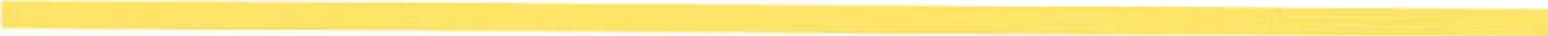

**AGREEMENT ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
ASEAN
AGRICULTURAL
UNIVERSITY
NETWORK**




Agriculture is one of the fundamental forces that drive the world's economics with its significance in terms of source of national income, raw materials for other industries, employment opportunities, and etc. It has also been profoundly associated with almost all aspects of people's lives ranging from food supply and a mean of living. Hence, agriculture is considered a backbone for the world's economic stability and people's standard of living. However, with current environmental issues that affect agricultural section such as climate change, it is essential that available agricultural knowledge and advancements be systematically brought into application based on academic methods to secure agricultural system. Thus, academic institutions with specialties in agriculture come into practice. As a hub of scholars, researches, and visions to improve standard of agriculture, academic institutions, universities, and colleges can be united to as one strong force to drive agricultural section to a higher standard.

As the Thailand's oldest agricultural institution of almost 85 years old, Maejo University has played an important role in supporting and promoting agricultural knowledge and advancements which help improve the life quality of the local people in Thailand. However, most of Maejo University's knowledge and experience in agricultural field is still limited only in Thailand. Hence, the establishment of ASEAN Agricultural Network University (AAUN) which is expected to unite international agricultural institutions, universities, and colleges will be a strong channel to promote all the intelligence to international level and strengthen agricultural section in the region.





Maejo University, hereinafter referred to as Host University, and the universities in ASEAN Community with specialties in agriculture, hereinafter referred to as Member Universities, which are all referred to as Participating Universities:

DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The Member Universities, led by Host University, aim to promote collaboration in the area of agriculture via joint academic activities through the establishment of ASEAN Agricultural University Network, which shall be hereinafter referred to as AAUN.

PART I

OBJECTIVES

The AAUN shall pursue the following objectives:

1. ACCELERATE collaboration in the area of agriculture among academicians, researchers, and scholars of the Participating Universities.
 2. PROMOTE exchange of academic information and materials in the area of agriculture among the Participating Universities.
 3. DEVELOP agricultural section in the region.
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PART II
MEMBERS

Any academic institutions with specialty in agriculture of any ASEAN member country is invited to join AAUN upon signing this Agreement. Any non-agricultural and non-ASEAN academic institution is also welcomed to join the network by signing this Agreement and will be considered as Honorary Member.

PART III
AREAS OF COOPERATION

Cooperative activities of AAUN include the followings:

1. Exchange of scholars and faculties (professors, lecturers, administrators, and researchers);
2. Exchange of students;
3. Exchange of academic information and materials of mutual interest;
4. Organization of joint research programs;
5. Organization of lectures, talks, symposiums, and international conferences
6. Development of international courses for Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees
7. Establishment and development of international journals.
8. Other academic exchanges as agreed by both parties

The detailed terms of such activities shall be formulated and mutually agreed upon in written contract/agreement by two Participating Universities before the onset of the activity.






PART IV
EFFECTIVITY

This Agreement is effective on the date of the signing by Participating Universities and will remain effective for five (5) years. It may be terminated by the Participating Universities upon submission of written request to the Host University, three (3) months prior to its meeting.

By signing this Agreement, the university as represented by the endorser agree to the terms as expressed in this Agreement.

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