

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Between**  
**National Mission for Manuscripts,**  
**Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts,**  
**New Delhi, India**  
**AND**  
**Chiang Mai Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (CMMCU),**  
**Chiang Mai Campus, Chiang Mai, Thailand**

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*Project: Survey, documentation, conservation, digitization and online dissemination (for academic research) of Indic origin manuscripts preserved in Thailand in collaboration with Chiang Mai Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (CMMCU), Chiang Mai Campus, Wat Suandok, Suthep Road, Muang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai, 50200 Thailand.*

THIS Memorandum of Understanding (here-in-after referred to as 'MOU') is made and entered on the day, 25<sup>th</sup> in the Month of April in the Year, 2022 by and between Chiang Mai Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (CMMCU), Chiang Mai Campus, Wat Suandok, Suthep Road, Muang Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai 50200, Thailand and National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM), Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi, India, hereinafter collectively referred to as the Parties.

WHEREAS THE NMM will undertake the responsibility of capacity building trainings on survey, conservation, documentation and digitization of manuscripts to the project implementation team working at Thailand, and will help in setting up of laboratory for digitization of manuscripts and provide one-time equipment for the same.

WHEREAS THE CMMCU will undertake the responsibility of providing local infrastructure, administrative support, manpower for implementation of the project within the stipulated time and will provide a digital copy of the manuscripts to the NMM for academic research and digital preservation of the manuscripts.

THEREFORE, NMM and CMMCU agree it is in the best interest of all concerned to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

1. The two Institutions agrees to collaborate in this work with the aims of documenting, conserving and digitizing the manuscripts of Indic origin Lanna manuscripts preserved in Thailand and stimulating scholarly research.
2. The NMM will undertake the responsibility of imparting training to the implementation team working on the project. An NMM team (including the documentation, conservation and digitization experts) may visit for imparting the various trainings.
3. The documentation experts will train the team members on survey and proper documentation of manuscripts, as per the standards set by NMM.
4. The conservation experts will train the implementation team members on basic conservation (preventive conservation) and curative conservation of the manuscripts written on different materials, which requires immediate attention. A conservation procedure manual will be prepared for reference.
5. The NMM will help in setting up of laboratory for conservation and digitization of manuscripts and provide one-time digitization equipment for the same.
6. After purchase of the digitization equipment at CMMCU, the digitization team from NMM will set up the scanner, computers and train the project team at the CMMCU, Thailand. A user manual will be prepared, highlighting the standards, for reference.
7. On-line support through e-mail and other communication channel will be extended by the NMM for smooth execution of the project.
8. The CMMCU will undertake the responsibility of survey, documentation and digitization of the manuscripts of Indic origin preserved in Thailand.
9. The CMMCU will undertake the responsibility of providing local infrastructure, administrative support, Manpower for implementation of the Project within the mutually agreed upon time.
10. Two copies of the digital manuscripts will be prepared. The CMMCU will undertake the responsibility of providing a digital copy of the manuscripts at NMM for academic reference. The NMM will ensure the digital preservation of these manuscripts and make it accessible through its portal.
11. A Pilot project of conservation and digitization of a specific Monastery Deposits of Lanna Manuscripts will be undertaken by the NMM fully as a showcase of the entire plan.

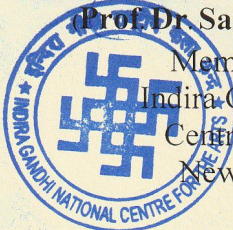
12. Conferences and workshops may be organized in collaboration, on the subjects of mutual interest, as per the conveniences of the institutions.
13. The two Institutions agrees to extend the local hospitality to the experts visiting from each side for the periodic review of the project for its smooth implementation.
14. The copyright of the manuscripts will retain with the concerned individuals / institutions holding the manuscripts.
15. For publication of the digitized manuscripts, specific permission from the concerned copyright holder will be sought.
16. This MOU shall enter into force on the date of its signature thereof by the Parties. The MOU shall continue for a term of three years. Thereafter, it will be renewed for further periods by mutual written consent of the Parties unless terminated by either Party by giving three months written notice in advance to the other Party of its intention to terminate this MOU through diplomatic channels.

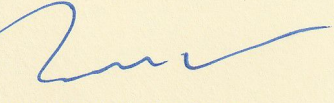
In case of any dispute or differences, arising in course of the execution of this agreement, the matter will be resolved by the Member Secretary, IGNC in consultation with the Vice-Rector for Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Chiang Mai Campus (CMMCU), Wat Suandok, Suthep Road, Muang Chiang Mai - 50200, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

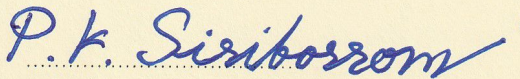
Now, therefore, this Memorandum of Understanding is executed and signed on the day, month and year cited here-in-above.

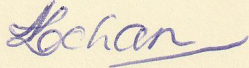


  
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For and on behalf of Rector  
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