MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THAI NGUYEN UNIVERSITY, VIETNAM
AND
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I AT MĀNOA, UNITED STATES

Whereas, Thai Nguyen University (hereinafter referred to as TNU) is a university in Thai Nguyen, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,

Whereas, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (hereinafter referred to as UHM) is a university in Honolulu, HI 96822, United States and provides the best quality benefits of educational and research programs,

Whereas, TNU and UHM jointly hereinafter referred to as “Parties”

Now therefore, TNU and UHM enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) recognizing the areas of benefits to both institutions for the following purpose.

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM
The intent of this MoU is to strengthen the cooperation between the Parties and focus on the mutual interests in the various research and academic programs of educational exchanges, research and training and other additional fields as may be mutually decided upon by the Parties. To this end, the Parties should jointly explore and coordinate education, research and training activities of mutual interests which should be implemented with mutual understanding and conformity with the regulations and policies of the Parties.

ARTICLE 2: AREAS OF COOPERATION
Subject to the availability of funds and resources, the Parties agree to develop the following collaborative activities in of academic areas of mutual interest:

- enable joint research to generate new information;
- collaborate in education activities, and student and faculty exchange; and
encourage the involvement of qualified staffs and students to pursue either short-term or extended research activities.

ARTICLE 3: IMPLEMENTATION

3.1. All programs or activities implemented under the terms of this MoU shall be mutually agreed upon in writing, including the necessary budget for the program of activity as the need may arise, as specified in further Memorandum of Agreement.

3.2 Each of the participating institutions shall be fully responsible financially for the activities carried out under its direction or by its staff, except as otherwise agreed by the Parties.

3.3 The Parties will designate one officer each who will develop and coordinate specific programs or activities between them.

ARTICLE 4: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Both partner institutions will ensure that any results and publications originating from this collaboration will be available in English and belong to both partners equally.

ARTICLE 5: DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT

This MoU will come into force after having been signed by representatives of the Parties and will be valid for an initial period of five (5) years from the date of implementation of this program at either the Thai Nguyen University, Vietnam or University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, United States. After this initial period and with due observance of the evaluation on implemented activities, this MoU may be extended by the mutual agreement of the Parties.

ARTICLE 6: AMENDMENTS

6.1 In the event of any unforeseen incident during collaborative activities in either country both institutions agree to negotiate a mutually acceptable solution.

6.2 Should any disagreement arise out of the application, interpretation or implementation of this Agreement, the institutions shall endeavor to exercise best efforts to negotiate their differences.
ARTICLE 7: TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT
This agreement may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by either party, upon prior notice to the other in writing not later than 3 months before termination date, provided that such termination shall not affect the completion of any program or activity underway at the time the notice of termination is given.

ARTICLE 8: APPROVAL
In agreement with the above terms of participation, the authorized representatives of the Thai Nguyen University and University of Hawai’i at Mānoa hereby affix signatures.

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into force and is effective as of 17 December, 2013.

For: Thai Nguyen University
Thai Nguyen, Vietnam

For: University of Hawai’i at Mānoa
Honolulu, United States

Prof. Dang Kim Vui
President
Date: 17 December, 2013

Prof. Tom Apple
Chancellor
Date: 17 December, 2013