

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Tameside College,
The Institute of Physical Education, Thailand and
Thai Culture Forum UK.

This memorandum sets out a framework of understanding and co-operation between Tameside College, The Institute for Physical Education of Thailand and Thai Culture Forum UK. It is intended to clarify and formalise the respective roles of all parties.

General Principles

The general principles upon which this Concordat is based is the maintenance of good working relations for the mutual benefit of all parties, underpinned by good communication in both directions. This will assist the effective delivery of the services for which all parties are responsible to the benefit of the user of those services.

Preamble

Tameside College

Beaufort Road, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Tameside, Greater Manchester OL6 6NX. United Kingdom

Principal of Tameside College: Mr. Peter Ryder

The College's mission is:

Tameside College will transform lives by offering first class education and training in order to improve employability and generate economic prosperity

College values:

- Excellence in service delivery
- Commitment
- Transparency
- Respect for learners and staff
- Equality and diversity
- Success for all
- Professionalism

Tameside College was formed in February 1998 from the merger of Tameside College of Technology and Hyde-Clarendon College. It is a general further education with specialist centres for vocational education and training, sixth form education and special educational needs. It operates on two main sites in the metropolitan borough of Tameside, which is located on the eastern side of the Greater Manchester City Region. The College's main centres are based in the principal town of Ashton-under-Lyne and the market town of Hyde. Provision at the Ashton Centre caters for a broad range of vocational students in the areas of:

- Art & Design
- Business, Accounting and Computing
- Construction & Built Environment
- Dovestones (provision for students with severe and profound learning difficulties)
- Engineering & Motor Vehicle
- Food Studies & Hospitality
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Social Care
- Sport & Travel
- Continuing Adult Education

Hyde Clarendon Sixth Form houses the College's A Level provision and a smaller range of vocational programmes.

Provision at the College has been designed to meet the needs of the local community, and as such, provides alternative routes for 14-16 year old students, main stream education for 16-18 year olds, professional and continuing education for adults including Skills for Life and Higher Education. In addition, the College provides extensive opportunities for work-based learning through Apprenticeships and training programmes for employers.

Since incorporation, Tameside College has grown significantly and developed effective partnerships with key stakeholders in the borough and beyond. In the current 2009/10 academic year, the College has approximately 2,500 full-time students aged 16-18, 500 full-time students aged over 19, 250 higher education students and 7,000 part-time students, including employees receiving training at their employer's premises.

In 2008 Tameside College became one of the first colleges in the country to be awarded the national Training Quality Standard and subsequently received the charter for excellence in engineering. The College works with a broad range of employers in Tameside and holds national contracts with prestigious companies including Morrison's, Mercedes, McLaren Racing, Weetabix and Land Rover-Jaguar. The College is also a hub for the National Skills Academy for Food and Drink Manufacturing.

Qualifications from the UK are recognised and respected throughout the world, and Tameside College is renowned nationally for excellence in vocational training and education. At the heart of the College's success is the combination of excellent teaching with state of the art facilities to give student's real skills and qualifications that employer's value and consider essential.

The Institute of Physical Education, Thailand

154 National Stadium, Rama 1 Road, Wang Mai, Pathum Wan, Bangkok 10330, Thailand

The Institute of Physical Education Mission Statement

Institute of Physical Education, Thailand is the leading institute, which produces personnel in Physical Education, Health and Sports Science..

The background of the Institute of Physical Education, Thailand

President of Institute of Physical Education: Mr. Sompong Chatavitee

To establish the Institute of Physical Education offering tertiary education and degree program by incorporating the former 17 Physical Education colleges to be the campuses of the Institute and the then existing 11 Sport Schools as parts of the IPE with status equivalent to academic faculties.

Vision

To be a leading institute in producing and developing personnel in the professional fields of Physical Education, Sport and Health Science towards sustainable international standard of excellence.

Missions

1. To offer education in the field of physical education, health education, sports, recreation, sports science, health science and related fields.
2. To conduct study research, provide academic services to communities, and create learning society for respective localities.
3. To promote and support the educational endeavors for people with special talents and people with disabilities.
4. To preserve and foster arts and cultures, folk plays, and Thai traditional sports.

Strategy

1. Emphasize the application of sports science and technology as principles and guidelines for educational management as well as the development of internationally recognized quality products.
2. Develop body of knowledge in Physical Education, Health Education, Sports Science, and Recreation through sustainable and continual support for the analytical studies and research.
3. To promote and preserve the indigenous culture and folk plays on the foundation of Thai Culture and strive to internationalize them.

4. To enhance the progress of standards for personnel in academic and professional aspects by providing opportunities for continuing education, study visit and support the utilization of ICT.
5. To focus on building the organization and network of operations and at the same time provide ample opportunities for active participation from local authorities, private sectors and general public.
6. To facilitate personnel in the area of education and support for improvement in quality and efficiency of their practices, as well as professional ethics.

Program of Study

- Faculty of Education
 - Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.)
 1. Physical Education
 2. Health Education
 3. Physical Education for the Disabled
 4. Recreation
- Faculty of Liberal Arts
 - Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
 1. Sports Communication
 2. Sports Management
 3. Recreation Leadership
 4. Recreation Administration
 5. Commercial Recreation and Tourism
 6. Health Business
- Faculty of Sports and Health Sciences
 - Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)
 1. Sports Science
 2. Sports Coaching
 3. Health Promotion
 4. Child Health Promotion
 5. Health Promotion for Aging
 6. Therapeutic Recreation

Thai Culture Forum UK

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Thai Culture Forum UK is an organisation running all culture, sports, education and trade activities. Thai Culture Forum UK is committed to opening up learning opportunities for all and allowing students to reach their full potential in delivering world class performances in the workplace, thus contributing well to the economic prosperity worldwide.

President of Thai Culture Forum UK: Mr. Kriangsak Sirisambhand

Thai Culture Forum UK/The Institute of Thai Arts and Culture are aimed at promoting educational and cultural links between the United Kingdom and Thailand. Having a base in Thailand and have exceptional working relationships with Educational establishments and Government bodies, such as the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Tourism and Sports, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Rationale

Tameside College, The Institute of Physical Education, Thailand and Thai Culture Forum UK will engage in a project to promote cultural links and develop educational opportunities within vocational areas. A service level agreement will be drawn up between all parties when the content has been agreed, by all parties.

The parties confirm their commitment to provide each other with as full and open as possible, access to information including, where appropriate, representations from third parties.

In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding, all parties will encourage joint working, such as membership by the officials of one of working groups sponsored by the officials of the other, or regular bilateral meetings, where they agree that there are advantages for the development of policy or the delivery of services for which they are responsible. The parties confirm their commitment to consult and exchange information of matters of mutual interest in a fully and helpful manner.

Tameside College will (subject to UK Border Agency's acceptance and regulations)

1. To support and provide a mechanism to establish UK sports coaching programmes at the Institute of Physical Education.
2. To work with the Institute of Physical Education in trying to establish City & Guilds sub-centre status for the IPE
3. Advise subject to a service level agreement, on all aspects of embedding vocational type qualifications into existing sports programmes being delivered at The Instituted of Physical Education.
4. Provide details and examples of how functional skills/preparing for employment are embedded into UK curriculum.
5. Assist in developing English on line qualifications.
6. Engage in student and staff exchanges where feasible and appropriate.
7. Develop meaningful cultural and educational links with The Institute of Physical Educations and Thai Culture Forum UK.
8. Train assessors in the use of electronic portfolios for the use with candidates enrolled on NVQ Level 3 programines.
9. Provide students' access to the Colleges Learning Box, via a secure individual password.

Notes

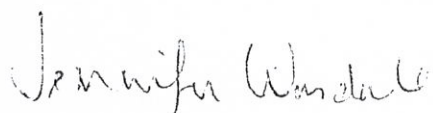
All aspects of the internal/external verification process will be closely monitored by Tameside College, in conjunction with the awarding body; this will include all quality control systems. Tameside College will register trade inquiries / opportunities whereby UK and Thai firms can develop trade and inward investment links.

The Institute of Physical Education, Thailand

- 1 To identify a group of the Institute of Physical Education existing staff to train as sports coach assessors complying with City & Guilds' requirements.
- 2 To identify and appoint one lead assessor per 10 assessors.
- 3 To appoint from existing IPE staff an Internal Verifier to maintain consistency of the assessment process.
- 4 Provide at least two English speaking staff to lead on the sports project to gain essential knowledge and understanding of UK standards and procedures.
- 5 Undertake comprehensive interview, advice and guidance procedures for all potential students, wishing to study at Tameside College.

Thai Culture Forum UK

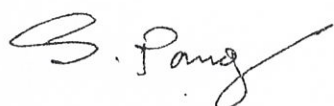
1. Will be the chosen representative to introduce new parties to this project.
2. Will introduce international partners on developing the Sports facility for the 17 branches of the Institute of Physical Education to become international faculty standard.
3. Will provide Thai nationals with a point of contact and thus provide support for Thai nationals studying in the UK such as medical and legal advice.
4. Will provide assistance in securing accommodation, transportation and services for student and staff during the development of this project in the UK.

Signatures



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