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## The Faculty of Science, Mahidol University & the University Sussex, UK Successfully Signed MOU in Double Degree Program

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Mahidol University (MU), Thailand and the University of Sussex (US) of UK has developed its significant academic collaborations for a few visible years prior to the first official **Joint Symposium: University of Sussex and Mahidol University, “Toward the Biomedical Research in 21<sup>st</sup> Century”**, that is jointly launched by the Faculty of Science (MUSC) and the School of Life Science in 2013. Potential invited speakers from the two universities were broadly attended in this initiative felicitous collaboration. Particularly, the Faculty of Science (MUSC) became an outstanding faculty in playing a key active role in further strengthening academic collaborations between the two institutions.

Visiting the University of Sussex of the Dean of MUSC together with the Deputy Dean for Academic and International Cooperation and representatives from the Department of Anatomy in April 2014, has successfully brought a closer relationship between the US’s School of Life Sciences and MUSC. The US also maintains its fruitful continuation, proposed an official visit to MUSC of the Director of Student Recruitment and International Affairs - Mr. Marcus Williams, and Mr. Paul Roberts, Assistant Director in June 2014 – to discuss for more possible joint education and research collaborations. The visit this time has successfully initiated a Joint Double Degree Program on Biomedical, also provided an interview opportunity to the MUSC’s undergraduate student who was selected to participate in the International Junior Research Associate Scheme (JRC) 2014, where a scholarship for student exchange program on Molecular Pharmacology was offered by US. This particular student exchange program was also agreed and partially supported by MU.



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October 6th 2014, the Faculty of Science recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the University of Sussex. Signing ceremony was held at the Office of the President, Mahidol University between Prof. Michael Farthing, Vice Chancellor, University of Sussex and Prof. Skorn Mongkolsuk, Dean, Faculty of Science. The MOA is committed by both institutions to cooperate an International Undergraduate Program in Biomedical Science, called “the 2+2 Double Degree Program”. This articulation agreement leads to the award of BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science for students who successfully complete two years on the BSc (Hons) Medical Science at Mahidol University, followed by two years on the BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science at Sussex.

To officially finalize this 2+2 Double Degree Program becomes completely recognized, this showcase collaboration was also distinguished in the university level when Mahidol University and the University of Sussex have mutually agreed in the MOU and organized the same occasion a MOU signing ceremony on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014. The ceremony was gladly joined and witnessed by both institution’s executive representatives and key related administrators.

The two institutions remain its affordable education networking and student mobility, looking forward to building-up such a fruitful collaboration - trying to identify gaps of science study that still existing in the different countries, in order to meet with global goals of population development and finally to provide “Education for All”