

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the **Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) e.V.**,
Kennedyallee 50, 53175 Bonn, Federal Republic of Germany,
represented by the Secretary General,
here represented by Professor Dr. Johann W. Gerlach

and

The Thailand Research Fund (TRF),
14th Floor, S M Tower, 979/17-21 Phaholyothin Road,
Samsennai, Phayathai, Bangkok 10400, Thailand,
represented by the Director Professor Dr. Piyawat Boon-Long

Whereas the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and The Thailand Research Fund (TRF) wish to intensify the co-operation between researchers from Thailand and Germany working in Thai-German research projects or planning to develop such projects, primarily in the field of science and technology, but also in other related fields, and

whereas they wish to include in this co-operation primarily younger scientists and also those from institutions with hitherto little or no international exposure and / or co-operation with institutions of higher education or research in either country,

for these and other good reasons,

DAAD and TRF agree to set up a Thai-German **"Project Based Personnel Exchange Programme"** (PPP), with effect from 11 November 2006.

The provisions agreed upon are as follows:

I. Eligibility

1. On the German side, the programme will be applicable to German research groups in publicly funded institutions and organisations in higher education and research institutions. German applicants will typically be employed at a higher education institution or at a research institution. They will be responsible for the projects on the German side.

2. On the Thai side, the offer will be applicable to TRF researchers, including Royal Golden Jubilee (RGJ) Ph.D. advisors and students, conducting research at academic institutions, national laboratories and organisations as well as non-profit research agencies. They will be responsible for the projects on the Thai side.

II. Scope

Under the PPP grants will be offered as a contribution towards travel and living costs only. There will be no component in the grant to cover items such as bench fees, staff or running costs, equipment, consumables or other such expenses. Grants will not be provided for study purposes or for attending conferences, workshops, meetings, etc.

III. Prerequisites

A precise project proposal for scientific co-operation must be submitted by the Thai investigator to TRF, and the German investigator to DAAD, in the prescribed format. The application shall include both the scientific objectives, technical details, methodology, the likely outputs and achievable goals of the project and the bio-data of the investigator, a list of his/her relevant publications during the last 5 years, and a list of other projects, national and international, implemented by him/her etc.

IV. Support

1. The sending side will pay a lump sum towards travel expenses (including overseas medical insurance) from the nearest place of work in the applicant's own country to the place of work in the host country. The living expenses of the participants will be provided by the respective host side.
2. For TRF researchers, including RGJ-Ph.D. advisors, and German researchers :
 - a. The per diem or monthly allowances will be as per prevalent rates in the two countries. They will be communicated by either side through exchange of letters and published in the annual programme announcements in Thailand and Germany respectively.
 - b. The mutual visits of the researchers will be limited in number and in general be only for a short duration of time (senior scientists 1 month p.a., junior scientists 3 months p.a.).
3. Initially, support will be granted for a duration of up to two years, but depending on the success of the project, it may be extended for a further year. In no case will support for a project exceed three years.

V. Terms of this agreement

This agreement is valid initially for five (5) years commencing on 11 November 2006 and will be automatically extended thereafter for one further year, unless either party gives written notice that they wish to terminate the agreement.

The above mentioned terms of the Memorandum of Understanding may be amended or supplemented by mutual agreement.

Signed this on 11 November 2006, by the duly authorized officers.



Prof. Dr. Johann W. Gerlach
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Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD)
For the German side

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