Agreement of Cooperation

The University of Hue and The University of Greifswald have agreed

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In furtherance of their mutual interests in education, research and capacity building especially in the area of protected area/biosphere reserve management and biodiversity conservation and as a contribution to increased international cooperation, the Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry (hereinafter: “The University of Hue”) and the Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-Universität Greifswald (hereinafter: “The University of Greifswald”), sign this agreement subject to the following conditions.

Objectives:
The objective of this agreement is to establish and formalize a collaboration between The University of Hue and The University of Greifswald, enhancing education, research and capacity building especially in the area of protected area/biosphere reserve management and biodiversity conservation, and strengthening the capacity of the two institutions.
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1. to establish cooperation for academic and scientific exchange to enhance education, research and capacity building for the benefit of both institutions, particularly in the following fields of interest:
   a. Conservation of biodiversity,
   b. Use and management of natural resources (e.g. ecotourism in the surrounding of protected areas),
   c. Management of protected areas (e.g. Biosphere Reserves and National Parks),
   d. A special focus lies on the UNESCO MAB (Man and the Biosphere) Program in Vietnam and its Biosphere Reserves as vehicles to sustainable development as their incorporate not only biodiversity conservation but also poverty reduction and sustainable ways of land use,
   e. Analysis of land use changes in selected protected areas in Vietnam, e.g. via remote sensing and the application of GIS methods,
   f. Training of lecturers and protected area managers in efficient protected area management, sustainable land use in the surroundings of protected areas or buffer and transition zones of biosphere reserves and in remote sensing and GIS methods and their applications in protected areas.

2. To establish a Regional Learning Centre of Protected Area Management in whose framework a lot of the mentioned activities will take place. The University of Hue dedicates an office as the physical basis of this Learning Centre. Stakeholders from outside the Universities will also be part of the Learning Centre such as the Protected Area Managers and Staff, (Conservation) NGOs, Local Authorities or Development Cooperation Agencies such as the German GTZ or DED.

3. To promote the design and implementation of joint research projects, focusing on the relationship between human and nature, in particular in protected areas and biosphere reserves.

4. To cooperate in the exchange of information related to their activities.

The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this Agreement of Cooperation shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the activity.

On the part of the University of Greifswald all expenses caused by the implementation of this Agreement of Cooperation are completely covered by attracted funding capital, i.e. by the DAAD, from 01.01.2010 until 31.12.2013.

Duration:
The agreement is effective as of the date of its signature. This agreement may be amended at any time by mutual consent and shall be effective for the four years of the German funding period with the strong intention to extent it after 2013. Revisions or modifications may be proposed at any time, effective from the date of the written agreement signed by the two parties.
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On behalf of The University of Hue:

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Rector

-19-03-2010

Date

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