



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING on ACADEMIC COOPERATION

Between

FACULTY OF SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION, THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY

THAILAND ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

SUWANNIMIT FOUNDATION and

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, INC.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and between the Faculty of Social Administration, Thammasat University (hereinafter referred to as Faculty of Social Administration), the Thailand Association of Social Workers (hereinafter referred to as Association of Social Workers), the Suwannimit Foundation (hereinafter referred to as SNF) and the International Rescue Committee, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as IRC) (collectively herein, the "Parties").

The IRC was founded in 1933 in response through emergency relief, reconstruction, protection of human rights and post-conflict recovery. The IRC started working in Thailand in 1976 in response to the influx of refugees from Indochina War. Today, the IRC serve people uprooted from Myanmar in nine camps and along Thailand-Myanmar border, providing humanitarian assistance, health care, legal assistance and resettlement processing and protection for displaced people.

The Faculty of Social Administration, is an educational and research institution with the objective of providing academic teaching and promoting high-level, professional scholarship and research for public benefit. The faculty also works to promote and develop Thai democracy, morality, arts and culture.

The Association of Social Workers is an organization formed by Thai social workers with the following objectives: 1) to promote and protect the rights and benefits of the profession of social work; 2) to establish and promote the professional standards of social work practice; 3) to research and disseminate knowledge and information on social work and social welfare practices; 4) to foster coordination, exchange of knowledge and cooperation between social work and social welfare organizations, as

well as with related professions nationally and internationally; 5) to promote social work and social welfare cooperation networks, and provide welfare benefits to association members.

SNF is a Thailand registered foundation established since 2010, with a vision of contribution to the improvement of quality of life of persons living along the Thailand-Myanmar border. Currently, SNF focuses on strengthening the operational capacity, programming impact and sustainability of community-based organizations (CBOs) that service underprivileged people on the Thailand-Myanmar border.

The Parties wish to memorialize their intent to engage in academic cooperation and facilitate and harmonize the collaboration to build capacity and promote sustainability of social welfare and protection support for displaced people in Thailand. The specific terms of the MOU are outlined below:

1. Collaboration.

The purpose of this MOU is to identify and outline the operations and activities that the Parties intend to collaborate on. The Parties acknowledge their intent to collaborate as following:

1) Objective

- (1.) Join academic collaboration to enhance capacity and increase recognition of Civil Society provide social welfare service to vulnerable population along Thailand-Myanmar border;
- (2.) Join implementation in capacity building and advocacy activities to promote increase access to quality social welfare services for vulnerable population along Thailand-Myanmar border ;
- (3.) Join collaboration to enhance internal knowledge on humanitarian assistance for vulnerable population along Thai-Myanmar border.

2) Goal

Develop curriculum on social development volunteer for civil society and provide psychosocial assistance for displace people in Thailand and along Thai-Myanmar border.

3) Activities

- 1) Coordinate with Thailand Department of Social Development and Human Security (SDHS) to integrate Community Social Development Volunteer into SDHS' volunteer system;

2) Develop certificate course on Community Social Development Volunteer

- 2) It is expressly understood and agreed that this memorandum memorializes the intent of the parties, is not an obligation of funds, is non-binding, and that no enforceable liability or obligation of any nature whatsoever is intended to be created between the parties hereto. In the event the parties desire to be legally bound and create enforceable obligations and liabilities, they agree to proceed in good faith toward negotiation and execution of a definitive agreement.
- 3) The Parties are entering into this MOU while wishing to maintain their own separate and unique missions and mandates, and their own accountabilities. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as superseding or interfering in any way with other agreements or contracts entered into between the Parties, either prior to or subsequent to the signing of the MOU.
- 4) The Parties agree and acknowledge that each is working independently and that the Parties are not and will not become partners, agents, or principals of the other while this MOU is in effect. Nothing herein shall be deemed to create a joint venture, partnership, or agency between the Parties and neither Party shall have the power to obligate or bind the other in any manner whatsoever.
- 5) This memorandum is valid from the date of last signature by an authorized signatory of each party, for period of 2 years, and may be extended by the mutual written consent of the parties. It is also understood that any Party may terminate this memorandum upon 30-days prior written notice to other Parties.

The memorandum is written and signed in 3 copies having equal force, each Party receiving on copy.

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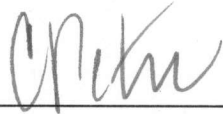
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