AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION AND EXCHANGE

BETWEEN

SURANAREE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
AND
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(VIRGINIA TECH)

This agreement is made and entered into by and between Suranaree University of Technology 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 Suranaree University of Technology and Virginia Tech, which will enhance academic interchange between the two institutions. The parties hereby 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.

Suranaree University of Technology and Virginia Tech will select specific projects in an area of academic interest as a result of coordination by 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 Suranaree University of Technology, these are the laws of Thailand and the rules and regulations of Suranaree University of Technology.

The designated liaison for Suranaree University of Technology is Dr. Arjuna Peter Chaiyaseto, Director, Center for International Affairs, Suranaree University of Technology. The designated liaison for Virginia Tech is Dr. S.K. De Datta, Director, Office of International Research 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 Suranaree University of Technology to participate in specified research and educational activities and non-degree graduate and post-graduate activities offered by Virginia Tech. It is understood by both parties that those personnel of Suranaree University of Technology 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 Suranaree University of Technology 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 Suranaree University of Technology when they are participating in joint activities with Virginia Tech.

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

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

The obligations of Suranaree University of Technology are:

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

2. To render to the faculty and students of Virginia Tech participating in activities at Suranaree University of Technology 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 Suranaree University of Technology to Virginia Tech, subject to 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 executed by both parties. It will remain in effect for a period of six years, with a major review three years after its first signing. Any amendment and/or modification of this agreement requires the written approval of the President and/or Rector of the respective institutions, which shall be appended thereto. After the initial six-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 (Virginia Tech)**

S.K. De Datta, Director, Office of International Research and Development; and Associate Dean, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Virginia Tech Blacksburg, Virginia 24061–0334 USA

Date: __1/1/07__

Charles W. Steger, President Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) Blacksburg, Virginia 24061–0132 USA

Date: __2/4/02__

**SURANAREE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

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Tavee Lertpanayavat, Rector Suranaree University of Technology Nakhon Ratchasima 30000, Thailand

Date: __18/2/02__