



Rajamangala University of Technology Act

B.E.2548 (2005)

Bhumibol Adulyadej REX.

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Being the 60th Year of the Present Reign

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej has been graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Where it is expedient to establish Rajamangala University of Technology in place of Rajamangala Institute of Technology,

Be it therefore enacted by the King, and by and with, the advice and consent of the Parliament, as follows:

Section 1 This Act shall be called the "Rajamangala University of Technology Act, BE. 2548 (2005)".

Section 2 This Act shall come into full force and effect as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3 The following Acts shall be repealed:

(1) Institute of Technology and Vocational Education Act B.E. 2518 (1975);

(2) Act of Changing the Name Institute of Technology and Vocational Education into Rajamangala Institute of Technology B.E. 2532.

Section 4 In this Act,

"University" means Rajamangala University of Technology under this Act.

"University Council" means Rajamangala University of Technology Council under this Act.

"Academic Council" means the Academic Council of Rajamangala University of Technology under this Act.

"Faculty Member and Government Official Council" means the Faculty Member and Government Official Council of Rajamangala University of Technology under this Act.

"Campus" means an educational zone of the University where there are at least two units of Faculty, Institute, Bureau, College, or Government Sectors as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty as located in the educational zone as determined by the University.

"Minister" means the Minister taking charge and control of the execution of this Act.

Section 5 Rajamangala Institute of Technology under the Institute of Technology and Vocational Education Act B.E. 2518 (1975) shall be 9 Rajamangala Universities of Technology, as follows:

- (1) Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi;
- (2) Rajamangala University of Technology Krungthep;
- (3) Rajamangala University of Technology Tawan-ok;
- (4) Rajamangala University of Technology Phra Nakon;
- (5) Rajamangala University of Technology Rattanakosin;
- (6) Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna;
- (7) Rajamangala University of Technology Srivijaya;
- (8) Rajamangala University of Technology Suvarnabhumi;
- (9) Rajamangala University of Technology Isan.

Each Rajamangala University of Technology under paragraph one shall be a juristic person and government section under Law of Budgetary Means under Office of the Higher Education Commission, Ministry of Education.

Section 6 Minister of Education shall take charge and control of the execution of this Act, and shall have the power to issue ministerial regulations and notifications in conformity to this Act.

The ministerial regulations and notifications shall come into full force and effect after they have been promulgated in the Government Gazette.

Chapter I

General

Section 7 The University is an institute of higher education on professions and technologies, aiming to provide educations, promote higher academies and professions as emphasizing practices, teaching, doing researches, producing professional teachers, providing academic services on sciences and technologies to society, maintain arts and cultures, and conserve environments, enabling the vocational graduates to have their opportunity to further study on specific professions in the degree levels.

Section 8 The University may be divided into the Government Sectors, as follows:

- (1) Office of the President;
- (2) Campus Office;
- (3) Graduate School;
- (4) Faculty;
- (5) Institute;
- (6) Bureau; and
- (7) College.

The University may have Government Sectors as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty attain the objectives mentioned in Section 7 as the Government Sectors in the University.

Office of the President and Campus Office may be divided into Division or Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to a Division.

Graduate School may be divided into Office of the Dean, or Division or Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to a Division.

Faculty may be divided into Office of the Dean, Department, Division, or Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to a Department or Division.

Institute, Bureau, or Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty may be divided into Office of the Director, Division, or Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to a Division.

College may be divided into Office of the Director, Department, Division, or Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to a Department or Division.

Office of the Dean, Office of the Director, Department, Division, or Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to a Department or a Division may be divided into Service Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to a Service.

Section 9 Establishment, combination, and dissolution of any Campus Office, Graduate School, Faculty, Institute, Bureau, College, or Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty shall be enacted in the form of Ministerial Regulations of the University.

Divisions into the Office of the Dean, Office of the Director, Department, Division, or Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to a Department or a Division shall be enacted in the form of Notifications of Ministry of Education.

Division into Service or Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Service shall be enacted in a Notifications of University.

Section 10 Under the objectives in Section 7, the University may admit institutes of higher education or other institutes to join the University and has the power to grant any degree, diploma, or certificate of any level to graduates from such joining institutes.

Admission or dissolution of admission on institutes of higher education or other institutes shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University and promulgated in the Government Gazette.

Control in institutes of higher education or other institutes having joined the University shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 11 The University is unable to refuse to admit any person to study in the University nor to cease or delay the period of the study of any student only due to the fact that such person has insufficient capital used in paying a variety of educational fees to the University.

Criteria used in consideration of the fact that whoever has insufficient capital shall be in accordance with the Rules of the University Council.

Section 12 In addition to the fund as stipulated in the National Budget, the University may earn the following incomes:

- (1) Interest, fees, penalty, and service charges of the University;
- (2) Incomes or benefits from usage of Royal Store as administrated, overseen, or utilized by the University;
- (3) Money and properties donated to the University;
- (4) Incomes or benefits from investment and from the properties of the University;
- (5) Subsidy distributed by local administrative organization or other subsidies received by the University;
- (6) Other incomes or benefits.

The University shall have the power to administrate, supervise, maintain, use, and make profit from the University's properties as Royal Store Land under law on royal store land and on other properties, including to earn revenues from providing services and collecting educational fees of the Government Sectors in the University.

The University's incomes and benefits, penalties resulting from the observance of the University's objectives, inclusive of penalties as a result of breach of the contract of leave for further study, and penalties in consequence of breach of the contract of purchase of properties or the contract of hire of work as operated by using the budget amount are not required to be remitted to the Ministry of Finance under Law of Treasury Reserves and Law of Budgetary Means.

Section 13 All of the immovable properties donated to the University or purchased or exchanged with the University's incomes, as from the date on which this Act comes into full force and effect, shall not be regarded as Royal Store Land and shall belong to the University.

Section 14 The University's incomes and properties shall be managed for benefits under the University's objectives under Section 7.

Money and properties donated to the University shall be managed under the conditions stipulated by donors, and in accordance with the University's objectives. When it is necessary to change the said conditions, the University shall be allowed by donors or heirs thereof. In the case where there are no heirs or the heirs are not apparent, approval by the University Council shall be required.

Chapter II

Operation

Section 15 Each University shall have a University Council consisting of

(1) Chairman of the University Council to be graciously appointed by His Majesty the King;

(2) Ex Officio Directors of the University Council, i.e. President, and Chairman of Faculty Member and Government Official Council;

(3) Six Directors of the University Council as elected from holders of offices of Vice President, Dean, Institute Director, Bureau Director, College Director, Chief of Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty;

(4) Six Directors of the University Council as elected from permanent faculties of the University and the civil servants in the institutes of higher education not holding offices under (3);

(5) Fourteen Qualified Directors of the University Council to be graciously appointed by His Majesty the King from the third parties on recommendation by the Chairman of the University Council and Directors of the University Council under (2), (3), and (4). Such Qualified Directors shall have knowledge and expertise on science and technology, law, budgeting and finance, personnel administration, education, economics, and social sciences at least one person per field and other fields as the University Council may think fit.

The University Council shall appoint one Vice President, not being the Directors of the University Council under (3), to hold office of Secretary of University Council upon recommendation by the President.

The University Council shall elect one of its Qualified Directors to serve as its Vice Chairman of the University Council to perform the duties in lieu of the Chairman of the University Council when Chairman of the University Council is unable to perform his duties or there is no holder of the office of the Chairman of the University Council.

Qualifications, rules and methods of acquiring the Chairman of the University Council and Qualified Directors of the University Council, and the qualifications of those selecting, as well as rules and methods of acquiring the Directors of the University Council under (3) and (4) shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 16 The Chairman of the University Council and Directors of the University Council under Section 15 (3), (4), and (5) shall hold office for a period of three years for each term, but may be reappointed or reselected by His Majesty the King.

Other than retirement from office by rotation under paragraph one, the Chairman of the University Council and the Directors of the University Council under Section 16 (3), (4), and (5) shall retire from office only upon

(1) Death;

(2) Resignation;

(3) Disqualified to be the Chairman of the University Council or the Directors of the University Council;

(4) Being sentenced by a final judgment to imprisonment;

(5) Removed by University Council due to misconduct, defectively performing duty, or defective competency;

(6) Becoming bankrupt;

(7) Being incompetent or quasi-incompetent.

Retirement from office under (5) shall be in accordance with the resolution, by two-thirds of the existing number of Directors of the University Council.

In the case where the Chairman of the University Council or the Director of the University Council vacates office, irrespective of any ground, and the vacancy having not yet been replaced, the University Council shall comprise the remaining Directors of the University Council.

In the case where the Chairman of the University Council or the Director of the University Council under Section 15 (3), (4), or (5) vacates office prior to completion of term of office, and has already been appointed or selected by His Majesty the King for replacement, the person who is appointed or selected shall continue to hold office in the remaining term of office so replacing. If the term of office remains less than ninety days, such vacancy may not be replaced.

In the case where the Chairman of the University Council or the Director of the University Council under Section 15 (3), (4), or (5) vacates office upon completion of term of office, but the Chairman of the University Council or the Qualified Director of the University Council has not yet been appointed by His Majesty the King, or another Director of the University Council has not yet been selected, the Chairman of the University Council or the Director of the University Council

vacating office shall continue to perform the duties until there is a new Chairman of the University Council or a new Director of the University Council.

The Chairman of the University Council or the Director of the University Council under Section 15 (3), (4), and (5) shall be acquired within ninety days, as from the date such person vacates office.

Section 17 The University Council shall have powers and duties to control and supervise the general affairs of the University, and in particular the powers and duties, as follows:

(1) To lay down the University's policy and approve the University's Development Plan, in respect of education, to promote higher academies and professions as emphasizing practices, teaching, doing researches, producing professional teachers, providing academic services on sciences and technologies to society, maintaining arts and cultures, and conserving environments;

(2) To lay down rules and issue Articles of Association of the University and notifications of the University, which may permit the Government Sectors in the University to lay down the rules and to issue Articles of Association of the University and notifications on a case-by-case basis;

(3) To supervise educational standards and assure educational qualities;

(4) To follow up and evaluate the performances of the University;

(5) To consider approving the educational courses in accordance with the standards as designated by the Higher Education Commission;

(6) To approve establishment, combination, and dissolution of Campus Office, Graduate School, Faculty, Institute, Bureau, College, Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty, inclusive of division of Government Sectors thereof;

(7) To grant conferring Degree, Higher Graduate Diploma, Graduate Diploma, Diploma, and Certificate;

(8) To approve the admission of institutes of higher education or other institutes to join the University or dissolution of admission thereof;

(9) To consider submitting the case to His Majesty the King to graciously appoint and remove the Chairman of the University Council, the Qualified Directors of the University Council, President, Professor, or Special Professor;

(10) To appoint and remove Vice President, Dean, Institute Director, Bureau Director, or College Director, and Chief of Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty, Emeritus Professor, Special Associate Professor, Special Assistant Professor, and Directors of Academic Council;

(11) To approve expenditure budget from incomes of the University;

(12) To lay down rules and issue Articles of Association of the University in respect to University's administration on finance and properties, and to provide incomes of the University;

(13) To consider the personnel administration of the University under Law of Regulations Governing Civil Servants in Higher Education Institutes and as may be assigned by the Civil Service Commission in Higher Education Academy;

(14) To appoint committee, subcommittee, or any person to consider and propose any opinion or to assign them to take any action under the powers and duties of the University Council;

(15) To consider and approve any matter with regard to the affairs of the University as may be proposed by the President, and possibly assign the President to take any action under the powers and duties of the University Council;

(16) To promote, support, and seek for how to develop the progress of the University;

(17) To perform other duties with respect to the University's affairs as not specifically assigned to any person.

Section 18 The meeting of the University Council shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 19 The Academic Council shall be established in each University, being compose of:

(1) President as the Chairman of Academic Council;

(2) Vice President for Academic Affairs as the Vice Chairman of Academic Council;

(3) Ex Officio Directors of Academic Council, namely, Vice President of Campus, Dean, Director of Institute for Research, and College Director (if any);

(4) Six Directors of Academic Council as selected from permanent faculties in the University;

(5) Ten Qualified Directors of Academic Council as appointed from the third parties with the approval of the University Council.

Qualifications, rules, and methods of gaining the Directors of Academic Council under (4) and (5) shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

The President shall appoint a permanent faculty in the University as Secretary of Academic Council and may appoint not exceeding two permanent faculties in the University as the Assistant Secretaries of Academic Council.

Section 20 Term of office and retirement from office of Directors of Academic Council, as well as the meeting and operations of the Academic Council shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 21 The Academic Council shall have the powers and duties, as follows:

(1) To consider the standardized criteria on curriculum, learning and teaching, research, educational evaluation, and educational quality assurance, and to propose the same to the University Council;

(2) To propose opinion as to combination and dissolution of the discipline to the University Council;

(3) To propose opinion pertinent to opening teaching in accordance with the curricula of the University;

(4) To consider proposing the opinion pertaining to the academic matters to the University Council;

(5) To promote the researches and academic services in accordance with the missions of the University and demands from communities;

(6) To appoint the subcommittee or any person to take any action under the powers and duties of the Academic Council.

Section 22 Faculty Member and Government Official Council shall be established in each University and consist of Chairman of Faculty Member and Government Official Council, and Directors of Faculty Member and Government Official Council as selected from the permanent faculties and the University officers.

Number, qualifications, rules, and methods of acquisition, term of office, and retirement from office of Chairman of Faculty Member and Government Official Council, and Directors of Faculty Member and Government Official Council under paragraph one, as well as the meeting and operations of the Faculty Member and Government Official Council shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 23 The Faculty Member and Government Official Council shall have the powers and duties, as follows:

(1) To provide advises and recommendations on the University's affairs and development to the President or University Council;

(2) To promote and develop potentiality of faculties and government officials in performance of duties in pursuance of professional ethics;

(3) To protect the University's interest and perform other duties as may be assigned by the President or University Council;

(4) To call for meeting of faculties and government officials to review the University's activities and to propose opinions to the University Council.

The performance of duties of the Faculty Member and Government Official Council shall be considered as performance of official duties. Any action duly taken during performance of duties shall be protected and shall not result in disciplinary action.

Section 24 There shall be the President being the superior and taking charge of the administration of each University, and there may be the Vice President or Assistant to the President, or both Vice President and Assistant to the President, in any number, as may be established by each University Council, performing and taking charge of their duties as assigned by the President.

Section 25 The President shall be graciously appointed by His Majesty the King based on the recruitment under the Articles of Association of the University under paragraph one of Section 26, by taking into account the participation of the personnel of the University.

The President shall assume his office for four years each term, and may be graciously re-appointed by His Majesty the King for not exceeding two consecutive terms of office.

Other than vacating office by rotation as mentioned in paragraph two, the President shall vacating office upon:

- (1) Death;
- (2) Resignation;
- (3) Having committed a gross disciplinary offence and been punished or ordered to retire from government office due to a blemish or flaw in the case of a gross disciplinary inquiry;
- (4) Being bankrupt, incompetent person, or quasi-incompetent person;
- (5) Being sentenced by final judgment of imprisonment;

(6) Being removed by the University Council due to misconduct, or defectively performing duty, or defective competency.

The resolution of retirement from office shall be supported by votes of not less than two-thirds of total existing number of Directors of the University Council.

The University Council shall appoint the Vice Presidents by the recommendation of the President from persons qualified under paragraph one of Section 26.

The President shall appoint the Assistants to the President from civil servants in the Higher Education as qualified under paragraph two of Section 26 and also has the power to remove the Assistants to the President.

When the President vacates office, the Vice Presidents and the Assistants to the President shall also vacate offices.

Section 26 The President and the Vice Presidents shall be a graduate not lower than bachelor's degree, or equivalent, from a university, or other higher education institutes as recognized by the University Council, and having provided lessons, or having experiences on administration for not less than five years in a university, or other higher education institutes as recognized by the University Council, or having ever held office of Director of University Council for not less than three years, or holding office or having ever held office of Professor, inclusive of having other qualifications and without prohibition as may be prescribed in the Articles of Association of the University.

The Assistants to the President shall be a graduate not lower than bachelor's degree, or equivalent, from a university, or other higher education institutes as recognized by the University Council, and having provided lessons, or having experiences on administration for not less than three years in a university, or other higher education institutes as recognized by the University Council.

Section 27 The President shall have the powers and duties, as follows:

(1) To administer the University's affairs in accordance with the laws, rules, official regulations, Articles of Association of the University, inclusive of the policies and objectives of the University;

(2) To administer personnel, finance, procurement, premises, and other properties of the University in accordance with the laws, rules, official regulations, Articles of Association of the University, and requirements of the Government Sectors and of the University;

(3) To prepare the University Development Plan and to supervise complying with the policies and action plans, including to follow up and evaluate the performance on a variety of operating aspects of the University;

(4) To appoint and remove the Assistants to the President, Deputy Deans, Deputy Institute Directors, Deputy Bureau Directors, Deputy College Directors, and Deputy Chiefs of any Government Sectors as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty; the Head of Department and Chiefs of any Government Sectors as otherwise called and equivalent to Department; and Special Lecturers;

(5) To report the affairs and operations of the University to the University Council;

(6) To promote and support the operation by the Faculty Member and Government Official Council, and Campus Affairs and Student Development and Student Activities Promotion Committee;

(7) To promote the relationship between the University and the communities, including to participate in creating relationship with the communities;

(8) To represent the University in general affairs;

(9) To perform other duties in accordance with the rules, Articles of Association of the University, and notifications of the University, or as may be assigned by the University Council or as prescribed by laws to be the authorities of the President.

Section 28 In the case where the President is absent, or cannot perform his duty, a Vice President shall be Acting President. If there are several Vice Presidents, the Vice President as assigned by the President to be the Acting President. If the President fails to assign any one, the most senior Vice President shall be in charge of the Vice President.

In the case of no Acting President under paragraph one, or in the case where there is the Acting President but the Acting President is unable to perform the duty, or in the event that no person holds the President office, the University Council shall appoint a qualified person paragraph one of Section 26 to be Acting President.

Section 29 In a Campus, there shall be a Vice President as appointed by the University Council by the recommendation of the President to be the superior, taking charge of the administration of such Campus in accordance with laws, rules, Articles of Association of the University, and notifications of the University, and performing other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 30 In a Campus, there shall be a Campus Committee.

Element, quantity, qualifications, criteria and methods of acquisition, term of office, and vacation of office of the Director of Campus Committee, as well as the Meeting of the Campus Committee and the systemization of the administration in the Campus shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University, provided that there shall be not less than one-third Qualified Directors appointed from the third parties.

Section 31 Campus Committee has the powers and duties, as follows:

(1) To promote the Campus to operate its affairs in accordance with developmental policies, goals, and plans as prescribed by the University Council;

(2) To provide advises and recommendations concerning the operation of a variety of affairs of the Campus to the President;

(3) To propose opening teaching in pursuance of the curricula of the University in the Campus to the Academic Council;

(4) To coordinate among the Graduate School, Faculty, Institute, Bureau, College, and the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty in the Campus;

(5) To consider laying down the rules and issuing other Articles of Association of the University as assigned by the University Council;

(6) To consider proposing the development plans, action plans, and annual budgets, and to prepare the report on performance of the Campus and submit the same to the President;

(7) To appoint subcommittee, or any person to take any action under the powers and duties of the Campus Committee;

(8) To perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 32 In the Campus, there shall be the Board of Campus Affair Promotion, comprising

(1) Chairman of the Board of Campus Affair Promotion;

(2) Ex Officio Members of the Board of Campus Affair Promotion, namely, Vice Presidents for Campus, Deans, Institute Director, Bureau Director, and College Director (if any);

(3) Four Members of the Board of Campus Affair Promotion as appointed from one alumni's representative, one guardians' representative, and two students' representatives;

(4) Qualified Members of the Board of Campus Affair Promotion as equal to the number of Directors under (2) and (3) in combination, as appointed by the University Council from the persons possessing knowledge, expertise, or experiences in various fields as the University Council deems appropriate, which, based upon this number, are appointed by not less than one-half persons in the Educational Service Area of the Campus.

Qualifications, criteria, and methods of acquisition, term of office, and vacation of office of the Chairman of the Board of Campus Affair Promotion and Members of the Board of Campus Affair Promotion under (3) and (4) as well as the Meeting of the Members of the Board of Campus Affair Promotion shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 33 The Board of Campus Affair Promotion shall have the powers and duties, as follows:

(1) To promote, support, and render advises and recommendations to the Campus so as to develop the operating guidelines of the Campus;

(2) To promote providing the scholarship to the students having insufficient capitals to enable them to further study in the University which is a support of equality in educational opportunity;

(3) To promote and support creating relationship and learning between the University, and the students and the people;

(4) To appoint subcommittee, or any person to take any action under (1), (2), and (3).

Section 34 In a Graduate School, the Dean shall command and take charge of the operation of the Graduate School, and there shall be the Deputy Deans in the number as determined by the University Council to perform duties and take charge as assigned by the Dean.

The Deans shall be appointed by the University Council by recruitment in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University from the qualified persons under paragraph two of Section 26.

The Deputy Deans shall be appointed by the President by the recommendation of the Dean from the qualified persons under paragraph two of Section 26 and shall be removed from office by the President by the recommendation of the Dean.

Paragraph two and paragraph three of Section 25 shall apply to the term of office and vacation of office of the Dean, *mutatis mutandis*.

Section 28 shall apply to the Acting Dean, *mutatis mutandis*.

When the Dean vacates office, the Deputy Deans shall also vacate offices.

Section 35 In the Graduate School, there shall be a Board of Graduate School comprising the Dean as the Chairman and other members.

Number, qualifications, criteria, and methods of acquisition, powers and duties, term of office, and vacation of office of the Members of Board of Graduate School, as well as the Meeting of the Board of Graduate School and the systemization of the administration in the Graduate School shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 36 In a Faculty, the Dean shall command and take charge of the operation, and there shall be the Deputy Deans in the number as set forth by the University Council to perform duty and take charge as assigned by the Dean.

Section 34 shall apply to qualifications, appointment, term of office, and vacation of office of the Dean and Deputy Deans under paragraph one and taking charge of the functions, *mutatis mutandis*.

Section 37 In a Faculty, there shall be a Board of Faculty consisting of the Dean, as the Chairman, and Members.

Number, qualifications, criteria, and methods of acquisition, term of office, and vacation of office of the Directors, as well as the Meeting of the Board of Faculty and the systemization of the administration in the Faculty shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 38 The Board of Faculty shall have the powers and duties, as follows:

(1) To prepare the Faculty's development plans in accordance with the University's policies;

(2) To consider laying down the rules and issuing the Articles of Association of the University in the Faculty as assigned by the University Council;

(3) To consider determining curricula and detailed curricula in order for the Faculty to propose the same to the University Council;

(4) To measure, evaluate, and control the educational standards of the Faculty;

(5) To promote researches, social academic works, art and culture conservation works;

(6) To render advises and recommendation regarding the operation of various affairs of the Faculty;

(7) To appoint a subcommittee to take any action under the powers and duties of the Board of Faculty.

Section 39 In the event of division of the Departments or Government Sectors as otherwise called and equivalent to the Department in the Faculty, the Chief of the Department or the Chief of the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to the Department shall be responsible for the Department or the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Department.

The President shall appoint the Chief of the Department or the Chief of the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Department from the permanent faculties by recruitment under the Articles of Association of the University from the persons as qualified as well as the Dean, and the President shall have the power to remove the Chief of the Department or the Chief of the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Department by the recommendations of the Dean.

Section 34 shall apply to the qualifications, term of office, and vacation of office of the Chief of the Department or the Chief of the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Department under paragraph two and taking charge of the functions, *mutatis mutandis*.

Section 40 In the Institute or the Bureau, the Institute Director or the Bureau Director shall command and take charge of the works of the Institute or the Bureau, as the case may be, and there may be the Deputy Institute Directors or the Deputy Bureau Directors in the number as set out by the University Council to perform their duties and take responsibility as assigned by the Institute Director or the Bureau Director.

Section 34 shall apply to the qualifications, appointment, term of office, and vacation of office of the Institute Director or the Bureau Director, and the Deputy Institute Directors or the Deputy Bureau Directors under paragraph one and taking charge of the functions, *mutatis mutandis*.

Section 41 In the Institute or the Bureau, there shall be the Institute Committee or the Bureau Board, as the case may be.

Element, quantity, qualifications, criteria and methods of acquisition, powers and duties, term of office, and vacation of office of Directors of the Institute Committee or the Bureau Board, as well as the Meeting of Directors of the Institute Committee or Directors of the Bureau Board and the systemization of the administration in the Institute or the Bureau shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 42 In the case where the University has the College or the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty, there shall be the College Director or the Chief of the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty being the superior and taking charge of the works of the College or the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty, as the case may be; and there may be the Deputy College Director or Deputy Chief of the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty in the number as defined by the University Council so as to perform their duties and take responsibility as assigned by the College Director or the Chief of the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty.

Section 34 shall apply to the qualifications, appointment, term of office, and vacation of office of the College Director or the Chief of the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty, inclusive of the persons holding deputy offices under paragraph one and taking charge of the functions, *mutatis mutandis*.

Section 39 shall apply to the division of the Department or the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to the Department in College, *mutatis mutandis*.

Section 43 In the College or the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty, there shall be the Board of College or Committee of the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty, as the case may be.

Element, quantity, qualifications, criteria and methods of acquisition, powers and duties, term of office, and vacation of office of Directors of the Board of College or Committee of the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty, as well as the Meeting of Directors of the Board of College or Committee of the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty and the systemization of the administration in the College or the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 44 The President, Dean, Director, and Chief of Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty cannot hold office mentioned above exceeding one position at the same time.

The persons holding offices under paragraph one may take another acting position but not exceeding one hundred and eighty days

Section 45 For the benefit of the official administration of Campus, Graduate School, Faculty, Institute, Bureau, College, and Department, or Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty or Department, the President may in writing authorize those holding offices of Vice President, Dean, Director, Head of Department, Chief of Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty or Department to perform official duties on behalf of the President only for such service in such Government Sector.

The persons acting on behalf of the persons in paragraph one shall have powers and duties as stipulated by the President.

Section 46 There shall be the persons acting on behalf of the persons as prescribed in this Act having the powers and duties as same as those taking charge of the functions.

Based upon laws, rules, Articles of Association of the University, orders, resolutions of Council of Ministers, person holding any office is appointed as a director, having the powers and duties, the person taking charge of the functions shall perform the duties of director or shall have the powers and duties as same as that holding office during taking charge of the functions.

Chapter III

Cooperation on Academy and Resource Utilization

Section 47 For the benefit of the academic cooperation and mutually resource utilization of the University, there shall be a Board of Presidents consisting of Presidents of all of the Rajamangala Universities of Technology as the Directors.

The Directors under paragraph one shall select a Director as the Chairman and select another Director as the Secretary.

The Meeting of the Board of Presidents shall be in accordance with the Rules specified by the Board of Presidents.

Section 48 The Board of Presidents shall have the powers and duties, as follows:

- (1) To propose development policies and plans as to the educational management, academic cooperation, and mutually resource utilization of the University to each University Council;
- (2) To provide agreement among the Universities as to the academic cooperation, and mutually resource utilization in performing the missions by the approval of each University Council;
- (3) To provide agreement between each University and each vocational institute, both publicly and privately owned, in providing academic cooperation and in rendering recommendation on further study on specific professions in the degree levels by the approval of each University Council;
- (4) To determine guidelines to seek cooperation between each University, and communities, private enterprises, and local administrative organizations;

(5) To appoint a Working Team or any person to consider and express the opinions on any matter or to assign them to take any action under the powers and duties of the Board of Presidents.

Chapter IV

Academic Positions

Section 49 The University's permanent faculties shall hold the academic positions, as follows:

- (1) Professor;
- (2) Associate Professor;
- (3) Assistant Professor;
- (4) Lecturer.

Qualifications, rules, and methods of appointing and removing the permanent faculties under paragraph one shall be in accordance with Law of Regulations Governing Civil Servants in Higher Education Institutes.

Professors shall be graciously appointed by His Majesty the King upon recommendation by the University Council.

Section 50 Special Professors shall be graciously appointed by His Majesty the King upon recommendation by the University Council from those who are not the permanent faculties of the University.

Qualifications and rules of appointing the Special Professors shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 51 The University Council may appoint any Professor possessing special knowledge, capabilities, and expertise, who has retired from office without offences, as the Emeritus Professor in the field which he is specialized for honor.

Qualifications, rules, and methods of appointing the Emeritus Professor shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 52 The University Council may appoint those qualified who are not the permanent faculties of the University as the Special Associate Professor or the Special Assistant Professor by the recommendation of the President.

The President may appoint those qualified who are not the permanent faculties of the University as the Special Lecturers by the recommendation of the Dean, Director, or Chief of the Government Sector as otherwise called and equivalent to Faculty, as the case may be.

Qualifications and rules of appointing the Special Associate Professor, the Special Assistant Professor, and the Special Lecturers under paragraph one and paragraph two shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 53 Any person holding the position of Professor, Special Professor, Emeritus Professor, Associate Professor, Special Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Special Assistant Professor shall be entitled to apply the position of Professor, Special Professor, Emeritus Professor, Associate Professor, Special Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Special Assistant Professor, as the case may be, as his title of academic standing perpetually.

Abbreviation of the title mentioned in the first paragraph may be applied as follows.

Professor Abbreviation: Prof.

Special Professor Abbreviation: Prof. (Special)

Emeritus Professor Abbreviation: Prof. (Emeritus)

Associate Professor Abbreviation: Assoc. Prof.

Special Associate Professor Abbreviation: Assoc. Prof (Special)

Assistant Professor Abbreviation: Asst. Prof.

Special Assistant Professor Abbreviation: Asst. Prof. (Special)

Chapter V

Degree and Academic Standing Mark

Section 54 There are three levels of degree as follows.

Doctorate Degree shall be abbreviated to PhD.

Master's Degree shall be abbreviated to M.

Bachelor's Degree shall be abbreviated to B.

Section 55 The University has its power to grant degrees of academic disciplines as taught in the University.

Determination of degrees for any academic discipline and abbreviation for such academic discipline shall be enacted in the form of Royal Decree.

Section 56 The University Council may issue a regulation for a graduate to be granted with bachelor's degree with 1st class honor or 2nd class honor.

Section 57 The University Council may issue a regulation for a Higher Graduate Diploma, Graduate Diploma, Diploma, and Certificate for any academic discipline, as follows:

- (1) Higher Graduate Diploma shall be granted to any graduate who has completed courses of any academic discipline after his master's degree;
- (2) Graduate Diploma shall be granted to any graduate who has completed courses of any academic discipline after his bachelor's degree;
- (3) Diploma or Certificate shall be granted to any graduate who has completed courses of any academic discipline prior to his bachelor degree;
- (4) Certificate shall be granted to any person who has completed any specific subject.

Section 58 The University has its power to grant an honorary degree to any person whom the University considers properly qualified for such degree, but shall not grant the said degree to permanent faculties, those holding offices in the University, Chairman of the University Council, or Directors of the University Council during holding offices.

Level and discipline of honorary degree and rules of granting of honorary degree shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 59 The University may prescribe any academic standing hood or academic standing pin as a marking for academic standing of a grantee of degree, Higher Graduate Diploma, Graduate Diploma, Diploma, and Certificate. Further, the University may prescribe an official hood for the Directors of the University Council, and for the permanent faculties of the University.

Determination of nature, kind, class, and component of the academic standing hood, academic standing pin, and official hood shall be enacted in a Royal Decree.

Occasion and conditions of using the academic standing hood, academic standing pin, and official hood shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association of the University.

Section 60 The University Council may prescribe any seal, emblem, or marking of the University or the Government Sectors in the University by issuing the Articles of Association of the University and promulgating them in the Royal Decree.

The University Council shall determine any uniform, marking, and apparel for students by issuing the Articles of Association of the University and promulgating them in the Royal Decree.

Chapter VI

Penalty Provision

Section 61 Any person using the seal, emblem, academic standing hood, academic standing pin, official hood, uniform, marking, or apparel for students of the University with no right to use, or represent in any respect that he holds any position in the University or has any Degree, Higher Graduate Diploma, Graduate Diploma, Diploma, or Certificate of the University, and trying to convince other people that he is entitled to use or have such position, or academic standing, shall be punished by imprisonment for not exceeding six months or by a fine of not exceeding fifty thousand baht, or both.

Section 62 Whoever

(1) falsifies or imitates any seal, emblem, or marking of the University or Government Sector of the University in any color or manner,

(2) uses any false or imitated seal, emblem, or marking of the University or Government Sector of the University, or

(3) uses or presents any seal, emblem, or marking of the University or Government Sector of the University on any object or product without approval by the University;

shall be punished by imprisonment for not exceeding one year or by a fine of not exceeding one hundred thousand baht, or both.

If the offender under (1) also commits the offence under (2) shall be punished according to (2) on single count of offences.

The offences under (3) are compoundable offences.

Transitory Provision

Section 63 All undertakings, properties, debts, rights, all obligations, government officials, employees, force, budgets, and incomes of Rajamangala Institute of Technology, Office of the Higher Education Commission, Ministry of Education, shall be transferred to each Rajamangala University of Technology under this Act, in accordance with the particulars as notified and required by the Minister which shall have been completed within one hundred and twenty days as from the date on which this Act comes into full force and effect.

The government officials so transferred under paragraph one shall be regarded as civil servants in higher education institutes under Law of Regulations Governing Civil Servants in Higher Education Institutes. At first, the said government officials shall continue to hold the offices and to be granted the same salary, rights and benefits, until they are appointed to hold the offices under Law of Regulations Governing Civil Servants in Higher Education Institutes.

Section 64 The Government Sectors as established under the Notification of Ministry of Education which is enacted under Article 23 of the Revolutionary Order No. 216 dated September 29, 1972, the Government Sectors as established under the Notification of Ministry of Education which is enacted under Section 7 of Institute of Technology and Vocational Education Act B.E. 2518 (1975), and the Government Sectors as established under the Notification of Ministry of Education which is enacted under Section 25 of the Act of Improvements on Ministries, Agencies, and Departments B.E. 2534 (1991), as enforcing on the date when this Act is promulgated in the Government Gazette shall continue to be enforceable until Ministerial Regulation Establishing Each Rajamangala University of Technology by virtue of this Act shall be issued, provided that it shall not exceed one hundred and eighty days as from the date on which this Act comes into full force and effect.

Section 65 Subject to Section 63 and Section 64, under Section 5, Rajamangala University of Technology is composed of the Government Sectors, as follows:

(1) Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi, comprising Rajamangala Institute of Technology in Pathum Thani Province and Pathumthani Campus;

(2) Rajamangala University of Technology Krungthep, comprising Bangkok Technical Campus, Borpitpimuk Mahamek Campus, and Phranakhontai Campus;

(3) Rajamangala University of Technology Tawan-Ok, comprising Chakrabongse Bhuvanath Campus, Uthenthawai Campus, Bangpra in Chonburi Province, Chanthaburi Campus, and Faculty of Agriculture Bangphra in Chonburi Province;

(4) Rajamangala University of Technology Phra Nakhon, comprising Thewes Campus, Chotiwet Campus, Bangkok Commercial Campus, Chumporn Khet Udomsak Campus, and North Bangkok Campus;

(5) Rajamangala University of Technology Rattanakosin, comprising Poh-Chang Campus, Chakkrawad Campus, Salaya Campus, and Wang Kai Kung Won Campus;

(6) Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna, comprising Northern Campus in Chiang Mai Province, Nan Campus, Lampang Campus, Chiang Rai Campus, Tak Campus, Phitsanulok Campus, and Lampang Agricultural Research and Training Center;

(7) Rajamangala University of Technology Srivijaya, comprising Southern Campus in Songkhla Province, Nakhon Sri Thammarat Campus, Sriwichai Campus in Nakhon Si Thammarat Province, Faculty of Agriculture Nakhornsri Thammarat, and Faculty of Science and Fisheries Technology in Trang Province;

(8) Rajamangala University of Technology Suvarnabhumi, comprising Nonthaburi Campus, Phranakhon-Si-Ayutthaya Wasukri Campus, Phranakhornsriyutthaya Huntra Campus, and Suphanburi Campus; and

(9) Rajamangala University of Technology Isan, comprising Northeastern Campus in Nakhon Ratchasima Campus, Surin Campus, Khon Kaen Campus, Kalasin Campus, Sakonnakhon Campus, and Sakon Nakhon Agricultural Research and Training Center.

Each University Council shall determine the location of the Office of the President with the approval of the Higher Education Commission.

Section 66 The holders of the offices of Chairman of the Institute Council, Deputy Chairman of the Institute Council, and Directors of Rajamangala Institute of Technology Council under the Rajamangala Institute of Technology Act, B.E.2518 (1975) on the date of promulgation of this Act in the Government Gazette shall resume offices as the Chairman of the University Council, the Deputy Chairman of the University Council and the Directors of each Rajamangala University of Technology Council under this Act, until the Chairman of the University Council and Qualified Directors of the University Council are graciously appointed by His Majesty the King, and Directors of each University Council hereunder are selected, as the case may be, provided that it shall not exceed one hundred and eighty days as from the date on which this Act comes into full force and effect.

Section 67 Holders of the offices of President, Dean, Bureau Director, and Head of Department of Rajamangala Institute of Technology under the Rajamangala Institute of Technology Act, B.E.2518 (1975) on the date of promulgation of this Act in the Government Gazette shall resume offices until the new office holders mentioned above shall be reappointed, provided that it shall not exceed one hundred and eighty days as from the date on which this Act comes into full force and effect.

The holder of offices of Vice President, Deputy Dean, Deputy Institute Director, and Deputy Bureau Director of Rajamangala Institute of Technology under the Rajamangala Institute of Technology Act, B.E.2518 (1975) on the date of promulgation of this Act in the Government Gazette shall resume offices until Vice President, Deputy Dean, Deputy Institute Director, and Deputy Bureau Director under paragraph one shall vacate offices.

Section 68 For counting term of offices of the President, Dean, Institute Director, Bureau Director, and Head of Department, the term of offices under this Act shall be counted as the first term of offices.

Section 69 Holders of the office of Chairman and Director of the Board of Faculty, Institute Board, and Bureau Board of Rajamangala Institute of Technology under the Rajamangala Institute of Technology Act, B.E.2518 (1975) on the date of promulgation of this Act in the Government Gazette shall resume offices until the Board of Faculty, Institute Board, and Bureau Board shall be appointed, provided that it shall not exceed one hundred and eighty days as from the date on which this Act comes into full force and effect.

Section 70 Holders of Director of Campus under the Law of Regulations Governing Government Teachers and the Directors of the Campus Affairs Administration of Rajamangala Institute of Technology under the Notification of Rajamangala Institute of Technology dated October 1, 1992 on the date of promulgation of this Act in the Government Gazette shall resume offices until the Vice President of Campus and the Board of Campus under this Act shall be appointed, provided that it shall not exceed one hundred and eighty days as from the date on which this Act comes into full force and effect, except in the case where there is no any Ministerial Regulation Establishing the Government Sectors issued by virtue of this Act.

Section 71 Subject to Section 67 when there is no the Academic Council under Section 19, there shall be an Academic Council, consisting of the President, as the Chairman of Academic Council; the Vice President for Academic Affairs, as the Deputy Chairman of Academic Council; six Vice Presidents, Deans, and Permanent Faculties as appointed by the President, as the Directors of the Academic Council; and the Directors of Academic Service and Test Bureau, as the Secretary of the Academic Council, to perform the duties of the Academic Council of each Rajamangala University of Technology by virtue of this Act, until the Academic Council of each Rajamangala University of Technology under this Act shall be appointed, provided that it shall not exceed one hundred and eighty days as from the date on which this Act comes into full force and effect.

Section 72 Subject to Section 66 and Section 67 when there is no the President as the superior and as responsible for administration of each Rajamangala University of Technology under Section 24, the University Council shall appoint those qualified under paragraph one of Section 26 to act for the President of each Rajamangala University of Technology on a temporary basis, until the said office holders shall be reappointed, provided that it shall not exceed one hundred and eighty days as from the date on which this Act comes into full force and effect, except for Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi whose President under paragraph one of Section 67 shall be appointed to act for the President.

Section 73 Professor, Special Professor, Associate Professor, Special Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Special Assistant Professor, and Lecturer of Rajamangala Institute of Technology under the Rajamangala Institute of Technology Act, B.E.2518 (1975) on the date of promulgation of this Act in the Government Gazette shall resume offices of the Professor, Special Professor, Associate Professor, Special Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Special Assistant Professor, and Lecturer of each University under this Act.

Special Lecturer of Rajamangala Institute of Technology under the Rajamangala Institute of Technology Act, B.E.2518 (1975) on the date on which this Act comes into full force and effect shall resume office of Special Lecturer under this act, until the expiration of appointment.

Section 74 Those acquiring the higher diplomas under the Rajamangala Institute of Technology Act, B.E.2518 (1975) shall be those acquiring the graduate diplomas under this Act.

Section 75 Prior to the enactment of any royal decree, ministerial regulation, regulation, notification, and rule in compliance with this Act, the royal decree, regulation, notification, and rule as enacted by virtue of Rajamangala Institute of Technology Act B.E. 2518 (1975), as applicable on the date of promulgation of this Act in the Government Gazette, shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*.

In the event that there are problems in respect of operations, authorities of the office holders, or a variety of work units as set out in this Transitory Provision, the Minister taking charge shall have the power to construe and make the decision thereof.

Countersigned by

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Deputy Prime Minister

Remarks: Reasons for promulgation of this Act are as follows: Whereas Section 36 of the National Education Act B.E. 2542 (1999) prescribes that the government academies, which provide education for degree, be juristic person to enable the government academies to operate their affairs in an independent manner, to be able to develop their own administrative and managerial system, with flexibility and academic liberty, and under supervision of Council of Education. It is therefore expedient to establish 9 Rajamangala Universities of Technology in lieu of Rajamangala Institutes of Technology to enable Rajamangala Universities of Technology to be higher education institutes on professions and technologies, aiming to provide educations, promote higher educations and professions, concentrating on practices, researches, provision of professional teachers, rendering academic services on sciences and technologies, and maintaining arts and cultures, whereby the vocational graduates shall have opportunity to further study on specific professions in the degree levels. It is therefore necessary to enact this Act.