

**MEMORANDUM**  
**of**  
**UNDERSTANDING**  
**FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION**  
**BETWEEN**



**THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF**  
**THE PHILIPPINES**

**AND**



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**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

This understanding entered into the 25 day of June 2025 in Manila, Philippines, by and between:

The **POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES**, a state institution of higher learning established in October 1904, with principal office at A. Mabini Campus, Sta. Mesa, Manila, Philippines, represented herein by its President, **DR. MANUEL M. MUHI**, herein referred to as "PUP";

**WALAILAK UNIVERSITY**, established in March 1992, with the principal office at 222 Thai Buri, Tha Sala District, Nakhon Si Thammarat 80160, Thailand, represented herein by its President, **PROF. DR. SOMBAT THAMRONGTHANYAWONG** herein referred to as "WU";

**WITNESSETH THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of educational cooperation and in the spirit of making significant contributions to the international and intercultural education of people, PUP and WU have agreed to form and develop a mutual cultural and educational collaborative understanding.

**WHEREAS**, the parties acknowledge that such understanding will bring not only the faculty members of their respective institutions, but also the students and the people they serve closer together in their pursuit of educational ideals.

**WHEREAS**, the parties aim to further ASEAN cooperation, education, immersion, community outreach, and research in the common interest of the two institutions and their respective countries, pursuant to the prevailing laws, policies, and regulations in the respective countries.

**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the above premises, the parties hereby commit themselves to expand and enhance the degree of cooperation and collaboration between their institutions through the following:

1. **International Seminars and Conferences**  
Co-organization of at least one international academic activity per year, such as seminars, symposia, or academic skill competitions, which may be conducted in-person, virtually, or through hybrid modalities.
2. **Student and Faculty Exchange Programs**  
Facilitation of student and faculty mobility through academic exchange, research visits, and collaborative teaching. A minimum of one exchange activity is expected annually.
3. **Research Co-publication and Grant Applications**  
Joint development of research publications or collaborative applications for research funding, to be undertaken at least once per year.
4. **Internship Opportunities for PUP Students at Walailak University**  
PUP students will be given opportunities to undertake internships at Walailak University, engaging in relevant academic or administrative units.
5. **International Student Volunteer Program**  
PUP students may also participate as student volunteers at the host school, the School of Languages and General Education and/or other schools as proposed. As international student volunteers, they will assist in planning, organizing, and implementing

student-centered activities and events, with at least one collaborative volunteer initiative per year.

The terms and conditions specified in this cooperation shall be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the appropriate responsible officers of both parties prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity.

This memorandum of understanding shall take effect upon signing thereof for a period of five (5) years. All amendments to this AGREEMENT and/or termination thereof shall be made upon mutual consent.

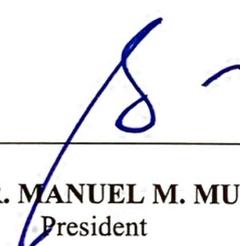
Any notice, request, or other communication required or permitted under this agreement must be in writing, in English, and delivered personally, sent by registered or certified air mail, courier, or email (which must be acknowledged by the receiving Party). Such communication should be addressed to the Parties at the addresses listed below:

- a. For Walailak University  
Dr. Henry II E. Lemana  
Assistant Dean for International Affairs  
School of Languages and General Education  
Academic Building 6, 222 Thai Buri, Tha Sala, Nakhon Si  
Thammarat, Thailand 80160  
[henry.le@wu.ac.th](mailto:henry.le@wu.ac.th)
- b. For Polytechnic University of the Philippines  
Prof. Dr. Rafael Michael O. Paz  
Dean, College of Arts and Letters  
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Street, Santa Mesa, Manila 1016  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have set their signatures hereunder on the date and place first above written.

**POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY  
OF THE PHILIPPINES**

By:

  
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**DR. MANUEL M. MUHI**  
President

**WALAILAK UNIVERSITY**

By:

  
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**DR. SOMBAT THAMRONGTHANYAWONG**  
President



**SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:**



**ASST.PROF. FELICITAS C. TRINIDAD**  
Director, Office of International Affairs



**ASST.PROF.DR. PATNARIN SUPAKORN**  
Director, Center for International Affairs

