



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
MAHACHULALONGKORNRAJAVIDYALAYA UNIVERSITY,
GRADUATE SCHOOL, THAILAND
AND
MAHACHULALONGKORNRAJAVIDYALAYA UNIVERSITY,
INTERNATIONAL BUDDHIST STUDIES COLLEGE, THAILAND
AND
BUDDHA LIGHT FOUNDATION, THAILAND



This Memorandum of Understanding is made on 20 April 2023

BETWEEN:

- (1) Graduate School of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Thailand, headed by Phra Suthirattanabundit, Dean, with its registered address at 79 M.1, Phahon Yothin Road, Kilometer 55 Lam Sai, Wang Noi, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, 13170, Thailand (“**GD MCU**”);
- (2) International Buddhist Studies College of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, headed by Phrakrupalad Pannavoravat, Director, with its registered address at 79 M.1, Phahon Yothin Road, Kilometer 55 Lam Sai, Wang Noi, Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya, 13170, Thailand; (**IBSC MCU**); and
- (3) Buddha Light Foundation, headed by the Most Venerable Dr. Shih Hsin-Ting, with its registered address at 81, Kubon Road, Bang Chan Subdistrict Klongsamwa District, Bangkok 10510, Thailand (“**BLF**”);

each a “**Party**” and together, “**the Parties**”.

WHEREAS

The Parties agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding on the academic collaboration, Buddhist studies, and cultural studies (hereinafter referred to as “**MOU**”) as follows.

I. Background

Buddhist and Cultural Studies is essential in the propagation of Buddhism. Exchanges and collaboration on education, academic studies, and best practices of Buddhism lead to a wider understanding and extensive propagation of Buddhism.

II. Objective

To promote the academic collaboration and Buddhist studies amongst the Parties; to strengthen relationship amongst the Parties; and to exchange Buddhist culture of Buddhist organizations between Thai and international societies.

III. Framework and Methods

The following main task and functions will be carried out to achieve the objective:

- 1) development of curriculum and the promotion of learning;
- 2) research on Buddhism and culture;
- 3) translation of Buddhist themed texts;
- 4) organisation of academic conference and cultural exchanges;
- 5) exchanges of academic staffs and students; and
- 6) any other activities that the Parties deem appropriate for collaboration.

IV. Duties and Responsibilities

GD MCU has duties and responsibilities to;

- 1) develop curriculum and promote learning at certification level and graduate education level in accordance with the rules and regulations of GD MCU;
- 2) research on Theravada Buddhism;
- 3) translate scriptures and information of Theravada Buddhism;
- 4) conduct academic conferences and cultural exchanges at national and international levels;
- 5) exchange of lecturers and students of GD MCU; and
- 6) carry out any other activities that GD MCU deems appropriate.

IBSC MCU has duties and responsibilities to:

- 1) develop curriculum and promote learning at certification level, graduate education level in accordance with the rules and regulations of IBSC MCU;
- 2) research on Buddhism and Theravada culture;

- 3) translate of scriptures and information of Theravada Buddhism;
- 4) conduct academic conferences and cultural exchanges at national and international levels;
- 5) exchange of lecturers and students of IBSC MCU;
- 6) carry out any other activities that IBSC MCU deems appropriate.

BLF has duties and responsibilities to;

- 1) develop of curriculum and promote learning at certification level, graduate education level in accordance with the rules and regulations of GD MCU;
- 2) research on Buddhism and Mahayana culture;
- 3) translate scriptures and information of Mahayana Buddhism;
- 4) conduct academic conference and cultural exchanges at national and international levels;
- 5) exchange of academic staffs and students of BLF; and
- 6) carry out any other activities that BLF deems appropriate.

V. Non-Legally Binding

This MOU is only an expression of mutual intention of the Parties. The Parties understand that this MOU is not legally binding, nor does it directly or indirectly constitute any legal commitment, undertakings, duties, obligations and/or responsibilities of any kind.

VI. Intellectual Property Rights

Intellectual property rights that are developed through this MOU include any rights of academic works, translation, books, manuals, documents, computer programs, information and any other forms of creative inventions created as a result of the implementation of any sub-projects under the Parties of this MOU.

VII. Confidentiality

The Parties agree to keep confidentiality of all information in any activities, projects and sub-projects that are performed under this MOU and shall not disclose or transfer such information to any third persons and/or entities, and/or to use such information for any purposes at any cases, within the 5-years' effective period of this MOU. The definition of such 5-years' effective period is set out under paragraph IX below.

In the event that a Party wish to disclose such information to a third party, this Party shall inform other Parties of its wish and obtain a prior written consent separately by each of the other Parties.

VIII. Nature of Collaboration

The Parties shall enter into a collaboration agreement in accordance with this MOU. In entering such agreement, the Parties may assign a coordinator to jointly define and/or expand the scope of this MOU in accordance with applicable law, rule and regulations of each Party.

IX. Duration

This MOU shall become valid on the date of its full execution for upto 5 years. This MOU shall expire after 5 years of the execution date.

X. Modification, Alteration and amendments

Modification, alteration, amendments, and/or extension of this MOU can be undertaken by a mutual agreement of the Parties when it is deemed appropriate. In such case, Parties shall put such agreements into a separate additional memorandum.

XI. Termination

Parties may terminate this MOU by giving written notification to other Parties of their intention of termination on at least 90 calendar days in advance of the intended termination date. In such event, this MOU shall remain valid and effective on the date of such termination notification is communicated to other Parties until the expiration of the aforementioned 90-days' notice period, unless agreed otherwise.

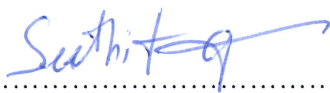
The original of this MOU consists of 3 equal counterparts for each Parties' retention of one counterpart. By signing this MOU in the presence of a witness and affixing of the Parties' official stamp (if any), each Party has fully read, understand and agree with the contents of this MOU.

EXECUTION PAGE

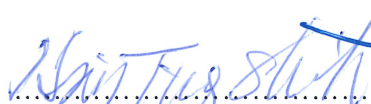
Signed by the Dean,
Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya
University, Graduate School,
Kingdom of Thailand

Signed by the Chairman,
Buddha Light Foundation,
Kingdom of Thailand

Signed by the Director,
Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya
University, International
Buddhist Studies College,
Kingdom of Thailand



Ven. Assoc. Prof. Dr.
Phra Suthirattanabundit
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Hsin-Ting
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Ven. Prof. Dr. Phrakrupalad
Pannavoravat
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Witness



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Phramaha Somphong Khunakaro,
Asst.Prof.Dr.
20 April 2566/2023



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Assoc.Prof.Dr.Konit Srithong
20 April 2566/2023



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Mrs. Chulalux Tananimitt
20 April 2566/2023



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Assoc.Prof.Dr.Prapan Supasorn
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