

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF COOPERATION
between
College of Oral Medicine, Taipei Medical University (TMU), Taiwan
and
Faculty of Dentistry, Prince of Songkla University (PSU), Thailand

In order to promote cooperation in Dentistry education, educational exchanges and scientific research between **TMU** and **PSU**, the following types of collaboration will be pursued:

- Exchange of students;
- Exchange of visiting research scholars;
- Dual (M.S./Ph.D.) programs in the field of Dentistry;
- Joint research projects in the field of Dentistry;
- Participation in international conferences, seminars, symposia, workshops and other activities agreed by both parties; and
- Exchange of academic materials and other information.

This Memorandum of Understanding expresses the intentions of the parties and places no financial obligations or supplementary funding commitments on either party. The terms of cooperation for each specific activity contemplated under this Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon by both parties prior to the initiation of that activity. Each institution shall designate a liaison office to develop and coordinate the specific activities agreed upon.

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon the date of signature by both parties and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last signature. The understanding may be modified by the written mutual consent of both parties. Either party may terminate it by giving the other party twelve months' written notice, unless an earlier termination is mutually agreed upon.

Each party shall not make any public announcement or statement or publish or release any information in relation to any proposed activity or proposed collaboration without the prior written approval of both parties. Each party shall keep confidential any information that it received from the other party which is marked confidential or which a party notifies the other party is confidential.

This Memorandum of Understanding is completed in English and is hereby signed in two (2) copies with one (1) copy remaining in the possession of each party.

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Appendix One

The above Memorandum of Understanding focuses on building a strong and long-term relationship between the School of Dentistry, College of Oral Medicine (COM) of TMU and the (School), Faculty of Dentistry (FOD) of PSU.

1.1 Exchange of Students

The exchange of students between the two institutions will be based on the following principles:

- *Duration*

Undergraduate/graduate students from TMU and undergraduate/graduate students from PSU may attend the other institution for up to two (2) semesters. No degree will be conferred on these students by the host institution. In general, students will be expected to undertake a full load of courses at the host institution at a level and quality equivalent to their level and quality at their home institution, and will receive credit at their home institution for a full course load, contingent upon satisfactory performance in all courses. Evaluations of student work will be forwarded from the host institution to the home institution. The number of students to be exchanged will be agreed upon by the Parties from year to year with an equal number of students being exchanged within the Agreement period.

- *Visa/Immigration Requirements*

Exchange students are responsible for complying with all visa/immigration requirements, laws and regulations of the host country, including obtaining and maintaining any visas and/or permits needed for participation in the exchange program during the entire term of the exchange program. The host institution shall bear no responsibility for exchange students who fail to obtain and maintain visas and/or permits or who fail to comply with visa/immigration requirements, laws and regulations of the host country. Each exchange student must keep the host institution informed of any changes in his/her visa status.

- *Local Costs/Expenses, Accommodations*

Neither party shall be responsible for local costs/expenses. The host institution will assist exchange students in obtaining accommodations to the extent feasible.

- *Medical Insurance and Costs*

The host institution will assume no obligations for payment of medical insurance and medical or dental treatment costs of exchange students.

- *Language*

No persons shall be accepted as participants under the exchange program unless they have the language capability necessary to carry out the proposed work plan.

1.2 Exchange of Visiting Research Scholars

The exchange of visiting research scholars for the purposes of joint research and academic development incorporates the following principles:

- The number of scholars and duration of their visits will be agreed upon by both parties prior to the visiting taking place;
- Both parties agree to undertake necessary measures to ensure the fulfillment of agreed expectations and work/research to be completed prior to any scholar visit commencing;
- The home university pays the travel expenses and salary of its academic scholars whilst at the host university;
- The host university provides a suitable working environment, including office and computer facilities (with internet access) for the visiting scholars;
- The host university is responsible for the implementation and administration of the teaching/research standards, quality assurance and other related procedures.

1.3 Dual (M.S./Ph.D.) Programs

Both parties will focus on dual (M.S./Ph.D.) programs between the two institutions with the following principles applying:

- The dual (M.S./Ph.D) program must be agreed upon by both universities with respect to each candidate, detailing the specific arrangements pertaining to the candidate; TMU and PSU must work closely to complete the dual (M.S./Ph.D.) Agreement Proposal Form for each candidate prior to any student research/study commencing.
- The timing and duration of the (M.S./Ph.D.) student's stay at each university should be agreed upon before the program commences, with a minimum of one year of full-time research/study at each institution.

- Both parties will work together to develop appropriate minimum standards for the selection of students for the dual (M.S./Ph.D.) program in order to ensure the highest quality candidates;
 - Both parties agree to undertake necessary measures to ensure the fulfillment of agreed expectations and work/research to be completed prior to any dual (M.S./Ph.D.) student research/study commencing;
 - The host university will be responsible for providing a suitable working environment, including office and computer facilities (with internet access) for all approved dual (M.S./Ph.D.) students;
 - The host university will also be responsible for organizing relevant supervision of dual (M.S./Ph.D.) students according to their thesis topics;
 - Both parties agree to work together to find financial support for such students.
- Both parties agree to work together to nominate two principal supervisors for each student under the dual (M.S./Ph.D.) program (one supervisor from the home institution and one co-supervisor from the host institution); additional associated supervisors from either institution may be appointed as appropriate.
 - Both parties must work closely to specify intellectual property agreements or conditions relating to the dual (M.S./Ph.D.) program.
 - Both parties agree to provide appropriate support for each (M.S./Ph.D.) completion; the dual (M.S./Ph.D.) Agreement Proposal Form must include details of the progress review procedures agreed by both institutions.
 - The student must produce a written thesis for examination by both institutions and is required to meet all submission and examination requirements of both institutions.
 - Upon successful completion of (M.S./Ph.D.) study, the student will receive two separate (Master's/Doctoral) degrees, one from TMU and one from PSU; the testamur and transcript from both TMU and PSU must specify that the award is made as a consequence of a dual (Master's/Doctoral) agreement with the partner institution.

1.4 Research Collaboration

- Both parties agree to work together to obtain possible funding for joint research programs;
- Both parties agree to provide all possible support to each other in pursuit of collaborative research and related activities;

- The joint research programs are run in conformity with the local regulations and the requirements of the specific funding agencies.
- Both parties agree to work towards collaborating in each other's respective research topics;
- Both parties agree to work towards participating in each other's international conferences, symposia and academic seminars.

These activities outlined in Appendix One will become effective upon signing by representatives of the College of Oral Medicine of Taipei Medical University and the Faculty of Dentistry of Prince of Songkla University.

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