

**Letter of Intent  
Between  
University of Fisheries, Nha Trang  
And  
Aqua Outreach, Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources Management Program,  
Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok**

By signature of this Letter of Intent, the University of Fisheries, Nha Trang (UoF) and Aqua Outreach, Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources Management Program, Asian Institute of Technology (AOP) commit themselves to work together to develop co-operation in the field of aquatic resources development and management in south central Vietnam. The Letter of Intent is a first step towards drawing up a detailed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will cover the period January 1, 1999 – December 31, 2001 and be supported by the AOP under its project "Support for AIT Aqua Outreach in Indochina and Northeast Thailand", funded by the Danish International Development Assistance (Danida).

Under this Letter of Intent, the signatories agree that

1. In the future, communication between the parties will be channelled through a Project Manager, appointed by and responsible to the Rector of UoF, and the AIT-Danida Senior Education Advisor of AOP. All communications will be copied to the Vice-Rector of UoF (Prof. Tran Thi Luyen) and the Co-ordinator of AOP.
2. A Project Steering Committee (PSC) will be established consisting of the AOP Co-ordinator, the AIT-Danida Senior Education Advisor, the UoF Project Manager, the Deputy Head of International Relations (Dr Lai Van Hung) and two representatives from the Faculty of Aquaculture.

This PSC will be responsible for the drafting of the full MOU as well as general direction of the co-operation in the subsequent period of implementation. It will meet at least twice a year in Nha Trang to review progress under the Project, set the work plan and the operational budget for the coming six months.

3. The process to be followed in developing the MOU is as follows:

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| i)   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Draft available by | 4 <sup>th</sup> February    |
| ii)  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Final Draft by | 3 <sup>rd</sup> March       |
| iii) | Formal MOU signing no later than   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 1999 |

4. The Memorandum will cover activities in the following areas:

- Provision of scholarships and short-term fellowships
- Curriculum development activities
- Faculty and student research projects

- Provision of selected teaching and research equipment and materials
- Development of capacity in media materials production
- Training workshops
- Study tours

(for a detailed preliminary list of outputs and activities please refer to the attached 1<sup>st</sup> Draft MOU, Annex 1)

5. Certain Project activities will be expedited prior to the formal signing of MOU. This recognizes the existing interaction between the parties on an unofficial basis over the past two years, notably with regard to the work of the Consultative Group on Aquaculture Education (CGAE) and its proposed National Assessment for Aquaculture Education (NAAE). It is agreed that UoF will play a co-ordinating role in this sub-project and the Project Manager will work with the AIT Senior Education Advisor in reviving the proposed activities (Annex 2).
6. In support of these activities, the UoF will open a separate account for Project activities and designate/open a dollar account at a local Bank into which AIT can transfer resources as agreed. These accounts will serve as the basis for money transfers under the Project in the future. The UoF internal account will be divided into line items according to Annex 3.
7. Other project activities may begin before the signature of the MOU on written agreement between the two parties.

Signed

Rector Prof. Dr Quach Dinh Lien  
On behalf of the University of Fisheries

AIT-Danida Senior Advisor, Mads Korn  
On behalf of AIT Aqua Outreach

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1999

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