AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION AND EXCHANGE
BETWEEN
THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY
AND
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY (VIRGINIA TECH)

This agreement is made and entered into by and between Thammasat 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 Thammasat University and Virginia Tech which will enhance academic interchange between the two institutions. The 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 Thammasat 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 Thammasat University, these are the laws of Thailand, and the rules and regulations of Thammasat University.

Designated liaison for Thammasat University is Associate Professor Naris Chaiyason, Rector of Thammasat University, or his 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 Thammasat 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 Thammasat 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 Thammasat 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 Thammasat University when they are participating in joint activities with Virginia Tech.

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

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

The obligations of Thammasat University are:

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

2. To render to the faculty and students of Virginia Tech participating in activities at Thammasat 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 Thammasat 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 other. In witness thereof, the responsible parties hereto offer their signatures.

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