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WELCOME TO THE INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION CO-OPERATION BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THAILAND

This service, which is being offered with the assistance of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee, enables Australian and Thai higher education institutions to make known their interests in finding collaborating partners for various forms of academic co-operation. Institutions and staff of institutions wishing to identify counterparts in the other country who would be interested in establishing student exchange arrangements; programs for staff development/staff exchanges; arrangements for collaborating on particular research areas; and/or co-operating in other academic endeavours are invited to make use of the service.

Any comments or enquiries about the purposes of the service should be directed to: Michelle Kapp Tel: 06 2858200 (International: 61-6-2858200) e-mail: michelle.kapp@avcc.edu.au

Any requests for assistance if problems are encountered in connecting with the system should be directed to: Ian McDonald, Tel: 06 2858200 (International: 61 6 2858200) e-mail: i.mcdonald@avcc.edu.au

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Australia/Thailand Higher Education Information Exchange.

The Australia/Thailand Higher Education Information Exchange is a service being provided by the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (AVCC) to enable the exchange of information between higher education institutions to establish links with collaborating colleagues for various forms of academic co-operation. The mechanism for the exchange of information is based on 'Gopher' which is basically a lookup tool that lets the user browse for resources on the Internet using menus. Once an item of interest is found, the user can read it or access it through Gopher without worry about the technical considerations necessary to navigate the Internet.

To use the service, the user will need to have access to a Gopher client program which must be installed on a computer connected to the Internet. Most of this software for many hardware platforms is freely available on the Internet itself and information service personnel at institutions should be able to provide and install the software. The Gopher client needs only to have an entry that points to the AVCC Gopher server (ftpserver.avcc.edu.au) to have full access. Connecting to the AVCC server will present the user with a menu as follows:

<F> About the AVCC Gopher Server
<F> About the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee
<F> Information on AARNet
<D> AVCC Statistics via Gopher
<D> Australia/Thailand Higher Education Information Exchange
<D> ANU Electronic Library Information Service
<D> University of Minnesota (Original Gopherhole)

The Australia/Thailand Higher Education Information Exchange menu structure is largely self explanatory and is separated into information being sought by both Australians and Thais. Information to be made available through this service should be forwarded electronically (e-mail) as text in the following format:

- Name
- Position
- Institution
- e-mail contact
- Type of contact sought, ie., one of:
  a) student exchanges
  b) staff development/exchanges
  c) research collaboration
  d) other academic co-operation
- brief description of reason for seeking contact (to be used as the basis for the entry in the menu list)
- a more complete description, less than one page, of the contact sought (to be used as the text displayed against the entry listing).

Any problems that arise in connecting to the service, once appropriate software is in place and is operating correctly, should be directed to:
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Any enquiries, postings to be placed on the Australia/Thailand Higher Education Information Exchange, or general comments should be directed to:
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