

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Thammasat University, Faculty of Social Administration, Thailand
and
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made on the date of signing.

BETWEEN

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University having its principal office at Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong (“PolyU”); and

Thammasat University, Faculty of Social Administration, having its principal office at 2 Prachan Road, Phra Barom Maha Ratchawang, Phra Nakhon, Bangkok (“TU”).

PolyU and TU shall collectively be referred to as the “parties” and individually as a “party”.

The parties intend to explore opportunities to conduct collaborative academic research and student activities and have reached a preliminary understanding on the framework for further discussions. This MOU describes the current understanding between the parties on the intended scope of potential collaboration and areas for further discussions by the parties.

1. Purposes of this MOU

1. This MOU sets out the framework to facilitate further discussions between the parties to conduct collaborative academic research, student internships, summer camps, study visits, and service-learning. The parties intend to continue the discussions and, subject to reaching mutual consensus on the definitive terms and conditions and each party obtaining the necessary internal endorsement, enter into formal written agreement. With respect to PolyU, Department of Applied Social Sciences is the responsible unit.

2. Potential scope for further discussions

- 2.1 The potential areas of collaboration between the parties are as follows:-



- 2.1.1 Development of social work and social development in Thailand and ASEAN region in activities such as capacity building, research, and conference,
 - 2.1.2 Placement opportunities for students from both Universities,
 - 2.1.3 Collaboration in Service-learning programs, and
 - 2.1.4 Student exchange programs
- 2.2 The collaboration shall be between Department of Applied Social Sciences of PolyU and Faculty of Social Administration of TU.
- 2.3 The parties designate the following persons to coordinate further discussions under this MOU:-
- PolyU: Dr. Ben Ku, Associate Professor
- TU: Ajarn Pred Evans, Assistant Dean for International Affairs
- 2.4 Both parties will evaluate the progress of the discussions under this MOU every 6 months.

3. Effective period

The term of the Agreement shall begin effective as of the date of the last signature provided below and continue for the initial period of 2 (two) years. It may be revised upon mutual consensus in writing. Either party may terminate this MOU by giving prior written notice of not less than 3 months to the other. The expiration or earlier termination of this MOU shall not affect any contract previously entered into by the parties.

4. Other terms and conditions

- 4.1 This MOU is not intended to create any binding contractual or financial commitment on the parties except clauses 3 and 4. The headings and captions of this MOU are inserted for convenience and do not define, limit or describe the scope or intent of the clause or paragraph.
- 4.2 Each party shall seek the other party's written consent before (a) making any public announcement on or disclosing any information in relation to this MOU, any proposed activity or collaboration under this MOU; or (b) using in any publication, press release,

promotional or advertising materials (i) the name, logo, trademark, or any other designation of the other party, its school, college, division, department, or other unit, (ii) the name, title of any staff of the other party, or (iii) any abbreviation or adaptation similar to any of the foregoing.

- 4.3 Each party shall hold in confidence any information (including but not limited to data, results, specifications, know-how, drawings, sketches, samples and materials) which it receives from the other party (the “disclosing party”) during the course of discussions or negotiations under this MOU and indicated by the disclosing party as “confidential”. Each party agrees to use such information solely for the purpose for which it was disclosed and not to exploit such information for its own benefit or the benefit of a third party without the prior written consent of the disclosing party. Each party shall disclose such information only to persons within its organization who have a need to know for purposes of fulfilling this MOU and who are bound in writing to protect the confidentiality of such information. This clause shall survive for a period, up to 1 year upon expiry or earlier termination of this MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the authorized representatives of the Parties have executed the Agreement on the dates indicated below.

For and on behalf of
Faculty of Social Administration
Thammasat University

For and on behalf of
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University



Dr. Auschala Chalayonnavin
Associate Professor
Dean of Faculty of Social Administration,
Thammasat University



Prof. Eric Chui Wing Hong
Head
Department of Applied Social Sciences
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

BKK 27 March 2023

Place and Date

Hong Kong 20 March 2023

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