MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into by and between:

The Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, with official address at Blacksburg, Virginia 24061-0334, U.S.A., and hereinafter referred to as Virginia Tech and represented herein by its Director of the Office of International Research and Development, Dr. S. K. De Datta,

and

The SEAMEO REGIONAL CENTER FOR GRADUATE STUDY AND RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE, with official address at 4031 College, Laguna, Philippines and hereinafter referred to as SEAMEO-SEARCA and represented herein by its Director, Dr. Arturo A. Gomez,

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech is a non-profit educational organization established to provide education in the highest level of scientific and technological study and research in rural development, natural resources management and application of geographic information system technologies to problem definition and solution in these subject areas;

WHEREAS, SEAMEO-SEARCA, is an inter-government and a non-profit organization, working with some strong agricultural universities in Southeast Asia has produced trained human resources which form a vast of untapped resources for technical and management consultancy services in SEAMEO member countries;

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech and SEAMEO-SEARCA has complimentary capabilities to provide services/expertise requirements in agricultural and rural development in SEAMEO member countries;

WHEREAS, both organizations share the view that highly trained manpower is an essential component of development and that there now exist several universities in the region which offer excellent graduate programs in agricultural and natural resources which can be further strengthened by this association of Virginia Tech and SEAMEO-SEARCA;
NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties hereto have agreed and do hereby as follows:

1. That the association between the two organizations with liaison established between the Virginia Tech Office of International Research and Development in Blacksburg, Virginia and the SEAMEO-SEARCA Consultancy Services Project in College, Laguna;

2. To seek advisory and consultancy services along agricultural and rural development in SEAMEO member countries;

3. That both Virginia Tech and SEAMEO-SEARCA will be able to refer to their association in dealing with clients, including potential clients;

4. The association will enable SEAMEO-SEARCA to draw upon VPI capabilities for relevant services of experts that may be needed by SEAMEO-SEARCA in its consultancy works. Conversely, the association will enable Virginia Tech to do the same;

5. The association will, to the extent feasible, afford personnel of Virginia Tech, while in the Philippines on short term assignment or visits, use of the offices of SEAMEO-SEARCA in College, Laguna, including such things as secretarial assistance, use of telephone, FAX machine, transport facilities within the country, etc. SEAMEO-SEARCA personnel on short-term assignment in the United States will be accorded similar privileges in the Office of International Research and Development at Blacksburg, VA.

6. Professional fees and reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses for proposal purposes will be determined by each of the two organizations and mutually agreed upon on an individual, project-by-project basis. For each project each firm will be responsible for its own costs incurred in developing and promoting the project unless previously agreed upon otherwise;

7. The two organizations will pursue work in agriculture and natural resources and its related sub-sectors, unless prior arrangements by either of the two organizations or client requirements preclude such collaboration;

8. This association may be terminated by either party by giving 30 days notice in writing to the other party. The exception to this will be for contractual obligations or projects which requires further contributions by each of the organization to satisfactorily complete the work, and in such cases termination will be mutually agreed in accordance with project responsibilities.
S. K. DE DATTA  
Director  
Office of International  
Research and Development

By: ARTURO A. GOMEZ  
Director

By: JAMES D. NIC COMAS  
President

Date: February 26, 1992