



**Memorandum of Understanding
In order to promote Co-operation**

**between
Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Thailand
and
the Plum Village International Buddhist Sangha, France**



The Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University in Thailand and the Plum Village International Buddhist Sangha, the spiritual headquarter in France, hereby agree to the following Interchange Agreement in order to encourage institutional co-operation.

It aims at propagating Buddhism and promoting better understanding and friendship between the two institutes through mutually beneficial programs of activities co-operation and exchange.

This agreement will provide a general framework for institutional co-operation. The representatives of each institute will designate a contact unit or (a) person(s) to coordinate and implement this agreement in the best interest of both institutes.

The two institutes agree to cooperate in the following as:

1. Joint programs for young people in living an ethical life;
Guiding young people according to the teachings of the Buddha, to participate in "Wake Up - Young Buddhists and non-Buddhists for a Healthy and Compassionate Society", a world-wide network of young people practicing the living art of mindfulness, sharing a determination to live in an awakened way in the 21st Century.
2. Co-establishing an International Buddhist Studies and Practices program in residence, at the Master level in the area of Applied Buddhism.
3. Establishing a European Institute of Applied Buddhism (EIAB) Office, representing the Plum Village International Sangha and the EIAB at Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University
4. Exchange programs in retreats, days of mindfulness, workshops and seminars.

5. Offering spiritual, physical and administrative support for the Plum Village Foundation in Thailand in order to train young monastics in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh and Plum Village, in Thailand.

The details of implementation shall be discussed with each other.

Both institutes agree that all financial arrangements necessary to implement this agreement must be negotiated and will be decided by each institute.

This agreement will become effective upon the date of signature by the representatives of the institutes.

Any issues not addressed in this agreement shall be resolved through mutual agreement, and each party covenants that it will make a good faith effort to reach such an agreement.

This agreement is valid for a period of five years from the effective date and may be renewed for every one year automatically, unless written notice is issued from either institutes concerning revision or termination of the agreement at least six months prior to the expiration of the agreement.

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