MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY BANGKOK, THAILAND

and

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, SCHOOL OF NURSING AT BIRMINGHAM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In order to encourage closer academic ties, Thammasat University and the University of Alabama School of Nursing at Birmingham enter into an agreement of cooperation to establish programs of exchange and collaboration in areas of interest and benefit to both institutions. This agreement will serve as a general framework for cooperation between the two universities and is intended to facilitate discussions of more specific programs of any collaborations. In particular, the two universities agree:

- a. to identify opportunities for exchange of faculty, students, and research staff;
- b. to establish the international healthcare management program that will enable interested and qualified students to pursue either short-term or one-year programs of study in each other's institutions;
- c. to facilitate visits by authorized officials from each university for the purpose of studying the other's educational system in order to develop cooperative mechanisms and to expand areas of cooperation;
- d. to identify other areas of possible interest and collaboration;
- e. to make faculty and students aware of the academic programs, research institutes, and educational resources of each other's institution;
- f. to provide information sharing and contact for accommodations, meals, in-country transportation, emergency services, and appropriate documentation for the delegations' visit.

A designated person at each institution shall oversee and facilitate implementation of this agreement in cooperation with other appropriate administrators at the respective institutions.

The scope of activities under this agreement shall be determined by the funds regularly available at both institutions for the types of collaboration undertaken and by such other financial assistance as may be obtained by either institutions.

Upon approval by each institution, this agreement shall be in effect until terminated by the either institutions. The two universities may terminate this agreement by giving the other institution at least six months advance notice of their intention to terminate. Termination shall be without penalty.

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