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No. 6906. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THAILAND RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A SEATO CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTER AS A PROJECT IN A MEDICAL PROGRAM IN THAILAND. BANGKOK, 1 AND 25 APRIL 1963

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The American Ambassador to the Thai Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bangkok, April 1, 1963

No. 4082

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to Your Excellency's Note No. (0804) 9694/2506 dated March 27, 1963,² in which Your Excellency informed me that His Majesty's Government would welcome the participation of the United States Government in the establishment and operation of the proposed SEATO³ Clinical Research Center at the School of Graduate Studies of the University of Medical Sciences as the second joint medical project⁴ in a general SEATO Medical Program in Thailand.

In reply, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the United States Government is pleased to accept His Majesty's Government's invitation to participate in the establishment of this Center.

The office of the Surgeon General and the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command are prepared to cooperate with the University of Medical Sciences in this project and to provide certain supplies, equipment and American medical personnel.

In order to define more specifically the respective arrangements for cooperation between the University of Medical Sciences and the office of the Surgeon General in establishing and operating the SEATO Clinical Research Center, I am enclosing with this Note a Memorandum of Understanding for your consideration.

¹ Came into force on 25 April 1963 by the exchange of the said notes.

² Not printed by the Department of State of the United States of America.

³ Southeast Asia Treaty Organization.

⁴ For the first project, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 405, p. 135.

The U.S. Government is in full agreement with the understanding to which Your Excellency referred that all SEATO Member Governments are invited to participate in the proposed Clinical Research Center, as in other SEATO projects.

If this Note, with the enclosed Memorandum of Understanding, is acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, I suggest that this Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply constitute an agreement between the Government of the United States and the Royal Thai Government, to enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Kenneth T. YOUNG, Jr.

His Excellency Thanat Khoman
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Bangkok, Thailand, March 28, 1963

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT AND THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT FOR ES-
TABLISHMENT OF THE SEATO CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTER
AS A JOINT MEDICAL PROJECT FOR PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH,
TRAINING, AND EDUCATION

I. *Preamble*

1. The cooperative effort to establish the SEATO Clinical Research Center will be undertaken as a Project of the SEATO Medical Program, specifically between the University of Medical Sciences of Thailand and the Office of the Surgeon-General, United States Army. The Project will have a duration of at least five years.

2. It is desirable to distinguish the SEATO Clinical Research Center from other medical facilities in Thailand including those which may be organized in association with it. Patients will be carefully selected to advance the research and training objectives of the Center. It is intended that admission be limited to individuals whose illnesses are related to the work and objectives of the Center.

II. *Objectives*

1. In jointly establishing the SEATO Clinical Research Center, the two Governments seek to create a research facility for the scientific study of disease conditions existing in Thailand, and for specialized professional training in the medical management of such diseases. It is believed that in thus extending medical knowledge, the Center will contribute to the prevention of disease and the improvement of living standards.

2. The objectives are to be sought by :

(a) Conducting continuous research on diseases affecting the health of man in Southeast Asia, determining the metabolic, endocrinology and nutritional factors which may affect man's reaction to diseases in a tropical region. If necessary, and in agreement with the University of Medical Sciences, it may include infectious diseases, parasitic diseases, zoonoses, disorders of blood and those diseases which require a health-sanitation management.

(b) Applying modern methodology, and utilizing research equipment to facilitate more accurate diagnosis, better treatment, and progressive medical management of patients.

(c) Continuously evaluating research methods and analyzing results for a better understanding of the pathogenesis of diseases.

(d) Utilizing highly qualified medical scientists in the use of diagnostic tools, specialized equipment and modern laboratory tests.

(e) Training qualified science graduates who would become the future teachers in the basic medical sciences.

(f) Developing qualified teachers in the field of medical education and establishing standards for specialty training.

III. *Direction and Administration*

1. The Dean of the School of Graduate Studies of the University of Medical Sciences will be designated the Director-General of the SEATO Clinical Research Center exercising overall policy responsibility for this Project pursuant to the objectives stated above. He will be assisted by a Board of Directors composed of the representative of the Secretary-General of SEATO and the Chiefs of the national Components in the Project.

2. Day-to-day administration of the Center will be the responsibility of the heads of the respective Components.

3. Professional scientists from any other country authorized to participate in training or research at the Center will be permitted full access to its facilities and equipment.

IV. *Personnel*

1. The United States will provide through the Office of the Surgeon-General and the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command an appropriate number of professional consultants, scientific personnel, physicians, technologists, technicians, and supporting personnel required for the United States contribution to the joint Project. These personnel for the Clinical Research Center will comprise