



**Memorandum of Understanding
on
Cooperation of Research for Development
Between
The Thailand Research Fund (TRF)
and
National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (NAFRI)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “**MoU**”) is made and entered into on this **22nd February 2017** (hereinafter referred to as “**Effective Date**”) by and between

The Thailand Research Fund (hereinafter referred to as “**TRF**”), represented by Professor Suthipun Jitpimolmard, Director, located at 14th Floor, SM Tower, 979/17-21 Phaholyothin Road, Samsennai, Phayathai, Bangkok 10400, Thailand, **and** National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (hereinafter referred to as “**NAFRI**”) represented by Dr. Bounthong Bouahom, Director General, located at Nongviengkham village, Xaythany District, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR; (hereinafter collectively referred to as “**the Parties**”).

Recognizing the important role and the mutual benefits of bilateral scientific research cooperation on agriculture and forestry between TRF and NAFRI, have agreed as follows:

**Article I.
Purpose of Cooperation**

The Parties agree to joint collaborative research agenda and adopt the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the Sufficient Economy Philosophy (SEP) with the following priorities;

- 1.1 No poverty
- 1.2 Zero hunger
- 1.3 Quality education

**Article II.
Scope of Cooperation**

The cooperation under this MoU may include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Exchange of researchers for research visit and for facilitating the exchange of scientific knowledge
2. Development and implementation of joint research projects
3. Sharing of knowledge and know-how through seminars and academic conferences
4. Capacity building through degree and non-degree trainings

Hereinafter referred to as “the cooperative activities”

This MoU has no purpose on the agreement between G2G (Government to Government) and does not assume any national research policies within each government.

**Article III.
Funding and Resources**

This MoU is not intended to create binding or legal obligations on either party. As and when details of any of the above activities are developed, such details, especially those requiring financial resources, will be decided by the parties on the case by case basis.

This MoU is not a funding document and all funding is subjected to the availability of appropriated funds. In Thailand, availability of funds also relies on the Government's annual budget appropriation. The availability of funds may come from other sources.

**Article IV.
Term and Termination**

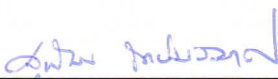
The MoU shall enter into effect upon the date of signatory by the Parties. It shall be effective from the date of the letter of the party's signature hereto and shall continue to be operative for a period of **three years** unless there is termination by each party and not affect the rightfully ongoing activities.

**Article V.
Amendment**


The MoU may be amended or extended by mutual agreement of the Parties and should be made in writing at least three months in advance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto have signed the resent Memorandum.


For The Thailand Research Fund:



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Director, the Thailand Research Fund




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Assoc. Prof. Apisak Dhiravisit, PhD
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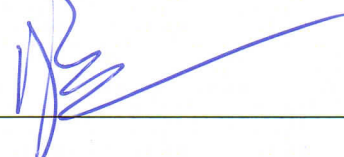


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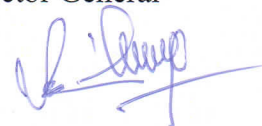
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