



VIT
Vellore Institute of Technology
(Deemed to be University under section 3 of UGC Act, 1956)

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION**

**BETWEEN
WALAILAK UNIVERSITY, THAILAND
AND
VELLORE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, INDIA**

WALAILAK UNIVERSITY, a university established under the laws of the Thailand and having an address at 222 Thaiburi, Thasala, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand, 80160 (hereinafter referred to as “WU”);

and

VELLORE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, established under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956, and having an address at Vellore – 632 014, Tamil Nadu, India (hereinafter referred to as “VIT”)

seeking to improve understanding between their respective academic institutions and to establish mutually beneficial collaborations benefiting their students, have agreed to sign this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”), as a first step toward achieving these shared goals.

NOW THEREFORE PURSUANT THERETO, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. SCOPE AND FIELDS OF ACADEMIC COOPERATIONS

- (1) The Parties hereby agree to implement within the framework of the rules and regulations applicable in each of the institutions and subject to availability of funds and resources, the following programmes and activities, which may include, but not limited to:
 - (a) student and/or academic and administrative staff exchanges;
 - (b) joint research activities;
 - (c) exchange of publications, reports and other academic materials and information;



- (d) development of joint degree programmes;
 - (e) support of internships and sabbaticals;
 - (f) Both parties agree to share each other's website and social media in order to learn each other's updated news and progresses; and
 - (g) sharing of other activities and programmes in areas of mutual interest, where such sharing shall result in benefit to both Parties.
- (2) It is agreed that the terms and conditions of any agreed programme and activity contemplated in this MoU shall be the subject matter of separate written agreements to be negotiated and agreed upon by both Parties and/or any third parties, wherever applicable. PROVIDED ALWAYS the decision whether to initiate and/or implement any programme or activity shall be at the sole discretion of each Party.
- (3) The Parties agree to designate, on behalf of each institution, a coordinator whose responsibility will be to supervise the execution of this MoU and to draw up a programmes or activities to be implemented under this MoU, setting out specific provisions concerning the exchange programmes, budget requirements and details of funding.

2. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- (1) The Parties acknowledge that in the absence of any specific agreement in writing to the contrary, each Party will be responsible for its own costs and expenses in establishing and conducting programmes and activities contemplated under this MoU, including without limitation its own costs and expenses in travel and accommodation.

3. JOINT PROPERTY

- (1) The Parties agree that any intellectual property rights arising from or in connection with any programme or activity under this MoU, through and by the joint and collaborative efforts of both Parties shall be jointly owned and subject to any other terms and conditions as may be agreed upon in writing.
- (2) Both Parties shall acknowledge one another in any form of writing, publication or presentation based on research derived from the cooperative efforts of both Parties under this MoU, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by the Parties.



4. CONFIDENTIALITY

- (1) The Parties agree and undertake to keep confidential at all times any information or data that may be exchanged, acquired or shared in connection with any programme or activity conducted pursuant to this MoU save where the same is already in public domain.

5. DURATION AND TERMINATION

- (1) The MoU shall be effective after its signing by the authorized representatives of both Parties and remain in force for a period of five (5) years.
- (2) The MoU will be subjected to review after this period and may be extended or renewed automatically for a further five (5) years by mutual agreement.
- (3) This MoU may be terminated or amended by either Party giving written notice to the other at least six (6) months in advance. However, such termination or amendment shall not affect the completion of any program or activity underway at the time that the notice of termination is given.

6. NOTICE

- (1) Every notice, request or any other communication required or permitted to be given pursuant to this MoU shall be in writing, in English and delivered personally or sent by registered or certified post via air mail or by courier or facsimile (which shall be acknowledged by the other Party) to the Parties at the address and facsimile number as stated below:

(a) If to WU: Center for International Affairs
Walailak University
222 Thaiburi, Thasala,
Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand, 80161
Attention:
Asst. Prof. Dr. Patnarin Supakorn,
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(b) If to VIT: Office of International Relations
Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore,
Tamil Nadu, India 632014
Attention:
Dr. R. Seenivasan



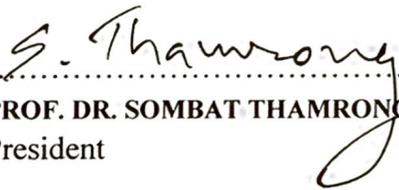
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7. MISCELLANEOUS

- (1) This MoU may be modified, varied or amended at any time after due consultation and with the written agreement of both Parties.
- (2) The Parties acknowledge that all visits or exchange of staff, students or administrators will be subject to compliance with the entry and visa regulations of Thailand and India and with the respective Party's requirements with respect to staff and student visits.
- (3) This MoU is not intended to be legally binding. It merely expresses the intentions and understanding of the Parties which will form the basis of any legally binding agreement to be drafted and executed in the future.
- (4) The Parties hereby agree that they are not bound exclusively by this MOU and shall be at liberty to enter into any separate agreements or arrangements with any third party without reference to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, both Parties have caused this MoU to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

For and on behalf of
WALAILAK UNIVERSITY


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PROF. DR. SOMBAT THAMRONGTHANYAWONG
President

Date: 28/07/2024
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For and on behalf of
VELLORE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY


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