# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND UNIVERSITAS ANDALAS (UNAND)

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MoU) is drawn up and agreed upon to establish the cooperation between the Asian Institute of Technology (hereinafter referred to as AIT), located at Km. 42, Paholyothin Highway, Klong Neung, Klong Luang, Pathumthani, Thailand and the Universitas Andalas (hereinafter referred to as UNAND) located at Kampus UNAND Limau Manis, Padang 25163 – Indonesia

The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) is an international post graduate institute founded in 1959, and is Asia's pioneer institution established to help meet the region's growing needs for advanced learning in engineering, science, technology and management, research and capacity building. AIT's mission is to develop highly qualified and committed professionals who will play a leading role in the sustainable development of the region and its integration into the global economy. AIT is based in Thailand and has affiliated centers in other parts of the world.

Andalas University is the first and the oldest Indonesian public university ever established outside Java, Indonesia, founded in 1956. To date, eleven faculties and one graduate program have been established. UNAND's mission is to provide an excellent academic education and profession, to perform fundamental and innovative applied researches, to dedicate science and technology for people benefit, to create a productive and sustainable cooperation networking and to develop the institution in alleviating quality of good governance which in line with strategic environmental changes.

#### ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to enable cooperation between AIT and UNAND by developing collaboration on academic, research, training, advisory, and consultancy activities in order to enhance the capacity of both parties.

### ARTICLE II. SCOPE

The activities under the scope of this MoU are related, but not limited to:

1. Developing faculty and staff exchange programs

2. Upgrading capacity of UNAND teaching staff members

3. Developing student exchange programs, unified bachelor-master's degree programs, dual master's degree programs

4. Developing and participating in joint research endeavors

5. Organizing jointly international conferences of global recognition.

6. Holding short courses, seminars, symposia, or workshops on areas of interest to both institutions and/or countries.

7. Exchanging teaching and research information between the two institutions.

#### ARTICLE III. DURATION, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

- 1. This MoU will be effective from the date of signing by both parties up and will remain valid for five years. It may be subject to extensions by mutual consent in writing.
- 2. Either party may terminate this MoU by giving six months advance notice in writing.
- 3. The provisions of this MoU may be amended at any time with the mutual consent of the Parties in writing.

4. The amendment, termination and expiration of this MoU will not affect the terms of activities ongoing at the time of notification of amendment, termination, and expiration unless otherwise agreed between the parties.

## ARTICLE IV. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Modalities of each type of collaboration, associated activities and financial aspects shall be mutually agreed upon a case-by-case basis in separate Memorandum of Agreements (MoA).
- 2. Both Parties shall do their utmost to ensure the smooth and efficient implementation of activities to be carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding.
- 3. This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Thailand and Indonesia, as appropriate, depending upon where the activity under this MoU takes place.
- 4. The two parties will consult with each other and attempt to resolve disputes or misunderstandings that arise in the administration of this MoU or any subsequent associated agreement informally.

# ARTICLE V. CONTACT PERSONS (DETAILS)

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This MoU is prepared in two identical copies. Each party holds one original copy duly signed by the President of AIT and the Rector of UNAND.

Signed for and on behalf of:

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