



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
(Lao People's Democratic Republic)**

and

**FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, MAEJO UNIVERSITY
(The Kingdom of Thailand)**

Article 1. OBJECTIVES

Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR and the Faculty of Agricultural Production, MAEJO University (MJU), Thailand hereby agree to enhance and formalize the existing relations between the two parties with a focus on strengthening the exchanges in education, academics, student activities, research studies and culture.

Article 2. Scope of Cooperation

2.1 Scope of cooperation of DOA

- (1) Provide cooperation in academics, research, and academic services in transferring knowledge and innovation between the Parties including facilitating relevant field activities in the area and coordinating with various related agencies.
- (2) Provide cooperation in developing research questions, research projects, and academic service projects.
- (3) Provide information for accommodation and internship/training places for educational personnel and students of MAEJO UNIVERSITY in cooperative education programs, internship programs or other similar programs.
- (4) Facilitate and exempt taxes on the import of equipment, and others related to cooperative projects.

2.2 Scope of cooperation of MAEJO UNIVERSITY

Operated by the Faculty of Agricultural Production, MAEJO University (MJU), Thailand.

- (1) Provide research study on policy and economic of Agricultural development in Lao PDR.
- (2) Provide research study on economics, legal framework and policy in development of agricultural sector under DOA for Agricultural operation and maintenance projects.
- (3) Provide cooperation in academics, research, and academic services in transferring knowledge and innovation between the Parties including facilitating relevant field activities in the scope of cooperation and coordinating with various related agencies.

- (4) Provide cooperation in developing research questions, research projects, and academic service projects.
- (5) Develop short-term training and lifelong learning courses.
- (6) Support the development of student skills under the cooperative education programs, internship programs or other similar programs.

Article 3. Other Operations

MAEJO UNIVERSITY and DOA may cooperate in other areas which are not specified above. These additional operations must be in the framework of national laws and international agreements, and must not be contrary to administrative policies, traditions, and regulations of each Party. An additional memorandum is required to be created and attach to this Memorandum of understanding (MOA), which must be approved by both Parties.

Article 4. PRINCIPLES OF THE AGREEMENT

Both parties agree to cooperate and coordinate closely with each other for the equal and mutual benefits of both educational institutions and for the continuous development of higher education in the region.

Article 5. MAIN ACTIVITIES

The two parties will conduct the following main activities:

- a) To exchange students, scholars and faculties (professors, lecturers, administrators or researchers);
- b) To collaborate staff development programs;
- c) To exchange academic information and materials of mutual interest;
- d) To organize joint research programs;
- e) To have other academic exchanges as agreed upon by both parties; and
- f) To promote the partnership via website, newspapers and other media.

Detailed terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in a written form by both parties prior to any initiation of the respective activities each institution shall designate a liaison officer to coordinate any specific activities agreed upon.

Article 6. Budget

The budget for implementing these activities will be discussed and agreed by both parties for each activity.

Article 7. EFFECTIVENESS AND DURATION OF THE MOU

This MOU shall be effective upon signature by both parties. Any additions or changes need a mutual agreement in written form by both institutions. This Memorandum of understanding shall be binding for a four (4) years and can be renewed for a further period upon agreement by both parties.

Article 8. Enter into Force, Duration and Termination

Either Party has the right to terminate the MOA, and notice of termination must be given in writing to the other party ninety days in advance. Termination of the MOA will be effective upon mutual agreement between the Parties, and any agreements attached to this MOA shall also be terminated. The termination of the MOA will not affect the cooperation that is still binding or in progress and will continue until completed.

This MOA is made in English and in two copies with the same text. Both parties have read, acknowledged and understood the details, and verified that MOA is correct and in accordance with the intent in all respects. Consequently, both Parties sign as evidence and keep one copy for each side.

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