

Opening Remarks

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Your Excellency Mr. John McCarthy, Australian Ambassador
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure and honour to be among distinguished Australian and Thai academics here today. May I extend a cordial welcome to you all and to our Australian colleagues who have flown all the way to be with us. I believe with your collective efforts and wisdom, human resource in the region will further be developed.

Higher education cooperation between Australia and Thailand since established has continued to flourish through the strong support of both the Governments of Australia and Thailand and the authorities concerned. It is now evident that higher education institutions in our two countries have cooperated in more diversified forms and aspects and that the scope of collaboration has been immensely broadened. I think the initiatives of DEET and MUA to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on Educational and Research Cooperation have indeed brought out fertility in our academic bonds.

Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, it is welcoming to see that the mechanism employed to administer cooperation under the framework of the MOU has led to the actual implementation of activities that stimulate greater academic mobility. We are now able to undertake projects that are responsive to the need of our institutions, nurturing academic progress and excellence both in terms of quality and quantity.

This very seminar, I believe, will be another "tool" to motivate more and closer collaboration between our institutions.

I am looking forward to having your active and fruitful deliberations throughout this two-day seminar. I also trust that with our commitments and existing friendly relations, we will be able to contribute to the educational development in our respective countries.

May I now invite His Excellency Mr. John McCarthy, Australian Ambassador to express a few words.

Your Excellency please.

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