MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was executed by and among:

The **NORTHWEST SAMAR STATE UNIVERSITY**, a state university of the Philippines, created by virtue of R.A. 9719, with an office address at Rueda Street, Calbayog City, Philippines, represented by its President, **DR. BENJAMIN L. PECAYO**, herein referred to as the "UNIVERSITY";

And

The RAJAMANGALA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY PHRA NAKHON (RMUTP), a public Higher Education Institution with a principal office in 399 Samsen Rd, Vachira Phayaban Dusit Bangkok 10300, Thailand, represented by its President, DR. NATWORAPOL RACHSIRIWATCHARABUL, hereinafter referred to as the "Party",

for the purpose of establishing collaboration in the conduct of an International Scientific Conference.

WHEREAS, the University and the Party desire to collaborate and establish partnership in organizing and conducting an International Scientific Conference titled "2nd International Conference on Resource Management and Governance" with the theme: Resource Management and Governance Beyond Borders: Pathways to Resilient, Innovative, Sustainable, and Equitable Future (Session 6 of the RMUTCON 2025)" to be held on July 22-24, 2025, at the Asawin Grand Convention Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand;

WHEREAS, the University and the Party recognize the benefits of collaboration, sharing of knowledge, expertise, and resources, and the promotion of academic and scientific cooperation in addressing global challenges related to sustainable resource management and climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE, the University and the Party agree as Follow:

1. Purpose and Scope of Collaboration

The Parties agree to collaborate and establish a partnership in organization and conducting an International Scientific Conference titled 2nd International Conference on Resource Management and Governance" with the theme: Resource Management and Governance Beyond Borders:

Pathways to Resilient, Innovative, Sustainable, and Equitable Future (Session 6 of RMUTCON 2025), to be held on July 22-24, 2025, at Asawin Grand Convention Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

2. Roles and Responsibilities

i. **RMUTP** as Host shall:

- i. Host the conference at its premises at the Asawin Grand Convention Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand;
- ii. Provide personnel as committee members for technical and academic support in the planning and management of the conference;
- iii. Facilitate the provision of technical support for the PRESENTATIONS of the international conference;
- iv. Facilitate the provision of technical support for the ONLINE BROADCAST of the international conference;
- v. Invite experts, researchers, and scholars from RMUTP and other institutions in Thailand and other countries to participate in the conference;
- vi. Provide Keynote or Plenary Speakers;
- vii. Co-administer parallel presentation of the academic tracks;
- viii. Facilitate the arrangement of the venue and catering services;
- ix. Invite participants and promote the conference to the other non-collaborating universities, colleges, government units, and partner organizations;
- x. Provide at least five conference research paper presenters;
- xi. Provide cultural presentation and video fillers aligned with the conference theme to be played during the conference; and
- xii. Assist in the promotion/dissemination of conference details by publishing the link of the ICRMG website on their respective institutional website and social media accounts;
- xiii. Provide free registration fee for Northwest Samar State University research presenters.

ii. UNIVERSITY as Co-Host shall:

- i. Ensure that the conference flow is strategically organized and conducted;
- ii. Seek conference endorsement from concerned agencies;
- iii. Responsible for Submission and Selection of Abstracts and Submission of Full Paper for Session 6: Resource Management and Governance;
- iv. Invite experts, researchers, and scholars from the UNIVERSITY and other institutions in the Philippines and other countries to participate in the conference;
- v. Provide one keynote speaker;

- vi. Coordinate closely with the host and partner in the administration of the conference;
- vii. Promote the event to the different HEIs and Local Government Units in the country;
- viii. Invite participants and promote the conference to other non-collaborating SUCs, LGUs, and partner organizations
- ix. Provide copies of the notarized MOA and conference proceedings to the partner collaborators.

3. Intellectual Property Rights

- i. The University and the Party acknowledge and respect the intellectual property rights of each other's institutions, faculty members, researchers, and students.
- ii. The University and the Party, agree that all intellectual property created or arising from the conference shall be jointly owned by the Northwest Samar State University and Rajamangala University of Technology, and that all parties shall have equal rights to use, publish, and disseminate the intellectual property, subject to mutually agreed terms and conditions.
- iii. The University and the Party shall ensure that all intellectual property rights of third parties are respected and protected and that all necessary permission and licenses are obtained for the use and dissemination of intellectual property.

4. Confidentiality

The University and the Party agree to maintain the confidentiality of all information disclosed by each other in connection with this MOA, except required by law or with the prior written of the disclosing Party.

5. Term and Termination

This MOA shall be effective on the date of its signing by the Northwest Samar State University and Rajamangala University of Technology and shall remain in effect until the completion of the conference unless terminated earlier by mutual agreement of by either parties for justifiable reasons. The termination of this MOA shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any obligations arising from this MOA that survive termination.

6. Governing Law and Dispute Resolution

This MOA shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Philippines. Any dispute arising from or in connection with this MOA shall be resolved amicably by the Parties through negotiation and consultation.

7. Amendment and Modification

This MOA may be amended or modified by mutual written agreement of the University and the Party. Any such amendment or modification shall be in writing and shall be signed by duly authorized representatives of the parties.

8. Alternative Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising from this MOA shall first be resolved through good-faith negotiations. If unresolved within thirty (30) days, the dispute shall be submitted to mediation in accordance with the rules of the Philippine Mediation Center or other agreed institution. If mediation fails, arbitration under Republic Act No. 9285 (Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004) shall be pursued before seeking judicial remedies.

9. Liability and Indemnification

Each party is responsible for its own actions and those of its representatives. They agree to indemnify and hold the other parties harmless from any claims, damages, or losses arising from negligence, misconduct, or breaches of the agreement.

10. Force Majeure

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond a party's control, the affected party's obligations are suspended. The affected party must notify the others promptly and make efforts to resume performance. If the force majeure event lasts for thirty (30) days period, any party may terminate this agreement without further obligations, except for liabilities incurred before the event.

11. Effectivity of the Agreement

This shall take effect upon its execution and shall be in full force and effect unless terminated at any time by mutual consent, provided that a sixty-day written notice by the host and co-host shall have been served to the UNIVERSITY as the lead agency.

12. Entire Agreement

This MOA constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations, and understandings, whether oral or written, relating to the subject matter of this MOA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this MOA as the date written below.

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22 day of July 2025 at	
HEI President	Signed in the presence of:
DR. BENJAMIN I. PECAYO University President Northwest Samar State University	DR. RIZ RUPERT L. ORTIZ Vice President Research, Innovation, and Extension Northwest Samar State University
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