

**Minutes of Discussion
Between
H.E. Dr. Sirikorn Maneerin, Deputy Minister of Education
and
Dr. James A. Ebben, President of Edgewood College
On
Framework of Cooperation between the Ministry of Education, Thailand and
Edgewood College, Madison, Wisconsin, USA**

The discussion was held on 19 January 2003, 11.30–13.00 hrs at Vajiravudh College, Bangkok, with the following attendees:

Representing the Ministry of Education

H.E. Dr. Sirikorn Maneerin, Deputy Minister

Dr. Nahathai Thewphaingam, Assistant Secretary to the Minister of Education

Dr. Amrung Chantavanich, Deputy Permanent Secretary

Dr. Benja Chonlatanon, Deputy Secretary–General, Rajabhat Institutes Council

Mr. Bundit Sriputtangkul, Director, Institute for the Development of Educational Administrators

Ms Orachart Suebsith, Chief, Bilateral Cooperation Section

Representing Vajiravudh College

Ms Kirin Sahasewiyon, Educational Consultant

Dr. Nyle Spoelstra, Head of Foreign Languages Department

Representing Edgewood College

Dr. James A. Ebben, President

Sister Sarah Naughton, International Outreach Director

Sister Margaret Hopkins, Dominican Mission Office

Both sides agreed to develop the “Framework of Cooperation between the Ministry of Education, Thailand and Edgewood College” as appears below.

Framework of Cooperation between Ministry of Education and Edgewood College

1. Introduction

Thailand is in the process of implementing education reform in accordance with the Thai National Education Act 1999. The areas of education reform include improving the quality of learning, ensuring basic education for all, restructuring the education system, reorganizing the administrative system, introducing a system of education quality assurance, enhancing professionalization and the quality of the teaching profession, mobilizing resources and increasing investment in education and technologies for education reform.

2. Principles of Collaboration.

The Ministry of Education, Thailand and Edgewood College, Madison Wisconsin, USA, have agreed to develop a framework of cooperation based on the following principles:

- Mutual respect for each country's educational traditions, expertise, policies, practice and wisdom;
- Exchanges of information, experience and ideas;
- Win-win partnerships delivering mutual benefits to both countries; and
- Joint resource mobilization in support of agreed objectives and programmes of activities.

3. Priority Areas for Collaboration

The Ministry of Education, Thailand, and Edgewood College have identified education reform and priority areas which are of mutual interest to both parties. Both have agreed on priority areas for educational collaboration under this Framework, which include, but will not be restricted to the following:

- 3.1. School Leadership (including curricula and programmes for the professional development and certification of school leaders and personnel of the Institute for the Development of Educational Administrators, covering issues such as governance, communications with various publics, the role of educational service areas, and assessment).
- 3.2. Teacher Preparation for student centered learning
 - 3.2.1. Science and Mathematics
 - 3.2.2. English Language
 - 3.2.3. Special Education
 - 3.2.4. Gifted Students' Education
- 3.3. Educational / Professional Networking for student centered learning
 - 3.3.1. Through Exchange of Students, Teachers and Administrators
 - 3.3.2. On Language Immersion / Bilingual Education
 - 3.3.3. On Strengthening of Values Education
 - 3.3.4. On the Operation of Choice Schools in the United States
 - 3.3.5. On Online Teaching / Resource Tools

4. Mechanism of Collaboration

The Ministry of Education, Thailand, and Edgewood College shall hold an annual consultative meeting to develop their annual collaborative programme of activities. Before the end of each year, the two parties shall jointly review the effectiveness of their collaborative programme undertaken during the year so as to improve their programme for the subsequent year.

5. Validity of this Framework for Collaboration.

This Framework for Collaboration is valid for three years from the date of signature, and may be amended, renewed or extended by mutual agreement between the two parties at any time.

Signed in Bangkok on 24/January/2003

By representatives of the two parties:

J. Man---

Dr. Sirikorn Maneerin
Deputy Minister of Education,
Bangkok, Thailand

24 | Jan | 2003

Sister Sarah Naughton SP, for

Dr. James A. Ebben
President, Edgewood College,
Madison, Wisconsin, USA

24/Jan/2003