

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(Non-Binding)**

| UWA Dental School | WUICD |
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| The University of Western Australia Dental School, 17 Monash Ave, Nedlands, WA 6009 | Walailak University International College of Dentistry (WUICD), 87 Ranong 2 Road Khwaeng Thanon Nakhon Chai Si, Khet Dusit, Bangkok 10300 |

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The University of Western Australia (UWA) is a leading global research-intensive university in Western Australia, which offers postgraduate and undergraduate degree programs and a range of educational and research activities. The UWA Dental School is recognized as one of the leading dental schools in Australia and is WA's only tertiary dental training centre. The school is accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC) and offering aspiring and existing dentists a range of practical and innovative postgraduate courses in a high-tech dental teaching and learning facility.

The School operates the Oral Health Centre of WA (OHCWA), a centralised public tertiary referral centre and dental teaching hospital, where eligible patients are treated on behalf of the State Government of WA. The school also has a dental library that provides a comprehensive collection of dental literature and resources.

1.2 Walailak University International College of Dentistry (WUICD) is an established dental school under Walailak University in Thailand, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programs in dentistry. WUICD is committed to providing high-quality dental education, engaging in cutting-edge research, and fostering international collaborations to advance the field of dentistry.

Walailak University International College of Dentistry (WUICD) was founded in 2018 as a part of Walailak University, a public research university located in Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand. The school is dedicated to providing an excellent dental education and developing high-quality dental professionals who can serve the local and global communities.

WUICD offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs in dentistry, including a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) program that is recognized by the Dental Council of Thailand and the Australian Dental Council. The school has a state-of-the-art facility that includes modern clinics, laboratories, and classrooms.

WUICD has a strong commitment to research and innovation, and its school members are actively engaged in research in areas such as dental materials, oral biology, and oral health promotion. The school also collaborates with other universities and research institutions around the world to advance the field of dentistry.

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The objective of this MOU is to foster academic and research collaboration between the two schools of dentistry and promote mutual understanding and friendship. Through facilitating the exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students, school, and staff, the two institutions aspire to achieve the following goals:



- (a) Enhance academic and research collaboration
 - a. The MOU aims to facilitate joint research projects, promote the exchange of academic materials, and encourage joint supervision of postgraduate students. This collaboration will help foster academic and research excellence at both institutions.
- (b) Promote cultural-exchange;
 - a. By hosting visiting students, school, and staff, the two schools will promote cross-cultural understanding and internationalization. This will help students and school develop a broader perspective and appreciate different cultures and perspectives.
- (c) Foster school development;
 - a. By promoting the exchange of school and staff, the two schools will create opportunities for professional development and networking. This will help school and staff stay up-to-date with the latest developments in the field and develop new collaborations and partnerships.
- (d) Enhance student learning and university experience; and
 - a. By promoting the exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students, the MOU aims to provide students with new learning opportunities and experiences. Students will have the opportunity to learn from different school, study in a different academic environment, and develop their language and intercultural skills.
- (e) Strengthen institutional relationships.
 - a. By signing this MOU, the two schools aim to strengthen their institutional relationships and create new opportunities for collaboration and cooperation. This will help create a more vibrant academic community and promote academic and research excellence in the field of dentistry.

2.2 The parties may conduct meetings at an agreed time and location to discuss the progress of the collaborations anticipated by this MoU, and to discuss any proposed formal agreements.

3. COLLABORATION

3.1 The specific areas and details of cooperation under this MoU will be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the appropriate authority of each party, prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity. No binding agreement between the parties shall exist unless and until such a formal written agreement is executed.

3.2 Each party will:

- (a) Be responsible for the governance, management and decision making within its organisation;
- (b) Be responsible for all insurances, costs and expenses necessary to cover its own activity under this MoU;
- (c) Be responsible for all employer obligations to its own employees.
- (d) Be financially responsible for the site visits and;
- (e) Where it has been mutually agreed upon prior to the visits, the party shall provide assistance with making arrangements for the students/professors/staff of the visiting university

4. PUBLICITY

4.1 The parties agree to discuss and agree upon appropriate promotion of the activities undertaken collaboratively under this MoU.

4.2 A party may not make any press releases concerning this MoU or details of the purpose to be undertaken as a result of this MoU without consultation and the written approval of the other party.

4.3 Any use by a party of the name or logo of the other party or the other party's related bodies or affiliates must be in accordance with the other party's policies and approval processes or otherwise in accordance with a written agreement between the parties.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

The parties shall ensure they keep confidential the discussions and all information received by the other party in relation to this or pursuant to this MoU and any proposed collaboration or activity, and not disclose the content of the discussions, or any proposed collaboration or activity, to any third party without the prior written approval of the disclosing party.

6. NO INTENTION TO CREATE LEGAL RELATIONS

6.1 Except for clause 4 (Publicity) and clause 5 (Confidentiality), which are intended to be binding, this MoU:

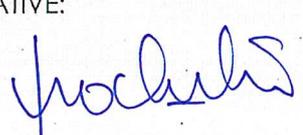
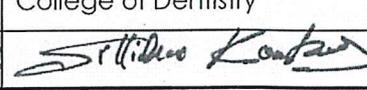
- (a) is not a legally binding document and simply sets out the intention of the parties to collaborate in relation to the purpose;
- (b) does not give rise to any legal relationships between the parties; and
- (c) does not create any enforceable rights or duties between the parties.

6.2 This MoU is effective from the date of last signature and remains active for a period of 5 years. Either party is free to terminate this MoU at any time (but the obligations set out in clauses 4 and 5 shall remain) by providing the other party thirty (30) days' notice in writing.

6.3 This MoU can be varied by written agreement between the parties as documented in an exchange of letters signed by both parties.

SIGNED AS A NON-BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The signing of this MoU is not a formal undertaking.

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| SIGNED FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA DENTAL SCHOOL BY ITS AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE:  | | SIGNED FOR WALAILAK UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY BY ITS AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE: | |
| NAME: (IN CAPITALS) | PROFESSOR HIEN NGO | NAME: (IN CAPITALS) | PROFESSOR SITTICHAH KOONTONGKAEW |
| TITLE: | Dean and Head of UWA Dental School/Director of OHCWA | TITLE: | Dean and Head of Walailak University International College of Dentistry |
| DATE: | 8/6/2023 | DATE: 7 June 2023 |  |