

SURANAREE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY ACT

B.E. 2533

BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX.

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

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 Suranaree University of Technology;

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

Section 1. This Act is called the “Suranaree University of Technology Act, B.E. 2533”

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

Section 3. In this Act,

“University” refers to Suranaree University of Technology.

“University Council” refers to Suranaree University of Technology University Council.

“Academic Senate” refers to the Academic Senate of Suranaree University of Technology.

“Minister” refers to the Minister taking charge the execution of this Act.

Section 4. Minister of University Affairs shall be in charge of the execution of this Act.

Chapter 1

Establishment, Objectives, and Authority

Section 5. A public university shall be established in Nakhon Ratchasima Province called “Suranaree University of Technology”.

The University shall be a juristic person whose objectives are to provide education, promote advanced knowledge and professionalism, conduct teaching and research, provide academic services to the society; adapt, transfer and develop appropriate technology; and maintain arts and culture.

Section 6. The University may be divided into following sectors:

- (1) Office of the Rector
- (2) Faculty
- (3) Institute
- (4) Center

The University may have any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty, Institute, or Center in order to attain the objectives mentioned in Section 5.

Office of the Rector may be divided into Divisions or any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Division.

Faculty, or any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty, may be divided into Administrative Offices, Academic Department, Research Department, or any Agency otherwise called and comparable to Academic Department or Research Department.

Institute, Center and any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Institute or Center, may be divided into Administrative Offices, Sections, or any Agency otherwise called and comparable to Section.

Division, Administrative Office, Section and any Agency, otherwise called or comparable to Division or Sections, may be divided into Subdivisions, or any Agency otherwise called and comparable to Subdivision.

Section 7. Establishment, combination, and dissolution of any Faculty, Institute, Center, or any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty, Institute, or Center, shall be enacted in the University Provision and promulgated in the Government Gazette.

Separation of the Agency into Divisions, Administrative Offices, Academic Departments, Research Departments, Sections, Subdivisions, or any Agency otherwise called and comparable to such Agencies, shall be enacted in the University Announcement and promulgated in the Government Gazette.

Section 8. Subject to the objectives stated in Section 5, the University may admit other institutes of higher education or research institutes to be affiliated to the University and shall have power to confer any degree, diploma, or certificate of any level on graduates from such affiliated institutes.

Admission or dissolution of the affiliation to any institute of higher education or research institute shall be subject to the University Regulations and enacted in the University Announcement and promulgated in the Government Gazette.

Control on the institutes of higher education or research institutes affiliated to the University shall be subject to the University Regulations.

Section 9. The University's affairs shall not be subject to the Labor Protection Law and Labor Relations Law.

Section 10. The University has powers and duties to carry out any activities within scope of the objectives stated in Section 5. Such powers and duties shall include the following:

(1) To purchase, build, provide, transfer, take on the transfer, rent, lease, hire purchase, let hire purchase, exchange, have ownership, have right of possession or any property right, and dispose of movable and immovable properties both within and outside the Kingdom, as well as receive properties being contributed or donated.

Purchasing or disposing of the immovable property, of which value exceeds the limit prescribed by the Minister, shall be subject to the prior consent of the Cabinet.

(2) To receive fees, subscription fees, remuneration, and service charges for services rendered within the powers and duties of the University, as well as establish agreement and determine conditions on such remuneration and service charges.

(3) To cooperate with other government agencies or private agencies in affairs regarding teaching, research, provision of academic services to the society; adaptation, transfer and development of technology; and maintenance of arts and culture.

(4) To borrow, lend money with collateral in person or property, or invest for the education, research, and academic services of the University.

Borrowing, lending, or investment, of which amount exceeds the limit prescribed by the Minister, shall be subject to the prior consent of the Cabinet.

(5) To cooperate with foreign organizations or agencies in affairs regarding teaching, research, provision of academic services to the society; adaption, transfer and development of technology; and maintaining arts and culture.

(6) To provide scholarships and research funds in the academic disciplines being taught in the University.

Section 11. The University's revenues are as follows:

(1) General subsidy allocated by the government.

(2) Money and properties contributed or donated to the University.

(3) Fees, subscription fees, remuneration, and any service charges of the University.

(4) Revenues and benefits earned from investment and from the University's properties.

(5) Revenues or benefits earned from usage of the state property administrated, looked after, or utilized by the University.

(6) Other revenues or benefits.

The University shall have power to administrate, look after, maintain, use, and generate benefit from the University's properties in the form of the state property under the State Property Law and other properties.

The University's revenues are not subject to be remitted to the Ministry of Finance under the Treasure Reserves Law and Budgetary Method Law.

In case that amount of the revenues is insufficient to cover expenses for the University's operation and its reasonable burden costs, and the University is not able to obtain money from other sources, the Government shall allocate national budget to the University as may be necessary.

Section 12. The University's properties are not subject to liability for any legal executions.

Section 13. All revenues and properties of the University shall be managed to attain the University's objectives stated in Section 5and to conform to objectives stipulated by dedicators of the property contributed or donated to the University.

Section 14. The University Council shall be established and consist of the following:

(1) President of the University to be graciously appointed by His Majesty the King.

(2) Ex officio members of the University Council, i.e. Rector, Chairman of the Federation of Thai Industries, and Chairman of the Thai Chamber of Commerce.

(3) Two members of the University Council selected by the Academic Senate from its members.

(4) Five members of the University Council elected from the permanent academic staffs.

(5) Nine to twelve Honorary members of the University Council to be graciously appointed by His Majesty the King from the third party. Among which, four Honorary members shall be from the northeast.

Qualifications, rules, and processes for the selection of the University Council members under (3) and the election of the University Council members under (4) shall be subject to the University Regulations.

The University Council shall select one of its Honorary members to be Vice President in order to take charge of President's duties when the President is unable to perform such duties or when there is no President holding the office.

The University Council shall appoint one Vice Rector to be Secretary of the University Council upon recommendation by the Rector.

Section 15. President and members of the University Council under Section 14(3), (4) and (5) shall have a two-year term of office but may be graciously re-appointed by His Majesty the King or may be re-selected or re-elected.

Apart from the expiration of term of office referred to the first paragraph, President and members of the University Council under Section 14 (3), (4), and (5) shall cease to hold the office in the following cases:

(1) Death.

(2) Resignation.

(3) Graciously removed by His Majesty the King.

(4) Not qualified to be member of the University Council in such category.

In case of the President or members of the University Council under Section 14 (3), (4), and (5), leaving office before term ends and the replacement having been graciously appointed by His Majesty the King, or having been selected or elected, the person so appointed, selected, or elected shall assume the office for the remaining period of the person being replaced.

In case of the President or members of the University Council leaving office after term ends but new holder of the office having not yet been graciously appointed by His Majesty the King, or having not yet been selected or elected, the person so leaving shall carry on the duty until the new office holder having been graciously appointed by His Majesty the King, or having been selected or elected.

Section 16. The University Council shall have powers and duties to supervise general affairs of the University, and particularly the following powers and duties:

(1) To lay down the University's policies on education, research, provision of academic services to society; adaptation, transfer and development of technology; and maintenance of arts and culture.

(2) To establish procedures and issue announcements, provisions, and regulations of the University and may assign any agency in the University to establish procedures and issue regulations for such Agency on a case-by-case basis.

(3) To approve granting of Degree, Graduate Diploma, Diploma, and Certificate.

(4) To approve establishment, combination, and dissolution of the Faculty, Institute, Center, or any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty, Institute, or Center as well as internal division of such Agency.

(5) To approve admission or dissolution of the affiliation to any institute of higher education or research institute.

(6) To approve opening for instruction and curriculum in accordance with the standard established by the Ministry of University Affairs.

(7) To consider to proceed for His Majesty the King to graciously appoint and remove the Rector, Professor, and Special Professor.

(8) To appoint and remove the Vice Rector, Dean, Director of Institute, Director of Center and Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to Faculty, Institute, or Center, and Emeritus Professor.

(9) To issue personnel administration regulations of the University in terms of position determination, salary rate, wage, remuneration, welfare and other benefits, employment, appointment, salary or wage payment, termination of employment, discipline, punishment, complaint and appeal against punishment from staffs and employees.

(10) To lay down procedures and issue regulations in relation to finance and properties of the University.

(11) To approve expenditure budget of the University.

(12) To appoint committee, sub-committee, or any person to carry out any affair under powers and duties of the University Council.

(13) To perform other duties in relation to the University's affairs not assigned to be duty of any person specifically.

Section 17. The Academic Senate shall be established and consist of the following:

(1) Chairman of the Academic Senate, i.e. Rector.

(2) Ex Officio Members of the Academic Senate, i.e. Dean, Institute Director, Center Director, Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to Faculty, Institute, or Center, and Professor.

(3) Members of the Academic Senate selected by permanent academic staffs from the permanent academic staffs of the Faculty on the basis of three members from each Faculty.

Qualifications, rules, and process for the selection of the Academic Senate members under (3) shall be subject to the University Regulations.

The Academic Senate shall appoint one Vice Rector to be Secretary of the Academic Senate upon recommendation by the Rector.

Section 18. Members of the Academic Senate under Section 17 (3) shall have a two-year term of office, and may be re-appointed.

Apart from retirement due to expiration of the term of office, members of the Academic Senate under Section 17 (3) shall cease to hold the office in the following cases:

(1) Death.

(2) Resignation.

(3) Not qualified to be member of the Academic Senate in such category.

In case of the member of the Academic Senate under Section 17 (3) leaving office before term ends and the replacement having been selected, the person so selected shall assume the office for the remaining period of the person being replaced.

In case of the member of Academic Senate under Section 17 (3) leaving office after term ends but new holder of the office having not yet been selected, the person so leaving shall carry on the duty until the new office holder having been selected.

Section 19. Academic Senate shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To consider and establish curriculum, courses of study, and educational measurement.

(2) To propose granting of Degree, Graduate Diploma, Diploma, and Certificate.

(3) To propose establishment, dissolution, combination, and termination of the Faculty, Institute, Center, or any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty, Institute, or Center as well as internal division of such Agency.

(4) To consider admission of other institutes of higher education or research institutes to be affiliated to the University

(5) To consider and remark on the appointment and removal of Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor.

(6) To consider and remark on the appointment of Emeritus Professor, Special Professor, Special Associate Professor, Special Assistant Professor, and Special Lecturer.

(7) To consider and approve the appointment of Head of the Academic Department, Head of the Research Department, and Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Academic Department or Research Department.

(8) To find methods to enhance education, research, provision of academic services to the society, adaptation, transfer, and development of technology, and maintenance of arts and culture.

(9) To consider and provide remarks to the University Council on academic affairs of the University.

(10) To provide counsels to the Rector and perform other duties assigned by the University Council or the Rector.

(11) To appoint committee, sub-committee, or any person to carry out any affair under the powers and duties of the Academic Senate.

Section 20. Meetings of the University Council and the Academic Senate shall be subject to the University Regulations.

Section 21. There shall be Rector to be supreme superior and in charge of the University's administration, and there may be Vice Rector or Assistant Rector, or both Vice Rector and Assistant Rector, in a number as prescribed by the University Council to perform duties and be in charge of the affairs assigned by the Rector.

Section 22. The Rector shall be graciously appointed by His Majesty the King from the qualified persons under Section 23.

The Rector shall have a four-year term of office and may be graciously reappointed by His Majesty the King.

The Vice Rector shall be appointed by the University Council upon recommendation by the Rector from the qualified persons under Section 23.

The Assistant Rector shall be appointed by the Rector from the qualified persons under Section 27.

When the Rector leaves office, the Vice Rector and Assistant Rector shall leave office as well.

Section 23. The Rector and Vice Rector shall have qualifications of being holders of any degree, or comparable, from the University or other institutes of higher education recognized by the University Council, and having taught or having experience in administration for not less than five years in the University or other institutes of higher education recognized by the University Council.

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

(1) To administer the University's affairs in accordance with the laws, rules, procedures, provisions, regulations, as well as policies and objectives of the University.

(2) To supervise personnel, finance, store, premises, and other properties of the University in accordance with the laws, procedures, provisions, and regulations of the University.

(3) To employ, appoint, and remove any staff and employee, as well as conduct personnel management in accordance with regulations of the University.

(4) To prepare the University Development Plan and oversee the implementation of the policy and operational plan, as well as follow up and evaluate performances of the University's administration in various aspects.

(5) To provide resources from various sources in order to support the implementation of the University's mission to attain the academic excellence.

(6) To be representative of the University in general.

(7) To present Annual Report on the University' s affairs to the University Council.

(8) To perform other duties in accordance with the procedures and regulations of the University, or as assigned by the University Council.

Section 25. In case of the Rector in office not able to perform the duty, the Vice Rector shall act as a deputy. If there are several Vice Rectors, the one entrusted by the Rector shall be in charge of the office. If the Rector fails to entrust anyone, the most senior Vice Rector shall be in charge as a deputy.

In case of not having Rector in office, or not having Acting Rector under the first paragraph or having but cannot perform the duty, the University Council shall appoint a qualified person under Section 23 to be the Acting Rector.

Section 26. In the Faculty, there shall be a Dean as chief to take charge of duties of the Faculty. And there may be one or more of the Vice Deans to perform duty and take responsibility as assigned by the Dean.

The University Council shall appoint the Dean from the qualified persons under Section 27.

The Rector shall appoint the Vice Dean upon recommendation by the Dean from the qualified persons under Section 27.

The Dean shall have a four-year term of office and may be re-appointed.

When the Dean leaves the office, the Vice Dean shall leave the office as well.

Section 27. The Dean and Vice Dean shall have qualifications of being holder of any degree, or comparable, from the University or other higher institutes of higher education recognized by the University Council, and having taught or having experience in administration for not less than three years in the University or other institutes of higher education recognized by the University Council.

Section 28. In a Faculty, there shall be the Faculty Committee consisting of the Dean as Chairman; the Vice Dean, Head of the Academic Department, Head of the Research Department, and Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Academic Department or Research Department as ex officio members. And there shall be members selected by permanent academic staff from the permanent academic staff of the Faculty in an amount of not more than half of that of the ex officio members.

Members of the Committee selected by the permanent academic staff of the Faculty under the first paragraph shall not be having more than one permanent academic staff from the same Academic Department or Research Department.

In case of not having division of the Academic Department or Research Department, or having but with less than four of such Academic Department or Research Department, the permanent academic staff of the Faculty shall be eligible to select additional members of the Committee to be in total of not less than five but not more than nine members.

The Faculty Committee shall appoint any person to be Secretary of the Faculty Committee.

Members of the Committee selected by permanent academic staff shall have a two-year term of office but may be re-elected.

In case of the vacancy of the Committee member selected by permanent academic staff before term ends and the replacement having been selected, the person so selected shall assume the office for the remaining period of the person being replaced.

In case of having more members of the Committee selected, the person so selected shall assume the office for the remaining period of the members priorly selected.

Number, qualifications, rules, and method for the selection of the Committee members and the meeting of the Committee shall be subject to the University Regulations.

Section 29. The Faculty Committee shall have powers and duties to consider and manage administrative and academic affairs of the Faculty, and perform other duties assigned by the University Council, the Academic Senate, or the Rector.

Section 30. In case of having division of the Academic Department, Research Department, or any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Academic Department or Research Department, there shall be Head of the Academic Department, Head of the Research Department, or Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Academic Department or Research Department, as a chief to take charge of duties of such Agency. And there may be a Vice Head of such Agency to perform duty and take responsibility as assigned by Head of the Agency.

Head of the Academic Department, Head of the Research Department, or Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Academic Department or Research Department, and Vice Head of such Agency shall be appointed from the permanent academic staff who have taught for not less than three years in the University or other institutes of higher education recognized by the University Council.

The Rector, by consent of the Academic Senate, shall appoint Head of the Academic Department, Head of the Research Department, or Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Academic Department or Research Department. Whereas Vice Head of such Agency shall be appointed by the Rector upon recommendation by the Head of such Agency.

Head of the Academic Department, Head of the Research Department, or Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to Academic Department or Research Department, shall have a four-year term of office and may be re-appointed.

When Head of the Academic Department, Head of the Research Department, or Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Academic Department or Research Department leaves the office, the Vice Head of such Agency shall leave the office as well.

Section 31. In an Institute, Center, or any other Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty, Institute, or Center, there shall be Director or Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty, Institute, or Center, as a chief to take charge of duties of such Agency. And there may be one or more of the Vice Directors or Vice Heads of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty, Institute, or Center, to perform duty and take responsibility as assigned by the Director or Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty, Institute, or Center.

Appointment, term of office, and qualifications of Director or Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty, Institute, or Center, as well as Vice Director or Vice Head of such Agency under the first paragraph, shall be subject to Section 26 and Section 27 mutatis mutandis.

Section 32. Establishment of the Committee and administrative system in the Institute, Center, or any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty, Institute, or Center, shall be subject to the University Regulations. Section

33. Rules and methods for the appointments of Dean, Institute Director, Center Director; or Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty, Institute, or Center; Academic Department Head, Research Department Head, or Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Academic Department or Research Department, shall be subject to the University Regulations.

Chapter 3

Accounting and Audit

Section 34. The University shall lay down and maintain a proper accounting system classified by principal categories of work with ledgers of receipt and expenditure description, records of properties and liabilities of the existing operation as actual and appropriate regarding the category of work. And there shall be internal audits performed on a regular basis.

Section 35. The University shall prepare balance sheets, operating accounts, and revenue accounts to be submitted to the University's Auditor within ninety days as from the last date of an accounting year.

Section 36. The State Audit Office shall be the University's Auditor in charge of auditing and approving all kinds of the University's accounts and finance at every accounting year.

Section 37. The Auditor shall have power to audit all accounting book as well as any documents or evidences of the University. For this purpose, the Auditor shall have power to inquire of the Rector, Vice Rector, staffs, and employees of the University.

Section 38. The Auditor shall prepare an audit report of accounts and finance to be presented to the University Council within one hundred and twenty days as from the last date of an accounting year for the University Council to submit to the Minister.

The University shall release an annual report showing balance sheet accounts, operating accounts, and revenue accounts as certified by the Auditor, as well as the accomplishments of the University in the past year and the operational plan of the following year, within one hundred and fifty days as from the last date of an accounting year.

Chapter 4

Supervision

Section 39. The Minister shall have powers and duties to supervise the University's affairs in general in accordance with the objectives stated in Section 5 and the Government's policies or the Cabinet's resolutions.

Section 40. All matters that the University shall have to submit to the Cabinet under this Act, the Minister shall be in charge of the submission.

Chapter 5

Academic Ranks

Section 41. The permanent academic staffs of the University shall have the following academic ranks:

- (1) Professor
- (2) Associate Professor
- (3) Assistant Professor
- (4) Lecturer

Qualifications, rules, and processes for the appointment and removal of the permanent academic staffs under the first paragraph shall be subject to the University Regulations.

Section 42. The Rector, by consent of the Academic Senate, may appoint any person with proper qualifications and not being a member of the permanent academic staff of the University to be Special Associate Professor, Special Assistant Professor, and Special Lecture upon recommendation by the Dean or Head of any Agency otherwise called and comparable to the Faculty.

Qualifications, rules, and process for the appointment of Special Associate Professor, Special Assistant Professor, and Special Lecture shall be subject to the University Regulations.

Section 43. The Special Professor shall be graciously appointed by his Majesty the King upon recommendation by the University Council.

Qualifications, rules, and process of appointment as Special Professor shall be subject to the University Regulations.

Section 44. The Professor with knowledge, capability, and expertise who has left the office without guilt may be appointed by the University Council, upon recommendation by the Academic Senate, as the Emeritus Professor of the academic discipline in which such Professor has expertise, for honor.

Qualifications, rules, and process for the appointment of the Emeritus Professor shall be subject to the University Regulations.

Section 45. Any person graciously appointed by His Majesty the King, or appointed as Professor, Special Professor, Emeritus Professor, Associate Professor, Special Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, or Special Assistant Professor under this chapter, shall be entitled to apply such academic ranks as title to exhibit the academic standing.

Titles applied under the first paragraph shall have the following abbreviations:

- (1) Professor, Special Professor, or Emeritus Professor as Prof.
- (2) Associate Professor or Special Associate Professor as Assoc. Prof.
- (3) Assistant Professor or Special Assistant Professor as Asst. Prof.

Chapter 6

Degree and Academic Standing Marks

Section 46. There are three levels of degrees as follows;

Doctoral Degree is called Doctor of Philosophy, in abbreviation, Ph.D.

Master's Degree is called Master's Degree, in abbreviation, M.

Bachelor's Degree is called Bachelor's Degree, in abbreviation, B.

Section 47. The University shall have power to confer degrees of any academic discipline being taught in the University.

Determination on levels of degree for the academic discipline as well as the abbreviation for such academic discipline shall be enacted in the Royal Decree.

Section 48. The University Council may enact regulations for the graduates at bachelor's degree level to be granted with bachelor's degree with first-class honors or bachelor's degree with second-class honors.

Section 49. The University Council may enact regulations for Graduate Diploma, Diploma, and Certificate for any academic disciplines as follows:

(1) Graduate Diploma to be granted to graduate of any academic discipline after attaining a degree.

(2) Diploma to be granted to graduate from academic program of any academic discipline before attaining a bachelor's degree.

(3) Certificate to be granted to graduate of any specific subject.

Section 50. The University shall have power to confer the honorary degree on any person deemed qualified for such degree by the University Council but cannot confer such degree on members of the permanent academic staff who are in charge of any office in the University or to members of the University Council.

Level, academic discipline of the degree, and process for the granting of the honorary degree are subject to the University Regulations.

Section 51. The University may prescribe academic dress or academic pin as marks of academic standing of persons who attain degree, graduate diploma, diploma, and certificate, and may prescribe official dresses for members of the University Council, office holders, or permanent academic staff of the University.

Determination of design, type, category, and component of the academic dress, academic pin, and official dress shall be enacted in the University Provision and promulgated in the Government Gazette.

Occasions and conditions of use for the academic dress, academic pin, and official dress shall be subject to the University Regulations.

Section 52. The University Council may enact regulations to have uniform, mark, or student uniform to be promulgated in the Government Gazette.

Chapter 7 Stipulated Penalty

Section 53. Any person using academic dress, academic pin, official dress, uniform, mark, or student uniform of the University without right to use, or exhibiting in any respect to have degree, graduate diploma, diploma, certificate, or any position in the University without right, if doing so to convince other person to believe that such person has right to use, or has such academic standing or position, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six months or by a fine of not more than ten thousand baht, or both imprisonment and fine.

Transitory Provision

Section 54. All undertakings, properties, liabilities, and budgets of the Office of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of University Affairs for the part relating to the Establishment Project of Suranaree University of Technology shall be transferred to Suranaree University of Technology under this Act.

Section 55. While the President of the University Council and members of the University Council under Section 14 still have not yet been graciously appointed by His Majesty the King nor selected or elected, the University Council shall consist of Minister of University Affairs as President of the University Council, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of University Affairs as Vice President of the University Council, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Director of the Budget Bureau, Secretary-General of the National Economic and Social Development Board, Secretary-General of the National Education Commission, Chairman of the Federation of Thai Industries, Chairman of The Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of

Thailand, Governor of Nakhon Ratchasima Province as members of the University Council; and Vice Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of University Affairs as member and Secretary of the University Council until the University Council hereunder is established which shall not exceed two years as from the date this Act becomes effective.

Section 56. At the beginning, the University shall comprise of the following Sectors:

- (1) Office of the Rector
- (2) Institute of Science
- (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) Center for Library Resources and Educational Media
- (9) Center for Scientific and Technological Equipment
- (10) Center for Educational Services
- (11) Center for Academic Services
- (12) Center for Computer Services

Counter-signed by
General Chatchai Choonhavan
Prime Minister

Remarks: Reason for the promulgation of this Act is due to the still lack of the higher education services to fulfill needs of people, especially those services in the regional area which are still limited. This causes great difficulty in the generating of human resources for research and development in science and technology that serve as the Government's tool in the development of the country. In order to resolve this problem as well as to provide higher education services to the region widely, the cooperation with the private sector or having highly flexible administration of the University is preferable as it is able to lighten the load of the Government on high

budget for the operation of higher education services. As a result, it is expedient to establish Suranaree University of Technology in Nakhon Ratchasima Province as a public regional university in order to carry out affairs on learning, teaching, research, providing education on advanced knowledge and professionalism in science and technology wherein the University shall have more autonomy and flexibility in administration than the current public universities. It is therefore necessary to establish this Act.

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