STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

(VIRGINIA TECH)

AND

KASETSART UNIVERSITY

BANGKOK, THAILAND

In the interest of expanding educational opportunities, Virginia Tech and Kasetsart University agree to promote the exchange of students under the following provisions:

1. Exchange Coordinator

Each party to the agreement will appoint an officer who will be responsible for the coordination and administration of the exchange, including the selection and counseling of the exchange participants. For Virginia Tech, the Assistant Program Director for Education Abroad will serve as Exchange Coordinator. For Kasetsart University, that role will be played by the Director of International Study Center.

2. Duration of Exchanges

Students may be exchanged for a summer, semester or academic year.
3. Number of Students to be Exchanged

The number of qualified students to be exchanged will be determined by mutual agreement between the two institutions.

4. Balancing the Exchange

Parity in numbers of exchange students is the objective of the agreement. Numbers should be counted in semester units: 1 summer = 0.5, 1 semester = 1, 1 academic year = 2. However, each party should be prepared to consider a disparity in any given semester or year during the period agreement. Any and all imbalances shall be resolved by the end of the period agreement.

5. Academic Status

All students will remain enrolled as regular degree candidates at the home institution and will not be enrolled as candidates for degrees at the host institution. Students are expected to maintain full-time status at the host institution.

6. Student Eligibility

The Exchange Coordinator at each institution, acting after consultation with the appropriate academic unit, will be responsible for the selection of suitable nominees for exchange. It is understood that the Coordinator will nominate students who are both academically and personally suitable for exchange abroad and that the details of academic background as well as references will be provided to the host institution. It is hoped that the host institution will not reject a nominated student unless he/she does not
meet the established admission requirements for international students, or unless the host institution cannot guarantee availability of required courses. Courses in Computer Science, Computer Engineering, and Accounting Information Systems will not be offered to international exchange students seeking placement at Virginia Tech.

7. Transcript

Both institutions agree to provide a transcript at the end of the period of study, giving details of the courses studied and grades and credits awarded.

8. Student Program Fees

Each student will pay his or her regular tuition and fees to the home institution and will receive these benefits in turn from the host institution. All housing and meal costs will be the responsibility of the exchange student. The host institution agrees to provide all necessary assistance in arranging accommodation in the residence halls or off campus, as appropriate. All travel costs will be the responsibility of the individual student. Miscellaneous fees such as special course fees, fieldwork courses, key deposits, books, etc. will be paid directly by each participant.

Neither institution will charge students and application fee.

9. Vacation Periods

The individual student will be responsible for his or her own housing and meal arrangements and costs during vacation periods.
beyond its original date of expiration. Either party may terminate this agreement by
serving written notice to the other party. In this case, if either party desires to balance the
numbers before termination, the other party will cooperate in that effort. Otherwise,
termination will take effect six months from the date of the written notice.

14. Agreement

In agreement with the above mentioned terms of participation, the following
signatures are affixed:

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC
INSTITUTE AND STATE
UNIVERSITY (Virginia Tech)   KASETSART
UNIVERSITY

Dr. Charles W. Steger       Dr. Viroch Impituksa
President                   President

Date: 2/21/04                 Date: 5/6/04