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Dear Mr. Mitterhoff

This letter serves to express our appreciation to China-Mekong Law Center (CMLC) and to outline our planned cooperation. We thank CMLC for, among many things, helping to furnish the offices for our Faculty of Integrated Social Sciences (KKU-FISS) graduate programs in law, including the nascent "Mekong Region Legal Studies Program," (MRLSP) which CMLC has introduced to KKU-FISS. We are so pleased that the second-round pilot of the innovative MRLSP is now under the rubric of KKU-FISS, and that a group of 15 law students from throughout the Greater Mekong Subregion are now studying together for one semester at our institution.

The MRLSP has great promise. Indeed, we, like CMLC, are confident that we can transform this innovative program into a two-year specialized LL.M. degree program, conducted in English, by the start of academic year 2020, if not soon thereafter. FISS-KKU is committed to supporting and working with CMLC to further establish the MRLSP at our faculty. In addition to the planned LL.M. program, we hope the MRLSP will expand to include an annual symposium series on law subjects relevant to the Mekong Region and an academic research paper series to bring "Mekong Region Law" to the broader community of lawyers and legal scholars. These additional projects will be strengthened by KKU-FISS's expanding network of cooperative partnerships with law schools in GMS countries. For this, we again thank CMLC which has been instrumental in helping us negotiate MOUs with schools in Vietnam and Myanmar. We happily expect the same success as we expand this "consortium" of law schools to include those from Cambodia, China and Laos.

As CMLC proceeds to further develop and promote the MRLSP, KKU-FISS stands ready to assist. Any parties interested in learning more about our collaboration are encouraged to contact me at apirpe@kku.th.ac, copy to papirat@yahoo.com.

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