LINKAGE AGREEMENT
Between
KING MONGKUT'S UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY THONBURI, THAILAND
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE, U.S.A.

PURPOSE

In order to increase international understanding and awareness on our respective campuses, the Faculty of Engineering of King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi in Thailand and the College of Engineering of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in the United States of America agree to collaborate with each other in a variety of areas, including the exchange of students, the exchange of faculty members and collaboration on research.

EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS

KMUTh and Tennessee will facilitate the exchange of students, singly or in groups, between the two institutions as agreed by the coordinator of each. The home institution will screen its applicants for exchanges and the host institution reserves the right to accept or reject nominated students. Host institutions may set requirements with regard to student competency in language or other areas. Exchanged students must, throughout the exchange period, maintain levels of insurance coverage as mandated by the regulations of the host university or the laws and regulations of the host governments.

Enrolling students will be exchanged on a strict one-for-one basis so as to maintain a balance of student-semesters between the two institutions. They will be enrolled in the regular courses of the host institution on full-time basis and be classified as non-degree students. Academic credit earned at the host institution will be transferred back to the home institution in accordance with procedures determined by the latter. Students will pay tuition and other regularly required fees at the home institution. Students will also leave financial credits for room and board at their home university. All other costs, including books, materials, transportation passports, visas, etc., are the responsibility of individual students.

Non-enrolling students need not be exchanged on a one-for-one basis. The host institution will facilitate arrangements for appropriate educational activities and accommodations but not provide academic credit or transcripts to non-enrolling students of the other institution. Any academic credit which may be awarded to students under this agreement is the responsibility of the home institution.

EXCHANGE OF FACULTY MEMBERS

KMUTh and Tennessee will facilitate the short-term exchange of faculty members, singly or in groups, between the two institutions as agreed by the coordinators. The host institutions will facilitate arrangements for appropriate activities and accommodations. Each institution will maintain the salaries and benefits of its own teaching staff during such exchanges. Exchanged faculty members must, throughout the exchange period, maintain levels of insurance coverage as mandated by the regulations of the host university or the laws and regulations of the host government.

RESEARCH COLLABORATION

KMUTh and Tennessee will encourage collaboration on research between the two institutions as agreed by the coordinators.
SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Each institution’s designated coordinator will screen its nominees for participation in the exchange and will forward those nominations to the other institution’s designated coordinator. The host institution reserves the right to make final judgment.

COORDINATORS

Coordinators will be named by each institution to ensure that terms of this agreement are carried out. Further, all activities conducted under the auspices of this exchange program must have the endorsement of the coordinators. At Tennessee the coordinator will be Dr. Arun Chatterjee in the College of Engineering. At KMUTT the coordinator will be Dr. Piyabutr Wanichpongpan in the Faculty of Engineering. Coordinators will notify their counterparts should a new person be named to the position.

EVALUATION

Each institution shall annually evaluate the linkage agreement and its activities, and write a report.

RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party in writing no later than the end of March in any year. The agreement may be extended by mutual consent of the two parties.

Any amendment to the agreement may be made by the exchange of letters between the two parties.

In witness thereof, the parties have offered their signatures hereto:

King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi

Dr. Krissanapong Kirtikara
President

Date 31/7/02

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Assoc.Prof. Kaseam Petchgate
Dean, Faculty of Engineering

Date 31/7/02

Dr. Fred D. Tompkins
Interim Dean, College of Engineering

Date 10/23/02

Dr. Loren W. Crabtree
Vice-President and Provost

Date 10/26/02