MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS
OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

AND

WESTERN AUSTRALIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to:

- Promote cooperation in education between MOEYS and DET
- Build mutual capacity in Cambodian Education System and the WA Education System
- Establishing cultural awareness between Western Australia and Cambodia

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

We undertake to develop bilateral programs that will focus on:

(a) Leadership and Teacher Competency
(b) School Health
(c) VET in Secondary Schools
(d) Cultural awareness and understanding

In the area of Leadership and Teacher Competency these programs may include:

- Exchange programs
- Professional development
- Peer support programs
- Quality assurance processes

In the area of School Health these programs may include:

- Physical environment and infrastructure
- Curriculum, programs, policy and support materials

In the area of VET in Secondary Schools these programs may include:

- Curriculum, programs, policy and support materials
- Management and administration
- Instructor capacity building (e.g. teacher exchange)
- Health and safety in the workshop and laboratory
- Quality assurance
In the area of Cultural Awareness and understanding these programs may include:

- Sister school relationships
- Study tour relationships
- Sister district relationships

Undertake any other forms of cooperation as may be mutually determined

3. ARRANGEMENT OF PROGRAMS

Details of any programs will be arranged through the Director General of Education in Cambodia and the Director General of the Department of Education and Training and will be subject to the approval of both parties.

4. EXPENSES

The costs of the cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be funded on terms to be mutually determined and shall be subject to the availability of funds.

5. JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE

The role of the steering committee is to enact the Memorandum of Understanding.

The steering committee will establish, as required, working parties to implement the projects arising out of the Areas of Cooperation.

The steering committee will convene at least once per year (e.g. via meeting, telephone)

6. REVISION OR AMENDMENT

Either Party may request in writing a revision of or an amendment to this Memorandum of Understanding.

Any revision or amendment agreed to by both Parties shall be reduced in writing and shall form part of this Memorandum of Understanding. Such revision or amendment shall come into effect on such date as may be determined by both parties.

7. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any differences or disputes arising out of the interpretation or applications of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties without reference to any third parties or international tribunal.

8. ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

(a) This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signature.

It shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, unless one of the Parties in
writing notifies the other, through diplomatic channel of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at least six (6) months prior to the intended date of termination.

(b) Unless notice of termination has been given by either Party at least six (6) months before the date of its termination, this Memorandum of Understanding shall be automatically extended for successive period of five (5) years, each Party reserving the right to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding upon written notice of at least six (6) months.

(c) The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be without prejudice to the right and obligations of the Parties under this Memorandum of Understanding prior to the date of termination.

Signed in Phnom Penh, on this day 2nd of May 2006

Signatories

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