



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Purpose of Cooperation

Mekong Institute (MI) and Hue University – University of Agriculture and Forestry, join their respective practical experience in the countries of the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS), in an effort to build capacity for vocational/agriculture education development and cooperation in the GMS countries.

The MI is a regional institute chartered to provide capacity building activities for government officials, members of private enterprises and civil society involved in the development of the GMS. MI works closely with the governments of the six GMS countries in designing and delivering high quality and relevant human resource development training programs. The mandate of MI includes serving GMS-focused HRD needs, promoting regional cooperation, networking and partnerships.

The Youth Camp Program, in coordination with close partnerships with Thailand's leading agribusiness companies provides such an opportunity for students of agricultural backgrounds from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Viet Nam to have their academic and professional interest duly accommodated with solid hands-on, minds-on and authentic learning experiences through classroom trainings and short-term intensive placements in the partner companies.

Areas of Cooperation

MI and Hue University – University of Agriculture and Forestry agree to cooperate in the implementation of the Youth Camp on Modern Farming Systems which will be held in Thailand for 40 university students from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam.

Acknowledging the importance of network building and establishing partnerships among GMS educational institutions, MI and Hue University – University of Agriculture and Forestry agreed to work together and provide support to the success of this project. This activity hopes to foster a long-term and sustainable collaboration between the two institutions.

The following areas of responsibilities between the two partners are as follows:

Hue University – University of Agriculture and Forestry

1. Facilitate the selection process for suitable candidates to participate in the Youth Camp on Modern Farming Systems



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2. Provide institutional arrangements and logistical support to selected students in securing passport, visa, and other country-prescribed requirements like permits/clearance, medical certificate, parent consent, etc. in relation to students travelling abroad.
3. Provide for group transportation from the school location to the closest Thai border
4. Ensure that the selected students have working knowledge of Thai or English language
5. Provide endorsement to students participating in the Youth Camp on Modern Farming Systems

Mekong Institute

1. Provide in-country (Thailand) transportation costs for selected students
2. Take care of participants' accommodation and food while in Mekong Institute
3. In cooperation with the companies (put name of companies), ensure that the Youth Camp on Modern Farming Systems meets the learning objectives as stated in the program proposal
4. Monitoring and following up from time to time during the Youth Camp Project/Activities
5. Evaluate the Youth Camp program

In Witness Whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective organizations, have signed the MOU on *(X)* April 2012

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