



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(Developing Long-term Partnership through Knowledge Sharing)

Shikoku Medical Center for Children and Adults (SMCCA), Japan, and Queen Sirikit National Institute of Child Health (QSNICH), Thailand, (hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Parties”) have agreed to strengthen cooperation from the perspective of developing long-term partnership between the Parties, through Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “the MOU”).

1. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to provide an initial action plan which the Parties can work together for the benefit of academic and cultural development cooperation between Japan and Thailand based on the partnership principle of sharing knowledge and experiences, as well as implementing analytical work related to the development agenda.

2. Approach

The Parties have agreed to make joint efforts to identify the areas of collaboration as follows:

- (1) The Parties shall select collaborative areas which fit into the latest development challenges of Thailand and mutual interest of cooperation between Thailand and Japan;
- (2) SMCCA shall propose areas where Japan’s comparative advantage can be utilized; and
- (3) The Parties shall share information on their work, subject to their laws, rules, regulations and national policies, with other development partners to avoid any overlap and promote collaboration in activities, such as dissemination workshops, training and personnel exchange program.

3. Activities

After the execution of this MOU, the Parties shall discuss on areas of collaboration and finalize a preliminary action plan. The areas of collaboration and the action plan may be periodically reviewed and updated in accordance with the progress of collaboration.

The followings are the potential areas of collaboration and initial action plan:

- (1) SMCCA will invite medical staff from QSNICH as guests to visit SMCCA for the duration of up to two weeks every year. SMCCA will provide the accommodation and other expenses during their visit to SMCCA.
- (2) QSNICH will invite medical staff from SMCCA as guests to visit QSNICH for one or two weeks every year. QSNICH will provide the accommodation and other expenses during their visit to QSNICH.
- (3) SMCCA will invite one or more guest speakers from QSNICH to the SMCCA annual academic meeting every year. SMCCA will support up to the amount of 200,000 JPY to each guest speaker.
- (4) QSNICH will invite one or more guest speakers from SMCCA to the QSNICH annual academic meeting every year. QSNICH will support up to the amount of 60,000 THB to each guest speaker.

4. Limitation

This MOU does not constitute a commitment by either SMCCA or QSNICH to provide support for any individual activity or project. While one of the Parties may propose for a dialogue requesting necessary financial or technical support for the benefit of the collaboration, SMCCA and QSNICH will each retain full discretion as to whether to provide support for

