



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**Khon Kaen University
Thailand**

And

**Patan Academy of Health Sciences
Lalitpur, Nepal**

2014

THIS MEMORANDUM (MoU) OF UNDERSTANDING is made on the...^{9th}.....day of ~~June~~ 2014

BACKGROUND:

Khon Kaen University was established as the major university in the Northeastern part of Thailand in 1964 and has developed itself to become one of the top universities in Thailand. Khon Kaen University has recently become one of the nine national research universities in Thailand and an educational center in the Mekong sub-region. The university's major mission is to prepare future global citizens to work in a continually changing world. Its strategic goal is to be recognized both internationally and regionally as a leading university in research. It currently has more than 40,000 students studying in 17 faculties, 1 satellite campus, 1 school, and 3 colleges and in 43 International/English programs which cover a wide variety of disciplines.

Khon Kaen University serves as the leading educational and learning centre of the Northeastern region. It is conveniently located a few kilometers from the center of the city and is situated on a large, safe, and attractive site of green fields measuring 900 hectares. It has excellent facilities and thus provides its students with an environment conducive to learning and with the proper support to achieve academic success. Additionally, it takes an investment-minded approach to education by providing funds for students to pursue their goals of higher education through study and research.

Patan Academy of Health Sciences is a public, autonomous, not-for profit, Health Science Institution established in 2008 A.D. (2064 B.S.) with a charter granted by parliament of Nepal. Its mission is to dedicate towards sustained improvement of the health of the people in Nepal, especially those who are poor and living in rural areas, through innovation, equity, excellence and love in education, service and research. Thus it aims to work in close partnership with the national health system to improve the health care services in rural/remote areas through, among others, producing technically competent and socially responsible health care personnel, facilitating their deployment in the underserved rural areas and providing the needed technical and professional support while they work there.

Patan Academy of Health Sciences has started MBBS Program since June 2010 and it is actively engaged in planning process for the establishment of its own School of Public Health and School of Nursing in near future.

Patan Hospital is the teaching hospital for the School of Medicine of Patan Academy of Health Sciences. The mission of Patan Hospital is to provide quality, compassionate health care to everyone who comes to the hospital, regardless of their ability to pay. It serves people from every district of Nepal, from the remote villages as well as from the Kathmandu valley.

Patan Hospital is one of the largest hospitals in Nepal. It uses modern equipment and facilities to provide treatment for almost 320 000 outpatients and 20 000 inpatients every year. Patan Hospital staff conduct more than 10 000 operations annually. The hospital has been operating with an annual revenue of around US \$3.5 million.

PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between Khon Kaen University, hereafter referred to as KKU and Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Patan, Nepal, hereafter referred to as PAHS. This memorandum sets out the terms and conditions under which the two institutions have agreed to work together to promote academic and research co-operation as well as the exchange of staff, students and information. The spirit of this initiative is intended to develop a closer understanding, greater co-operation and a durable friendship between the two universities, as well as specific co-operation in the development and delivery of agreed education and research programs. This will underpin the shared commitment of both institutions to transforming health professional education to improve health equity.

In pursuance of this aim, the two entities, KKU and PAHS have agreed to the following:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) essentially sets out the general nature of the co-operative agreement between KKU and PAHS. It is not intended that the agreement shall give rise to any legal rights or obligations between the two institutions.
2. Neither party assumes any financial obligations arising from the MoU except as mutually agreed under separate schedules jointly established from time to time.
3. Specific projects encompassed by this MoU will be agreed upon by both parties.

THE GOAL

The intended goal of this MoU is to develop and maintain an ongoing relationship between the two institutions. The relationship will provide opportunities for institution members (academic, administrative and professional staff) as well as students to participate actively in the educational programs of the two institutions.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

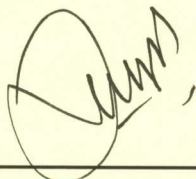
KKU and PAHS propose to collaborate in areas of mutual interest. These may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Curriculum development and design
2. Exchange of faculty members and students
3. Participation in seminars and academic meetings
4. Exchange of materials, information and publications as jointly agreed.
5. Joint research activities and training
6. Cooperation in common academic fields involving students and staff;

COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

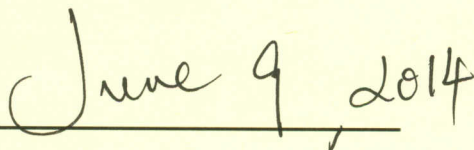
1. This agreement will come into effect at the time of signing and will remain in force until either party gives three (3) months' notice in writing of a desire to amend or terminate the agreement. It is further agreed that any decision to allow this MoU to lapse will take into consideration the time needed for completion of any projects under way or any exchange visitors completing courses.
2. A separate agreement could be made, when felt necessary and appropriate, regarding the specific activities or programs to be undertaken jointly by KKU and PAHS.

CONTACT PERSONS



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(Signed on behalf of Patan Academy of
Health Science)

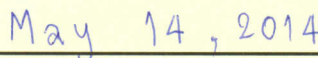


Date



Associate Professor Kittichai Triratanasirichai
President

(Signed on behalf of Khon Kaen University)



Date