and of SEAMEO have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.


DONE in duplicate in the English language, at Bangkok on the 28th of August in the ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIFTH YEAR OF THE CHRISTIAN ERA, corresponding to the TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH YEAR OF THE BUDDHIST ERA.

FOR SEAMEO

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND

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