



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
and
HUE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is drawn up and agreed upon to establish the cooperation between the Asian Institute of Technology (hereinafter referred to as **AIT**), located at Km. 42 Paholyothin Highway, Klong Neung, Klong Luang, Pathumthani, Thailand and the Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry (hereinafter referred to as **HUAF**) located at 102 Phung Hung, Hue city, Central Vietnam.

The **Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)** is an international post graduate institute founded in 1959, and is Asia's pioneer institution established to help meet the region's growing needs for advanced learning in engineering, science, technology and management, research and capacity building. AIT's mission is to develop highly qualified and committed professionals who will play a leading role in the sustainable development of the region and its integration into the global economy. AIT is based in Thailand and has affiliated centers in other parts of the world.

The **Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry (HUAF)** is a state university found in 1967 in Ha Bac province and moved to Hue City in 1983. The HUAF's missions are (i) to train technical cadres at college, undergraduate and graduate programs in agriculture, forestry, fisheries and rural development, and (ii) to carry out scientific research and transfer technology in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and rural development for the Central Vietnam.

ARTICLE I.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to enable cooperation between AIT and HUAF for the latter's capacity-building and assisting the latter in establishing its Master's Program in Integrated Natural Resources Management. This will ultimately lay foundation to develop the capacity of HUAF to carry out activities related to management of natural resources and environment in a changing environment of development through joint collaboration between AIT and HUAF.

ARTICLE II.

SCOPE

The scope of activities under this MoU is:

1. to lay the foundation on conceptualizing the subject matter of a new master's program in integrated natural resources management and seek donor support for HUAF faculty to study doctoral degree program related to Natural Resources Management at AIT in order to develop human resources of the collaborative institution.
2. to develop and offer a master's degree curricula and program jointly by AIT and HUAF faculty which focus on integrated natural resources management, environment and development policy issues.
3. to develop a detailed outlines of medium and long term joint activities between AIT and HUAF to support graduate program for future contribution to the advancement of knowledge, skills, and policy and program in the natural resources management and poverty alleviation through research, policy dialogue, publication, and networking.

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ARTICLE III.

DURATION, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

1. This MoU will be effective from the date of signing by both parties up to a period of five years, and may be subject to extensions by mutual consent in writing.
2. Either party may terminate this MoU by giving six months advance notice in writing.
3. The provisions of this MoU may be amended at any time with the mutual consent of the Parties in writing.
4. The amendment, termination and expiration of this MoU will not affect the terms of activities ongoing at the time of notification of amendment, termination, and expiration unless otherwise agreed between the parties.

ARTICLE IV.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Modalities of each type of collaboration, associated activities and financial aspects shall be mutually agreed upon, on a case-by-case basis, in separate Memorandum of Agreements (MoA).
2. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be governed and construed under the laws of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as appropriate, depending upon where the activity under this memorandum of understanding takes place.
3. The two parties will consult with each other and attempt to resolve disputes or misunderstandings that arise in the administration of this MoU or any subsequent associated agreement informally.

ARTICLE V.

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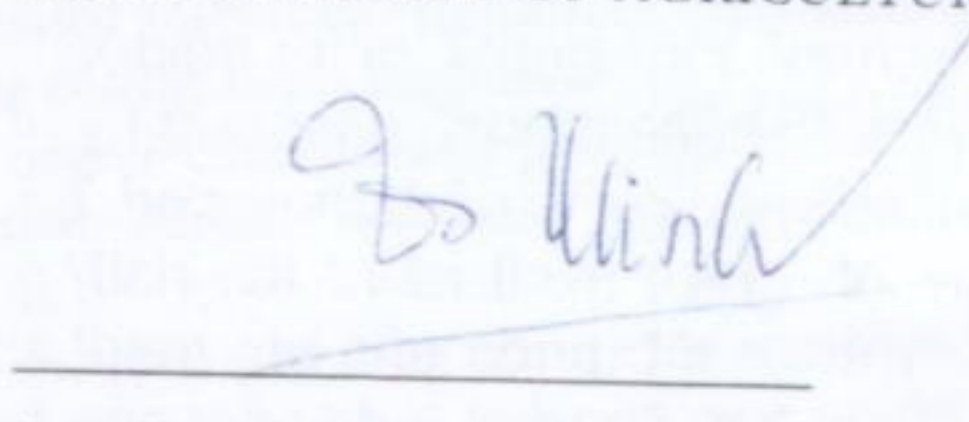
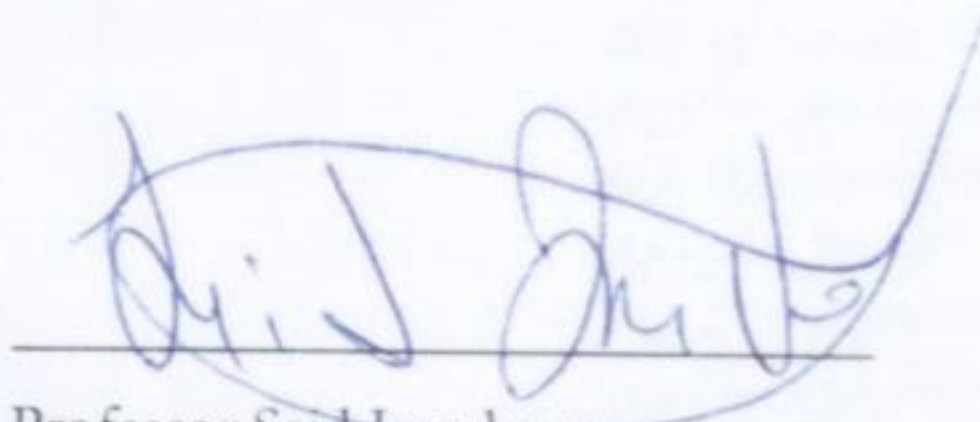
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This MoU is prepared in two identical copies. Each party holds one original copy duly signed by the President of AIT and the Rector of HUAF

Signed for and on behalf of:

ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

HUE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY



Professor Said Irandoust
President

Associate Prof. Dr. Tran Van Minh
Rector

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