[Emblem of the Royal Command]

Suranaree University of Technology Act
B.E. 2533 (1990)

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX;

Given on the 27th Day of July B.E. 2533 (1990);

Being the 45th Year of the Present Reign.

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas it is expedient to establish the Suranaree University of Technology;

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

Section 1. This Act is called the "Suranaree University of Technology Act B.E. 2533 (1990)".

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Section 2. This Act shall come into force from the date following its date of publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3. In this Act:

"University" means the Suranaree University of Technology;

"University Council" means the University Council of the Suranaree University of Technology;

"Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the Suranaree University of Technology;

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

Section 4. The Minister of Ministry of University Affairs shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act.

Part 1

Establishment, Objectives, Powers, and Duties

Section 5. A state university shall be established in the province of Nakhon Ratchasima, called the "Suranaree University of Technology".

The University shall be a legal entity with the objectives to provide education, promote academic knowledge and high-skill professions, teach, conduct research, provide academic services to society, adapt, transfer and develop appropriate technology, and preserve arts and culture.

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Section 6. The University may divide its work units into the following:

(1) Office of the Rector;

(2) Academic Institutes;

(3) Institutes;

(4) Centres.

To carry out undertakings in accordance with the objectives under Section 5, the University may further allow the creation of agencies otherwise named, as work units, which are equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute, or centre.

The office of the rector may divide its work units into divisions or agencies otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to a division.

An academic institute or agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to a school, may divide its work units into the office of administration, academic departments, research divisions, or agencies otherwise named, which are equivalent in status to an academic department or research division.

An institute, centre, and agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an institute or centre, may divide its work units into the office of administration, departments, or agencies otherwise named, which are equivalent in status to a department.

A division, office of administration, department, and agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to a division or department, may divide its work units into sections or agencies otherwise named, which are equivalent in status to a section.

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Section 7. The establishment, merging, and dissolution of an academic institute, institute, centre, or agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute, or centre, shall be made as University regulations published in the Government Gazette.

The division of work units into divisions, the office of administration, academic departments, research divisions, departments, sections, or agencies otherwise named, which are equivalent in status to such a work unit, shall be made as a University notification published in the Government Gazette.

Section 8. Subject to the objectives under Section 5, the University may accept an association with a higher education institution or research institute, and has the power to confer degrees, diplomas, or certificates of any level to persons who have completed their studies from such associated institutions.

The acceptance or termination of association with a higher education institution or research institute shall be in accordance with the University regulations and shall be made as a University notification published in the Government Gazette.

The control of a higher education institution and research institute in association with the University shall be in accordance with the University regulations.

Section 9. No activities of the University shall be subject to the law regarding labour protection and labour relations.

Section 10. The University has the powers and duties to carry out any undertakings within the scope of objectives specified under Section 5. Such powers and duties shall include:

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(1) To purchase, construct, supply, transfer, accept transfer, lease, lease out, hire-purchase, lease out or sell by hire-purchase, exchange, hold ownership, hold the right of possession or real rights in, and divest movable and immovable property both inside and outside the Kingdom, as well as to accept property donated or dedicated thereto;

A sale or divestment of immovable property valued over the sum determined by the Minister shall require prior approval of the Cabinet.

(2) To accept fees, maintenance fees, compensations, and service fees for the provision of services under the University's powers and duties, including making agreements and determining conditions relating to such compensations and service fees;

(3) To collaborate with other agencies, whether public or private, in activities relating to teaching, research, the provision of academic services to society, the adaptation, transfer and development of technology, and preservation of arts and culture;

(4) To borrow and provide loans with personal guarantees or property as collaterals, or to invest, provided it is in contribution to the University's education, research, and the provision of academic services.

The borrowing or provision of a loan or an investment valued over the sum determined by the Minister shall require prior approval of the Cabinet;

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(5) To collaborate with international organisations or agencies in activities relating to teaching, research, the provision of academic services to society, the adaptation, transfer and development of technology, and preservation of arts and culture;

(6) To provide scholarships and research grants in academic disciplines which are taught at the University.

Section 11. The University's income consists of the following:

(1) Subsidies allocated by the government;

(2) Funds and property donated to the University;

(3) Fees, maintenance fees, compensations, and fees charged for services provided by the University;

(4) Income or proceeds from the University's investments and property;

(5) Income or proceeds from the utilisation of the Crown Property managed, administered, or utilised by the University;

(6) Other income or proceeds.

The University shall have the power to administer, tend to, maintain, utilise, and exploit its property, whether they are Crown Property under the law on the Crown Property or otherwise.

The University's income does not constitute the income subject to delivery to the Ministry of Finance under the law on treasury reserves and the law on budgetary procedures.

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In the case where the income is not sufficient to pay for the expenses incurred in the University's operations and other appropriate charges and where the University is unable to procure funds from other sources, the Government shall allocate the funds in the sums required from the National Budget thereto.

Section 12. The University's property is not liable to legal execution.

Section 13. The University's income and property shall be managed for the purpose of achieving the University's goals specified in Section 5 and in accordance with the objectives determined by the donor of the respective property.

Part 2
Operations

Section 14. There shall be a University Council, which consists of:

(1) A chairperson of the University Council to be appointed by a Royal Command;

(2) *Ex officio* members of the University Council, being the rector, the Chairperson of the Federation of Thai Industries, and the Chairperson of the Thai Chamber of Commerce;

(3) Two members of the University Council selected by the Academic Council from amongst the members of the Academic Council;

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(4) Five members of the University Council elected amongst the faculty members;

(5) At least nine but not exceeding twelve expert members of the University Council appointed by a Royal Command from persons external to the University, amongst whom four must be experts from the north eastern region.

The qualifications, criteria, and methods for the selection of members of the University Council under (3) and the election of members of the University Council under (4) shall be in accordance with the University regulations.

The University Council shall select one expert member of the University Council as the vice chairperson of the University Council, who shall perform duties on behalf of the chairperson of the University Council when they are unable to do so or when the position of the chairperson of the University Council becomes vacant.

The University Council shall appoint one vice rector as secretary of the University Council, upon the recommendation of the rector.

Section 15. The chairperson of the University Council and a member of the University Council under Section 14 (3), (4), and (5) have a term of office of two years. However, they may be re-appointed by a Royal Command or re-elected to their office.

Other than the termination of office upon the expiration of their term under the first paragraph, the chairperson of the University Council and a member of the University Council under Section 14 (3), (4), and (5) are terminated from office upon:

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(1) Death;

(2) Resignation;

(3) A Royal Command for removal;

(4) A lack of qualification to be a member of the University Council of the respective type.

In the case where the chairperson of the University Council or a member of the University Council under 14 (3), (4), and (5) is terminated from office prior to the expiration of their term, and a person has been appointed by a Royal Command or elected to replace them, the person selected, appointed by the Royal Command or elected, shall hold office only for the remaining term of the person they replace.

In the case where the chairperson of the University Council or a member of the University Council is terminated from office upon the expiration of their term and no person has been appointed by a Royal Command as the new chairperson of the University Council or the new expert member of the University Council, or selected or elected as the new member of other types of the University Council, the chairperson of the University Council or the member of the University Council who has been terminated from office shall continue to perform their duties until the new chairperson of the University Council or expert member of the University Council is appointed by the Royal Command or other new members of the University Council selected or elected.

Section 16. The University Council has the powers and duties to supervise the normal activities of the University and has the following specific powers and duties:

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(1) To lay down University policies relating to education, research, the provision of academic services to society, the adaptation, transfer and development of technology, and preservation of arts and culture;

(2) To lay down rules and issue notifications, requirements, and regulations of the University, provided that the University may assign any work unit therein to lay down rules and issue regulations for itself on a case-by-case basis;

(3) To approve the conferral of degrees, graduate diplomas, diplomas, and certificates;

(4) To approve the establishment, merging, and dissolution of academic institutes, institutes, centres, or an agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute, or centre, as well as the division of work units therein;

(5) To approve the acceptance for association or terminate the association with higher education institutions and research institutes;

(6) To approve the educational curricula and the delivery thereof, provided it complies with the standards determined by the Ministry of University Affairs;

(7) To consider carrying out undertakings to have the rector, professors, and adjunct professor appointed by a Royal Command, and to consider their removal thereof;

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(8) To appoint and remove vice rectors, deans, directors of institutes, directors of centres, heads of agencies otherwise named which are equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute, or centre, and professors emeriti;

(9) To issue the regulations on the University's personnel management, which relate to the determination of positions, the rates of monthly salaries, remunerations, and compensations, the welfare and other supporting benefits, the assignment to posts, the appointment, ensuring the wages and compensations are received, the termination, discipline, punishment, complaints, and the appeal against punishment for the staff and employees;

(10) To lay down rules and issue regulations relating to the University's finances and property;

(11) To approve the University's budget;

(12) To appoint committees, sub-committees, or any person to carry out any duty under the powers and duties of the University Council;

(13) To perform other duties relating to the University's activities not specifically stated as any person's duties.

Section 17. The Academic Council consists of:

(1) A chairperson of the Academic Council, being the rector;

(2) *Ex officio* members of the Academic Councils, being the deans, directors of institutes, directors of centres, heads of agencies otherwise named which are equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute, or centre, and professors;

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(3) Members of the Academic Council selected by faculty members from amongst the faculty members of academic institutes, whereas there shall be three members per academic institute.

The qualifications, criteria, and methods of selection of a member of the Academic Council under (3) shall be in accordance with the University regulations.

The Academic Council shall appoint one vice rector as secretary of the Academic Council, upon the recommendation of the rector.

Section 18. A member of the Academic Council under Section 17 (3) has a term of office of two years. However, they may be re-selected to their office.

Other than the termination of office upon the expiration of their term, a member of the Academic Council under Section 17 (3) is terminated from office upon:

(1) Death;

(2) Resignation;

(3) A lack of qualification to be a member of the Academic Council of the respective type.

In the case where a member of the Academic Council under Section 17 (3) is terminated from office prior to the expiration of their term and a person has been selected to replace them, the selected person shall hold office only for the remaining term of the person they replace.

In the case where a member of the Academic Council is terminated from office upon the expiration of their term and no person has been selected as the new member of the Academic Council, the member of the Academic Council who has been terminated from office shall continue to

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perform their duties until the new member of the Academic Council is selected.

Section 19. The Academic Council has the following powers and duties:

(1) To determine curricula, teaching, and educational evaluation;

(2) To propose the conferral of degrees, graduate diplomas, diplomas, and certificates;

(3) To propose the establishment, dissolution, merging, and cessation of academic institutes, institutes, centres, or agencies otherwise named which are equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute, or centre, as well as to propose the division of work units therein;

(4) To consider acceptance of other higher education institutions or research institutes for association with the University;

(5) To consider and give recommendations on the appointment and removal of professors, associate professors, and assistant professors;

(6) To consider and give recommendations on the appointment of professors emeriti, adjunct professors, adjunct associate professors, adjunct assistant professors, and adjunct lecturers.

(7) To consider and give recommendations on the appointment of heads of academic departments, heads of research divisions, and heads of agencies otherwise named which are equivalent in status to an academic department or research division;

(8) To achieve a means to improve education, research, the provision of academic services to society, the adaptation, transfer and development of technology, and preservation of arts and culture;

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(9) To consider and give recommendations to the University Council on academic matters of the University;

(10) To give advice to the rector and perform other duties as assigned by the University Council or the rector;

(11) To appoint committees, sub-committees, or any person to carry out any duty under the powers and duties of the Academic Council.

Section 20. The meeting of the University Council and the meetings of the Academic Council shall be in accordance with the University regulations.

Section 21. There shall be a rector, who shall be the highest senior supervisor and shall be responsible for the administration of the University. There may also be vice rectors or assistants to the rector, or both, in the number determined by the University Council, to perform duties and be responsible for matters as assigned by the rector.

Section 22. The rector shall be appointed, from amongst the persons qualified under Section 23, by a Royal Command.

The rector has a term of office of four years and may be re-appointed by a Royal Command.

A vice rector shall be appointed by the University Council upon the recommendation of the rector from amongst the persons qualified under Section 23.

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An assistant to the rector shall be appointed by the rector from amongst the persons qualified under Section 27.

When the rector is terminated from office, the vice rectors and assistants to the rector shall also be terminated from office.

Section 23. The rector and a vice rector must have obtained a degree of any level or an equivalent qualification to a degree from the University or a higher education institution accredited by the University Council and have taught or have gained experience in administration for at least five years at the University or other higher education institutions accredited by the University Council.

Section 24. The rector shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To manage the University's activities to ensure compliance with the law, rules, requirements, and regulations, as well as the policies and objectives of the University;

(2) To control the personnel, finances, inventory, facilities, and other property of the University to ensure compliance with the law, rules, requirements, and regulations of the University;

(3) To assign to their posts, appoint, and remove staff and employees, as well as to undertake personnel management in accordance with the University regulations;

(4) To produce a University Development Plan and ensure that policies and operational plans are followed, as well as to monitor and evaluate the aspects of the University's operations;

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(5) To procure resources from various sources to support the undertaking of the University's mission to achieve academic excellence;

(6) To represent the University in its general activities;

(7) To present the annual report regarding the aspects of the University's activities to the University Council;

(8) To perform other duties under the rules and regulations of the University or as assigned by the University Council.

Section 25. In the case where the person holding the position of rector is unable to perform the duties, the vice rector shall become the acting rector. If there are several vice rectors, the one designated by the rector shall become the acting rector. If the rector has yet to make the designation, the most senior vice rector shall become the acting rector.

In the case where no person is holding the position of the rector or no person is an acting rector in accordance with the first paragraph, or where there is an acting rector, but they are unable to perform their duties, the University Council shall appoint a person qualified under Section 23 as the acting rector.

Section 26. In an academic institute, there shall be a dean who shall be the supervisor and shall be responsible for the working of the academic institute. There may also be one or more deputy deans to perform duties and be responsible for matters assigned by the dean.

A dean shall be appointed by the University Council from amongst the persons qualified under Section 27.

A deputy dean shall be appointed by the rector upon the recommendation of the dean from amongst the persons qualified under Section 27.

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A dean shall have a term of office of four years and may be re-appointed.

When a dean is terminated from office, the deputy deans shall also be terminated from office.

Section 27. A dean and a deputy dean must have obtained a degree of any level or an equivalent qualification to a degree from the University or a higher education institution accredited by the University Council and have taught or have gained experience in administration for at least three years at the University or other higher education institutions accredited by the University Council.

Section 28. In an academic institute, there shall be an academic institute board consisting of the dean, as the chairperson, deputy deans, heads of academic departments, heads of research divisions, and heads of agencies otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic department or research division, as *ex officio* members, and members who are faculty members of the academic institute, as selected amongst themselves, in the number not exceeding half that of the *ex officio* members.

No more than one faculty member of the same academic department or research division may become a member as selected by the faculty members in accordance with the first paragraph.

If an academic institute is not divided into academic departments or research divisions, or if it is divided into less than four academic departments or research divisions, the faculty members of the academic institute shall select additional members from amongst the faculty members to reach a total of at least five, but not exceeding nine members.

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An academic institute board shall appoint any person as the secretary of the academic institute board.

A member of the academic institute board selected by the faculty members shall have a term of office of two years. However, they may be re-selected.

In the case where the position of a member of the academic institute board who is selected by the faculty members becomes vacant prior to the expiration of their term and a person has been selected to replace them, the selected person shall hold office only for the remaining term of the person they replace.

In the case where an additional member is selected, the selected person shall hold the position only for the remaining term of the members previously selected.

The number, qualifications, criteria, and methods of selection of members of the academic institute board and the meeting of the academic institute board shall be in accordance with the University regulations.

Section 29. An academic institute board has the powers and duties to consider and carry out the academic institute's administration and academic undertakings, and to perform other duties as assigned by the University Council, Academic Council, or rector.

Section 30. In the case that an academic institute is divided into academic departments, research divisions, or agencies otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic department or research division, there shall be one head of academic department, head of research division, or head of agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic department or research division, who shall supervise and be responsible for the working of such agencies. There may also be one deputy head to perform duties and be responsible for matters assigned by the head.

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A head of academic department, head of research division, or head of agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic department or research division, and a deputy head thereof shall be appointed from amongst the faculty members of the University who have taught for at least three years at the University or other higher education institutions accredited by the University Council.

The appointment of a head of academic department, head of research division, or head of agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic department or research division, shall be made by the rector by the approval of the Academic Council, whereas the deputy head of the agency shall be appointed by the rector upon the recommendation of the head of the agency.

A head of academic department, head of research division, or head of agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic department or research division, has a term of office of four years and may be re-appointed.

When a head of academic department, head of research division, or head of agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic department or research division, is terminated from office, the deputy head thereof shall also be terminated.

Section 31. In an institute, centre, or agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute or centre, there shall be a director or head of agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute, or centre, who shall be the supervisor and shall be responsible for the operation of the work unit.

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There may also be one or more deputy directors or deputy heads of agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute, or centre, to perform duties and be responsible for matters assigned by the director or head of agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute, or centre.

The provision of Section 26 and Section 27 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the appointment, term of office, and qualifications of directors or heads of agencies otherwise named, which are equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute, or centre, as well as the deputies thereof under the first paragraph.

Section 32. The arrangement of the board and management structure of an institute, centre, or agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute, or centre, shall be in accordance with the University regulations.

Section 33. The criteria and methods for the appointment of a dean, director of institute or head of agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic institute, institute, or centre, head of academic department, head of research division, or head of agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic department or research division shall be in accordance with the University regulations.

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Part 3
Accounting and Auditing

Section 34. The University shall establish and maintain an accounting system which is accurate, divided in accordance with the type of its key works, and utilises a record of income and expenditure, assets, and liabilities that show the actual and appropriate activities for each type of the works, with a statement showing the source of the line item, and shall maintain auditing on a regular basis.

Section 35. The University shall produce a balance sheet, operating account, and profit and loss account, and submit them to an auditor within ninety days from the end date of an accounting year.

Section 36. The State Audit Office shall be the University's auditor and shall audit and approve its accounts and finances of all types on a yearly basis.

Section 37. The auditor shall have the power to inspect all of the University's account books, documents, and evidence. In this regard, they shall have the power to make inquiries of the rector, vice rectors, staff, and employees of the University.

Section 38. The auditor shall produce an accounting and financial audit report to be presented to the University Council within one hundred and twenty days from the end date of the accounting year, in order for the University Council to present it to the Minister.

The University shall advertise an annual report of the year which has ended, showing the balance sheet, operating account, and profit and loss account which have been certified as accurate by the auditor, as well as the achievements of the University for the year and the plans for matters to be undertaken for the upcoming year, within one hundred and fifty days from the end date of the accounting year.

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Part 4

Governance and Control

Section 39. The Minister shall have the powers and duties of governance and control, in general, the University's activities to ensure compliance with the objectives under Section 5 and alignment with the policies of the Government or the Cabinet Resolutions.

Section 40. A matter to be presented by the University to the Cabinet under this Act shall be presented by the Minister.

Part 5

Academic Positions

Section 41. There shall be the following academic positions for faculty members:

(1) Professor;

(2) Associate Professor;

(3) Assistant Professor;

(4) Lecturer.

The qualifications, criteria, and methods for the appointment and removal of a faculty member under the first paragraph shall be subject to the University regulations.

Section 42. The rector may, by the approval of the University Council, appoint a person with appropriate qualifications, who is not a faculty member of the University, as adjunct associate professor, adjunct assistant professor, and adjunct lecturer upon the recommendation of a dean or

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head of an agency otherwise named, which is equivalent in status to an academic institute.

The qualifications, criteria, and methods for the appointment of an adjunct associate professor, adjunct assistant professor, and adjunct lecturer shall be in accordance with the University regulations.

Section 43. An adjunct professor shall be appointed by a Royal Command upon the recommendation of the University Council.

The qualifications, criteria, and methods for the appointment of an adjunct professor shall be in accordance with the University regulations.

Section 44. A professor who possesses special knowledge and expertise and who has been terminated from office at no fault may be appointed by the University Council, upon the recommendation of the Academic Council, as an honour, as a professor emeritus in the academic discipline in which they have expertise.

The qualifications, criteria, and methods for the appointment of a professor emeritus shall be in accordance with the University regulations.

Section 45. Any person appointed, whether by a Royal Command or not, as a professor, adjunct professor, professor emeritus, associate professor, adjunct associate professor, assistant professor, or adjunct associate professor under the provision of this Part shall have the right to display such an academic position as their title to represent their academic status.

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The display of a title under the first paragraph shall be abbreviated as follows:

(1) Professor, adjunct professor, or professor emeritus shall be abbreviated as Prof. (ศ.);

(2) Associate professor or adjunct associate professor shall be abbreviated as Assoc. Prof. (รศ.);

(3) Assistant professor or adjunct assistant professor shall be abbreviated as Assist. Prof. (ผศ.).

Part 6
Degrees and Academic Insignia

Section 46. There are three levels of degrees, being:

Doctoral degrees, called Doctor of Philosophy, abbreviated as Ph.D. (ด.);

Master's degrees, called Master's Degrees, abbreviated as M. (ม.);

Graduate degrees, called Bachelor's Degrees, abbreviated as B. (บ.).

Section 47. The University has the power to confer degrees in the academic disciplines taught at the University.

The determination of which academic discipline to have which levels of degrees, and what abbreviation shall be used for the academic discipline shall be promulgated as a Royal Ordinance.

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Section 48. The University Council may issue regulations to institute a person receiving a Bachelor's Degree to receive a First Class Honours Bachelor's Degree or Second Class Honours Bachelor's Degree.

Section 49. The University Council may issue regulations to institute graduate diplomas, diplomas, and certificates for any academic discipline, as follows:

(1) A Graduate Diploma shall be issued to a person who has completed their study in any academic discipline after they have received a degree;

(2) A diploma shall be issued to a person who has completed their study in any academic discipline prior to receiving a Bachelor's Degree;

(3) A certificate shall be issued to a person who has completed their study in a specific subject.

Section 50. The University has the power to confer honourary degrees to persons deemed by the University Council to be of appropriate expertise to receive such degrees. However, the degree shall not be conferred to the faculty members holding various positions at the University or members of the University Council.

The level and discipline of a degree, and the method of conferral of an honourary degree shall be in accordance with the University regulations.

Section 51. The University may prescribe academic gowns or academic pins as academic insignia for persons who receive a degree, graduate diploma, diploma, and certificate, and may also prescribe official gowns for members of the University Council, official gowns for executives, or official gowns for faculty members of the University.

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The determination of characteristics, categories, types, and elements of an academic gown, academic pin, and official gown shall be made as University regulations published in the Government Gazette.

The determination of an occasion for which an academic gown, academic pin, and official gown is to be used shall be made as University regulations.

Section 52. The University Council may issue University regulations to prescribe uniforms or attires for students, which shall be published in the Government Gazette.

Part 7
Penal Provisions

Section 53. Any person who uses an academic gown, academic pin, official gown, uniform, mark, or student attire of the University without the right to do so, or who shows by any means that they have a degree, graduate diploma, diploma, certificate, or hold a position at the University without the right to do so, if the action was carried out to convince other that they have the right to use such an object or have such an academic status or official position, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding ten thousand baht, or both.

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Transitional Provisions

Section 54. The activities, property, debt, and budget of the Ministry of University Affairs, in the parts relating to the project to establish the Suranaree University, shall be transferred to the Suranaree University of Technology under this Act.

Section 55. During the period in which the chairperson of the University Council and members of the University Council under Section 14 have not been appointed by a Royal Command, selected, or elected, the University Council shall consist of the Minister of University Affairs as chairperson of the University Council, the permanent secretary of the Ministry of University Affairs as vice chairperson of the University Council, and the permanent secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Director of the Budget Bureau, Secretary-General of the National Economic and Social Development Council, Secretary-General of the National Education Commission, Chairperson of the Federation of Thai Industries, Chairperson of the Thai Chamber of Commerce, and Governor of Nakhon Ratchasima as members of the University Council, with the deputy permanent secretary of the Ministry of University Affairs as member and secretary of the University Council until such a time where there is a University Council under this Act, provided that it shall not exceed two years from the date of this Act coming into force.

Section 56. During the initial period, the University shall consist of the following work units:

(1) Office of the Rector;

(2) Institute of Science;

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(3) Institute of Social Technology;

(4) Institute of Agricultural Technology;

(5) Institute of Industrial Technology;

(6) Institute of Resource Technology;

(7) Institute of Research and Development;

(8) Centre for Library Resources and Educational Media;

(9) Centre for Scientific and Technological Equipment;

(10) Centre for Educational Services;

(11) Centre for Academic Services;

(12) Computer Centre.

Countersigned by

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Prime Minister

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Remarks: - The reason for the promulgation of this Act is that currently, the provision of higher education is not sufficient to meet the demands of the public. The provision of higher education in the regional areas, in particular, is limited, which has caused significant issues in the effort to train personnel to work in scientific and technological research and development, a tool of the state for the development of the nation. Therefore, in order to resolve said issues and extend educational opportunities further into the regional areas, and whereas it has been considered that the provision of higher education requires a significant operating budget, one of the good ways to reduce the burden on the state is to involve the private sector in the operation of the University or to ensure that the administration of the University is highly agile. For these reasons, it is expedient to establish the Suranaree University of Technology in Nakhon Ratchasima, as a regional state university, to carry out undertakings in learning, teaching, research, the provision of education both in terms of academic pursuits and high-skill professions in science and technology, with a management arrangement that is more independent and agile than the that of state universities at present. As such, it is necessary that this Act be promulgated.

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