



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

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UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA (hereinafter referred to as "UPM"), an institution of higher learning established under the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971 [Act 30] of Malaysia whose address is at 43400 UPM, Serdang, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia and shall include its lawful representatives and permitted assigns;

AND

WALAILAK UNIVERSITY (hereinafter referred to as "WU"), a University established under the law of Thailand whose address is at 222, Thaiburi, Tha Sala, Nakhon Si Thammarat 80160, Thailand and shall include its lawful representatives and permitted assigns;

(hereinafter referred to singularly as "the Party" and collectively as "the Parties"),

WHEREAS

- A. UPM is an established University which strives to enhance and strengthen its research and development and has taken various initiatives to complement its educational excellence and has entered into various collaborative arrangements with other parties to enhance networking;
- B. WU is an established state university which endeavors to promote academic excellence, quality graduates and research activities that are hoped to benefit all parties.
- C. The Parties are desirous of entering into this Memorandum of Understanding to declare their respective intentions and to establish a basis of co-operation and collaboration between the Parties upon the terms as contained herein.

HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING as follows:

ARTICLE I
OBJECTIVE

The Parties, subject to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force in each Party's country, will endeavour to strengthen, promote and develop cooperation between the Parties on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE II
AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

1. Each Party will, subject to the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force, governing the subject matter in their respective countries, endeavour to take necessary steps to encourage and promote co-operation in the following areas:
 - (a) student and/or academic and administrative staff exchange;
 - (b) joint research activities;
 - (c) exchange of publications, reports and other academic materials and information;
 - (d) internship program; and
 - (e) any other areas of co-operation to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

2. For the purpose of implementing the co-operation in respect of any areas stated in paragraph 1 the Parties will enter into a legally binding agreement subject to terms and conditions as mutually agreed upon by the Parties including clauses on "protection of intellectual property rights", "confidentiality", "suspension", and "settlement of dispute" as contained in **Annexure A** of this Memorandum of Understanding.

3. The implementation of co-operations stated in paragraph 1 will be guided by the Joint Action Plan in **Annexure B** of this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE III
FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. This Memorandum of Understanding will not give rise to any financial obligation by one Party to the other.
2. Each Party will bear its own cost and expenses in relation to this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE IV
EFFECT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding serves only as a record of the Parties' intentions and does not constitute or create, and is not intended to constitute or create obligations under domestic or international law and will not give rise to any legal process and will not be deemed to constitute or create any legally binding or enforceable obligations, express or implied.

ARTICLE V
NO AGENCY

Nothing contained herein is to be construed so as to constitute a joint venture partnership or formal business organisation of any kind between the Parties or so to constitute either Party as the agent of the other.

ARTICLE VI
ENTRY INTO EFFECT AND DURATION

1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signing and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be extended for a further period as may be agreed in writing by the Parties.

ARTICLE VII

NOTICES

Any communication under this Memorandum of Understanding will be in writing in the English language and delivered by registered mail to the address or sent to the electronic mail address of UPM or the WU, as the case may be, shown below or to such other address or electronic mail address as either Party may have notified the sender and shall, unless otherwise provided herein, be deemed to be duly given or made when delivered to the recipient at such address or electronic mail address which is duly acknowledged:

To UPM : Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA
43400 UPM Serdang, Selangor
MALAYSIA
(Attn. : Dr. Rozaini binti Abdullah)
Email : rozainiabdullah@upm.edu.my

To WU : **WALAILAK UNIVERSITY**
School of Public Health
222, Thaiburi, Tha Sala District, Nakhon Si Thammarat
80160, Thailand
(Attn. : Asst. Prof. Dr. Prasert Makkaew)
Email : m.prasert@wu.ac.th

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The foregoing record represents the understandings reached between UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA and the WALAILAK UNIVERSITY upon the matters referred to therein.

Signed on this 02 day of Oct in the year 2025 in two (2) original texts, each in the English language, all texts being equally authentic.

Signed by
for and on behalf of the
UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA



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**DATO' PROF. Ir. DR. AHMAD FARHAN
BIN MOHD SADULLAH**
Vice Chancellor

Signed by
for and on behalf of the
WALAILAK UNIVERSITY



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**PROF.DR. SOMBAT
THAMRONGTHANYAWONG**
President



ARTICLE A
PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

1. The protection of intellectual property rights shall be enforced in conformity with the respective national laws, rules and regulations of the Parties and with other international agreements signed by both Parties.
2. The use of the name, logo and/ or official emblem of any of the Parties on any publication, document and/ or paper is prohibited without the prior written approval of either Party.
3. Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 1 above, the intellectual property rights in respect of any technological development, products and services development, carried out-
 - (i) jointly by the Parties or research results obtained through the joint activity effort of the Parties, shall be jointly owned by the Parties in accordance with the terms to be mutually agreed upon; and
 - (ii) solely and separately by the Party or the research results obtained through the sole and separate effort of the Party, shall be solely owned by the Party concerned.

ARTICLE B
CONFIDENTIALITY

1. Each party shall undertake to observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received from or supplied to, the other Party during the period of the implementation of this Memorandum of Agreement or any other agreements made pursuant to this Memorandum of Agreement.

2. For purposes of paragraph 1 above, such documents, information and data include any document, information and data which is disclosed by a Party (the Disclosing party) to the other Party (the Receiving party), prior to, or after, the execution of this Memorandum of Agreement, involving technical, business, marketing, policy, know-how, planning, project management and other documents, information, data and/or solutions in any form, including but not limited to any document, information or data which is designated in writing to be confidential or by its nature intended to be for the knowledge of the Receiving party or if orally given, is given in the circumstances of confidence.
3. Both Parties agree that the provisions of this Article shall continue to be binding between the Parties notwithstanding the termination of this Memorandum of Agreement.

ARTICLE C
SUSPENSION

Each Party reserves the right for reasons of national security, national interest, public order or public health to suspend temporarily, either in whole or in part, the implementation of this Memorandum of Agreement which suspension shall take effect immediately after notification has been given to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE D
SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any difference or dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation and/or implementation and/or application of any of the provisions of this Memorandum of Agreement shall be settled amicably through mutual consultation and/or negotiations between the Parties through diplomatic channels, without reference to any third party or international tribunal.

JOINT ACTION PLAN (2025 – 2030)
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA AND WALAILAK UNIVERSITY

AREA OF COOPERATION 1: STUDENT AND/OR ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF EXCHANGE				
ACTIVITIES	MODE OF ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT	TIMELINE	IMPLEMENTING UNIT OF EACH PARTY
Student exchange (undergraduate and postgraduate)	Short-term (1 semester) and summer program	Number of students exchanged per year (minimum 5)	2025–2030 (annually)	International Office, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences
Academic staff exchange	Visiting lectureship, guest talks, collaborative teaching	At least 2 staff exchange per year	2025–2030	Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences

AREA OF COOPERATION 2: JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES	MODE OF ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT	TIMELINE	IMPLEMENTING UNIT OF EACH PARTY
Collaborative research projects	Joint proposal development and grant application	At least 2 joint grant applications, 1 successful funding within 5 years	2025–2030	RMC (Research Management Centre), Respective Faculties
Co-supervision of postgraduate students	Virtual/in-person research mentoring	Co-supervised students; joint thesis publications	Starting 2026	Graduate School, Supervisors from each institution
Joint publications	Joint manuscript writing and data sharing	At least 5 SCOPUS/ISI-indexed publications	2025–2030	Research teams, Faculty members

AREA OF COOPERATION 3: EXCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS AND OTHER ACADEMIC MATERIALS AND INFORMATION				
ACTIVITIES	MODE OF ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT	TIMELINE	IMPLEMENTING UNIT OF EACH PARTY
Academic seminars/ webinars	Virtual platforms or hybrid events	At least 4 joint academic webinars	2025–2030 (annually)	Faculties

AREA OF COOPERATION 4: INTERNSHIP PROGRAM				
ACTIVITIES	MODE OF ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT	TIMELINE	IMPLEMENTING UNIT OF EACH PARTY
Internship placement for students	Physical placement or virtual internship	Minimum 2 students/ year	2025–2030 (annually)	Faculties, Hospital Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah