



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO (USM) and MUBAN CHOMBUENG
COLLEGE OF RAJABIAT UNIVERSITY (MCRU)**

This Memorandum of Agreement is made and entered into by and between:

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO (USM), with principal office address at Bai Matabay Plang Avenue, Kabacan, Cotabato located in Kabacan Philippines, represented herein by its University President, **JONALD PIMENTEL, PhD**, hereinafter referred to as the **FIRST PARTY**;

and

MUBAN CHOMBUENG RAJABIAT UNIVERSITY (MCRU), located in Chombueng Subdistrict, Chombueng District, Ratchaburi Province, Thailand, represented herein by its Dean, **KRIANGWUT NILACUPT, PhD**, as the **SECOND PARTY**.

Collectively, hereinafter referred to as "**PARTIES**".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the purpose of this MOA is to establish a formal agreement for the conduct of the International Experiential Classroom Observation and Cultural Exchange Program, which aims to:

- a. Provide USM students with firsthand observation of classroom practices at MCRU,
- b. Facilitate brief cultural-sharing activities to foster cross-cultural understanding
- c. Strengthen academic cooperation and partnership between the institutions; and
- d. Support the internationalization efforts of both universities.

WHEREAS, the **PARTIES** agree that the program will:

- a. Enable USM students to observe teaching methods, classroom management, and learner engagement
- b. Provide opportunities for USM students to present aspects of their home country's culture
- c. Foster mutual understanding and intercultural learning
- d. Prepare students for future teaching and professional roles.

WHEREAS, the collaboration includes, but is not limited to:

1. A two-week exposure and observation program for students and teachers related to teaching methodologies and academic practices.
2. Exchange of faculty members and students for lectures, seminars, discussions, and cultural activities.
3. Joint collaboration in the development of programs and learning content.
4. Joint research and development in areas of common interest.
5. Scheduling classroom observation sessions in selected courses or departments at MCRU.
6. Organizing campus orientation and cultural exchange activities.
7. Designating coordinators or faculty supervisors from both institutions.
8. Coordinating schedules, learning objectives, and observation guidelines.
9. Sharing reports, documentation, and evaluation outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises the **PARTIES** hereby agree as follows:

I. Responsibilities of UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO

- a. Select and endorse participating students and accompanying faculty.
- b. Ensure that faculty and students comply with the necessary requirements for international educational trips as stipulated in CMO No. 26, s. 2015.
- c. Ensure students observe professional and ethical standards.
- d. Ensure students submit reflective reports and documentation after program completion.
- e. Provide venue for presentation of faculty lectures, seminars, discussions, and cultural activities.
- f. Cover travel expenses of the Dean and this program's Coordinator, subject to availability of funds, and approval of the University President.

II. Responsibilities of MUBAN CHOMBUENG RAJABHAT UNIVERSITY

- a. Provide access to classrooms, resources, and campus facilities.
- b. Arrange cultural orientation sessions and supervise student activities.
- c. Provide certification or official confirmation of participation upon program completion.
- d. Provide venue for presentation of faculty lectures, seminars, discussions, and cultural activities.

III. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, each **PARTY** shall bear its own costs and expenses arising from the program. Further, the **PARTIES** represent and warrant that the financial/ transactions and management arising from this Agreement comply with applicable respective national laws, rules and regulation on accounting

IV. PROJECT LOCATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

This International Experiential Classroom Observation and Cultural Exchange Program will be held in Muban Chombueng Rajabhat University (MCRU), located in Chombueng Subdistrict, Chombueng District, Ratchaburi province, Thailand.

V. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any dispute arising from this MOA shall be resolved amicably through mutual consultation and discussion and resolution between the PARTIES.

VI. CERTIFICATION

The University of Southern Mindanao shall provide official certification and approval of the program through its administrative processes.

VII. RELATIONSHIP

Nothing in this MOA shall be deemed or constructed to create joint venture, agency or partnership between PARTIES and its directors, officers, agents and students. Neither PARTY shall have any authority to incur any obligations on behalf of the other PARTY or to make any promises, representation or agreement of any nature on behalf of the other PARTY.

VIII. COMMITMENT TO SAFE SPACE

Both PARTIES agree to provide additional precautions and measures to prevent gender-based sexual harassment to the students.

IX. LEGAL EFFECT

This MOA is binding on both Parties and defines the obligations and responsibilities for the implementation of the program. It incorporates the stipulations agreed upon in the prior Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and translates them into enforceable commitments.

X. AMENDMENT

This MOA may only be amended or modified through a written agreement signed by both PARTIES.

XI. CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PRIVACY

The PARTIES shall implement and maintain appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect the security and confidentiality of any personal data processed or handled under this agreement. Both PARTIES shall comply with all applicable data protection and privacy laws, rules and regulations.

XII. REVIEW, EFFECTIVITY, AND TERMINATION

This MOA shall take effect upon signing and remain valid for five (5) years, unless terminated earlier by either PARTY through thirty (30) days written notice. This Agreement shall be subject to review by both Parties at the end of every school year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto affixed their signatures this _____ day of _____, 20____, at the Province of _____, Philippines.

University of Southern Mindanao

Represented by: _____

Jonald L. Pimentel, Ph.D.
SUC President IV

Valid ID No. _____

Muban Chombueng Rajabhat University

Represented by: _____

Kriangwit Nilacupt, Ph.D.
Dean, Faculty of Education

Valid ID No. _____

Signed in the presence of:

Leorence C. Tandog, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Lecturer, Faculty of Education
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Republic of the Philippines: _____

Province of Cotabato: _____

Municipality of Kabacan: _____

BEFORE ME, this APR 28 2026 2025 in Kabacan, Cotabato personally appeared the following persons with their respective competent evidence of identity; thus:

Name	Valid ID	Issued By

both known to me to be same persons who executed the foregoing instrument consisting of FOUR (4) pages including this page and they acknowledged to me that the same is their own voluntary act and deed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL at the place and on the date first above written

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