

# **IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY**



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this agreement is to establish formal relations between Plymouth University, UK, and The Institute of Physical Education (IPE), Ministry of Tourism and Sport, Thailand.

In preparation for specifying a formal framework for future activities, both partners will:

- Explore the feasibility of student progression to courses in Plymouth
- Identify future development of staff and student exchange programmes
- Seek support for projects determined to be mutually beneficial to both institutions.
- Determine which programmes of study would be suitable for collaboration.
- Determine where they would be taught,
- Discuss what fees would be payable
- Identify what arrangements need to be made for assessment and award of qualifications and how the programmes can be effectively administered.

These relations will lead to the agreement to investigate the possibilities of offering the following;

- Staff and student Exchange
- PhD nodes
- Development of joint degrees, possibly in "Sports Tourism Management" delivered at IPE
- Provide a pathway and degree for Thai scholarship students that leads to the award of degrees at Plymouth University. Including but not limited to the following degrees;
  - BSc (Hons) Events Management
  - BSc (Hons) Tourism and Hospitality Management
  - BSc (Hons) Nutrition, Exercise and Health
- Look into the feasibility of offering short courses in Thai cultural activities, such as Muay Thai at Plymouth University
- English language curriculum delivery at IPE

The terms of joint activities and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges, and other forms of cooperation will be agreed upon in writing prior to the initiation of any activity. Any commitment of resources, financial or otherwise, in support of these activities must be contained in subsequent specific agreements.

While no binding commitments have been made by us, we sign this Memorandum of Understanding in recognition of our common interests and agree to consult periodically concerning the status of our collaboration. This memorandum will be valid for a period of three years starting from the date of signing, after which it will be reviewed unless either party declares its intention to terminate the agreement. Any such termination shall not affect existing contracts that may have been entered into by the parties and any such contracts shall be completed in accordance with their terms. This memorandum may be amended in writing at any time by mutual consent.

Each institution agrees to nominate a coordinator to manage activities associated with this Memorandum. The coordinator will serve as the contact person on the campus, being responsible for arrangements associated with visits and ensuring that necessary approvals are in place.

Signed:



**AA** Professor Troy Heffernan  
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Signed:



Sompong Chatavithree  
President, Institute of Physical Education  
(IPE), Thailand

Date:

1. September 2012.

Date:

4<sup>th</sup> September 2012