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WHEREAS **National University of Singapore (“NUS”)**, **Chulalongkorn University (“CU”)** and **University of Malaya (“UM”)**, which for the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) are represented by their respective Faculty of Science are linked by common academic and cultural interests, and WHEREAS these three institutions wish to enable cooperation and exchange in academic areas for mutual interest, and WHEREAS these three institutions wish to expand the basis for friendship and cooperative educational exchange between Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia. Therefore, all the parties have agreed to sign this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) as a first step toward achieving these shared goals.

NOW THEREFORE PURSUANT THERETO, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

Article 1

The parties agree to collaborate, without limitation, in the following areas:

- (1) Development of collaborative research projects;
- (2) Organization of joint academic and scientific activities, such as courses, conferences,

- seminars, symposia or lectures;
- (3) Exchange of research and teaching personnel; and
 - (4) Exchange of publications and other materials of common interests.
- Cooperative projects under this MOU may include any of the academic disciplines represented by any party to this MOU. The parties shall enter into definitive agreements in respect of the various areas of such co-operation and their scope.

Article 2

In order to carry out and fulfill the goals of this MOU, each of the respective Faculty of Science of these three institutions will appoint a coordinator for the development and management of joint activities to be implemented under this MOU. For this purpose the coordinator for NUS is Prof. Dr. Ji Wei, for CU is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vudhichai Parasuk and for UM is Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Jamil Maah, (hereinafter referred to as the "Contact Persons").

Through these Contact Persons, any of these three institutions may initiate proposals for activities in a non-exclusive letter of agreement. A letter of agreement will include such items as:

- (1) Elaboration of the responsibilities of each institution for agreed upon activities;
- (2) Schedules for specific activities;
- (3) Budgets and sources of financing for each activity; and
- (4) Any other items necessary for the smooth and efficient management of these activities.

The Contact Persons will be responsible for the evaluation of the activities proposed to be implemented pursuant to this MOU according to the practices of their respective institutions. Letters of agreement will be approved by each institution in accordance with its normal procedures for the type of activities proposed therein.

Article 3

The parties acknowledge that in the absence of any specific agreement in writing to the contrary, each party will be responsible for its own costs and expenses in establishing and conducting programmes and activities contemplated under this MoU, including without limitation its own costs and expenses in travel and accommodation.

Article 4

Unless agreed otherwise, all intellectual property held by a party prior to entering into this MOU or disclosed or introduced in connection with this MOU and all materials in which such intellectual property is held, disclosed or introduced shall remain the property of the party introducing or disclosing it. Subject thereto, the arrangements in relation to intellectual property shall be agreed separately for each programme of co-operation.

Article 5

All information furnished in relation to this MOU by one party to the other parties, which is clearly identified as proprietary or confidential at the time of disclosure, will be kept confidential by the receiving party/parties, and will not be disclosed to any third party otherwise than to carry out the provisions of this MOU, unless agreed in writing between the parties.

Article 6

This MOU will come into force on the date of its signature by all the parties and will be valid without time limitations. This MOU may be amended or varied by mutual written agreement of all the parties.

Each party shall act in good faith to ensure that the objectives in this MOU are realized. However, it is understood that each party has the right to discontinue discussions and negotiations without any responsibility for cost and expense or damages of whatever nature of the other parties in the event that the parties are unable to agree on the terms and conditions of one or more definitive letters of agreement.

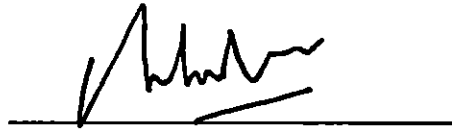
This MOU may be terminated by any party of this MOU at any time provided that the terminating institutions gives written notice of intention of termination at least six (6) months prior to termination.

The termination of this MOU shall not affect the continued implementation of the programmes established under it prior to such termination.

Save for this Article and Article 5, which shall survive the expiration or termination of this MOU, this MOU is a non-binding expression of the current intentions of the parties.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have caused this MOU to be executed by their duly authorised representatives.

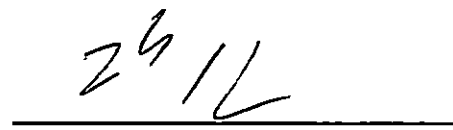
For and on behalf of
National University of Singapore, by



Professor Andrew Wee
Dean, Faculty of Science

Date: 12 December 2007

In the presence of



Associate Professor Chen Zehua
Assistant Dean,
(Graduate Programs and Finance)

Date: 12 December 2007

For and on behalf of
Chulalongkorn University, by



Professor Supot Hannongbua
Dean, Faculty of Science

Date: 12 December 2007

In the presence of



Associate Professor Vudhichai Parasuk
Deputy Dean (Academic Affairs)

Date: 12 December 2007

For and on behalf of
University of Malaya, by



Professor Dato' Dr. Mohd Jamil Maah
Dean, Faculty of Science

Date: 12 December 2007

In the presence of



Professor Dr. Rauzah Hashim
Deputy Dean (Postgraduate Degrees)

Date: 12 December 2007