AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION AND EXCHANGE

BETWEEN

CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

AND

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(VIRGINIA TECH)

This agreement is made and entered into by and between Chulalongkorn University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, Virginia, U.S.A. Its primary objective is to facilitate the development of cooperative and collaborative efforts between Chulalongkorn University and Virginia Tech, which will enhance academic interchange between the two institutions. These parties hereto agree as follows:

PART I

Area of Collaboration

The area of collaboration includes, subject to mutual consent, any research and education program offered at either institution and proposed by either as desirable, feasible, and contributory to fostering and developing the cooperative relationship between the two institutions.

Specific projects in an area of academic interest will be selected as a result of coordination by Chulalongkorn University and Virginia Tech at the appropriate administrative level in each institution.

PART II

Basis for Collaboration

All research, education and other collaborative activities conducted pursuant to this agreement shall be conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations appropriate to each institution. In the case of Virginia Tech, these are the laws of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the rules and regulations of Virginia Tech. In the case of Chulalongkorn University, these are the laws of Thailand and the rules and regulations of Chulalongkorn University.

Designated liaison for Chulalongkorn University is Ms. Charurat Tantraporn, Assistant to the President, Chulalongkorn University or her representative and for Virginia Tech is Dr. S.K. De Datta Director, Office of International Research, Education, and Development. Change in liaison designation may be accomplished by notifying the other university.
PART III

Obligations

The obligations of Virginia Tech are:

1. To receive mutually agreed upon faculty and students of Chulalongkorn University to participate in specified research and educational activities and non-degree graduate and post-graduate activities, which Virginia Tech offers. It is understood by both parties that those personnel of Chulalongkorn University who wish to be candidates for a degree or graduate credit must meet all admission requirements of the Graduate School of Virginia Tech. It is further understood that funds will be identified before each such exchange commences.

2. To render to the faculty and students of Chulalongkorn University participating in activities at Virginia Tech the necessary logistic support as available, including office space, library facilities, and other such resources, as they may be available.

3. To assist in locating sources of outside funding for personnel of Chulalongkorn University when they are participating in joint activities with Virginia Tech.

4. To allow specialists to come to Chulalongkorn University to offer courses, seminars, and training, subject to availability of funds.

5. To exchange relevant research and educational material with Chulalongkorn University in the mutual interest of both parties.

The obligations of Chulalongkorn University are:

1. To accept mutually agreed upon faculty and students of Virginia Tech for Joint participation in research and educational activities at Chulalongkorn University.

2. To render to the faculty and students of Virginia Tech participating in activities at Chulalongkorn University the necessary logistic support as available, including office space, library facilities, and other such resources, as they may be available.

3. To permit the mutually agreed upon travel of faculty and students from Chulalongkorn University to Virginia Tech, subject to the availability of funds.

4. To exchange relevant research and educational material with Virginia Tech in the mutual interest of both parties.
PART IV

Effective Date and Duration of Agreement

This agreement shall take effect when signed by both parties. It will remain in effect for a period of five years. Any amendment and/or modification of this agreement requires the written approval of the Presidents of the two institutions, which shall be appended thereto. After the initial five-year period, this agreement may be renewed by mutual consent.

Each party reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon six months written notice to the other.

In witness thereof, the responsible parties hereto offer their signatures.

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

[Signature]
Charles Steger
President
Date: 2/14/03

CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

[Tatchai Sumitra, Dr.Ing.]
President
Date: Jan. 3, 2003

S. K. De Datta
Director of Office of International Research, Education, and Development, and Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

[Signature]
Date: Jan. 13, 2003

Ms. Charurat Tantraporn
Assisant to the President