



**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Thailand
And
University of the West, USA**

Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU) and University of the West hereby agree to the following Academic interchange Agreement in order to encourage institutional cooperation.

1. **Objective:** The purpose of this agreement is to promote Buddhism and to enhance a better understanding and friendship between the two Universities, through mutual programs of education cooperation and exchange.
2. **Cooperation:** The agreement upon the approval of the Rectors and members of both Universities will provide a general framework for institutional cooperation. The Rector of each University will designate a contact unit or (a) person (s) to coordinate and implement this agreement in the best interest of both Universities.
3. **Faculty Exchange:** Exchange of faculty academic members or visiting faculty arrangements to engage in teaching on Buddhist Studies and conducting Buddhist research at both Institutions will be encouraged. The number and conditions of such exchanges including visit length, institutional fiscal obligations, and other matters shall be decided through a mutual agreement of the Rectors of the two Universities.
4. **Student Exchange:** Attendance of postgraduate, graduate and undergraduate students from one University to the other is also encouraged. The number of exchange students will be in accordance with the need of each University.
5. **Special Programs:** Programs may include teaching, training, cooperation, management, research, or conferences on condition that all the programs are related to Theravada teachings. Other mutual agreed programs may be undertaken on either campus with the approval of the two Institutions.
6. **Public Exchange:** Except for special gifts/souvenirs and other arrangements, both institutions agree to consider exchanges of selected publications and photocopy of library materials of equal value.
7. **Funding:** Either Institution can jointly or separately seek funding in support of this agreement by means of mutual consent.

8. Other Issues: This agreement will take effect when the Rectors of both Universities have affixed their signatures. Any amendment or modification of this agreement requires formal written approval of the Rectors of both Universities and shall be approved hereto. Any issue not addressed in this agreement shall be resolved through mutual agreement, and each Institute covenants including in the appendix, to make good faith effects to reach such agreement.
9. Agreement: This agreement shall come into effect for a period of five (5) years as of the date of its signing by the legal representatives of the two Universities, subject to approval from the Board of Management or any other respective authority and can be renewed or modified upon mutual consent of the two Parties. It shall be extended automatically for an additional period of five (5) years at each expiration date unless either Party gives six (6) months prior written notice to terminate the Agreement.



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