

Rajabhat Institutes Act, B.E. 2538 (1995)

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Being the 50th Year of the Present Reign

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

Whereas it is deemed appropriate to establish Rajabhat Institutes as replacement of Teacher College;

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

Section 1

This Act shall be called "Rajabhat Institutes Act, B.E. 2538 (1995)"

Section 2

This Act shall come into force on the day following its publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3

The following shall be repealed:

- (1) Teacher College Act, B.E. 2518 (1975)
- (2) Teacher College Act (No.2), B.E. 2527 (1984)

Section 4

The Teacher College established under Teacher College Act, B.E. 2518 (1975) shall become Rajabhat Institutes under this Act.

Section 5

In this Act:

"Institutes" means each Rajabhat Institute.

"Institutes Council" means the Rajabhat Institutes Council.

"Board of Institutes" means the Board of each Rajabhat Institute.

"Office" means Office of the Rajabhat Institutes council.

"Secretary-General" means the Secretary-General of Office of the Rajabhat Institutes Council.

Section 6

The Minister of Education shall be the Acting Minister under this Act, and shall be vested with the power to issue a Notification of the Ministry of Education for the execution of this Act.

After the publication in the Government Gazette, such Notification of the Ministry of Education shall be in force.

Chapter 1
General Provisions

Section 7

Rajabhat Institutes shall be graduate educational institutes for local development with the objectives to provide academic and high level vocational education; conduct research as academic service to the general public; improve, transfer and develop technology; preserve and promote art and culture; produce teachers and elevate the status of teachers.

The Institutes shall be governmental function in the Office of the Rajabhat Institutes Council under the Ministry of Education.

The Office of the Rajabhat Institutes Council shall be a juristic person with status as a Department in the Ministry of Education.

Section 8

Establishment, merging, dissolution of Institute; change or addition of the name of Institute; and elevation of any educational entity under the Ministry of Education to become an Institute must be approved by the Rajabhat Institutes Council and enacted by a Royal Decree.

Section 9

If any affair is the objective of at least two Institutes that can be carried out jointly for the benefits of such and educational development of Institute, a Group of Institutes shall be established to carry out the said affair; provided that it shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Rajabhat Institutes Council.

Establishment and dissolution of any Group of Institutes shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Rajabhat Institutes Council.

Selection of Chairman and members of the Board of the Group of Institutes; determination of office term of Chairman and members of the Board of the Group of Institutes; and procedure on the execution of the Group of Institutes shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Rajabhat Institutes Council.

Section 10

An Institute may be divided into the following functions:

- (1) Office of the President
- (2) Graduate College
- (3) Faculty
- (4) Research Office
- (5) Functions called by other names with the same status as faculty.

The functions referred to in the first paragraph shall have the same status as Division.

Office of the President may be divided into Sections or the functions called by other names with the same status as Section.

Graduate College and Faculty may be divided into Office of Secretary or Subject Department.

Research Office or functions called by other names with the same status as faculty may be divided into Office of Section Secretary or functions called by other names with the same status as Section.

Section 11

Establishment, merging and dissolution of Office of the President, Graduate, College, Faculty, Research Office or Functions called by other names with the same status as faculty, including division of the said function shall be made by Notification of the Ministry of Education.

Section 12

Subject to the objective of Section 7, Institute can accept other graduate educational institute or research institute as an addition to Institute and shall have the power to grant degree, diploma of certificate of any level to those who have completed the curriculum from the said added Institute.

Acceptance or dissolution of the addition of graduate educational institute or research Institute shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Rajabhat Institutes Council and made by Notification of the Ministry of Education.

Overseeing of the added graduate educational institute or research institute into the Institute shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Rajabhat Institutes Council.

Section 13

The Ministry of Education shall allocate a budget to the Office as deemed appropriate for operation of Institute whereby it shall be made separately from budget for other purposes of the Office.

In addition to the national budget allocation, the Office may earn income and property as follows:

- (1) Money from various interests and fees each Institute received from its operation.
- (2) Income or benefits derived from the use of the governmental land under supervision of the Office or for use in the Institute's operation.
- (3) Money and property donated to the Office or Institute for use in the Institute's operation.
- (4) Aid fund provided by the Local Administration to the Office or Institute for use in the Institute's operation.
- (5) Other income or benefits.

The Office shall be vested with the power to supervise, oversee, maintain, use and acquire benefits from the property of the Office for use in the Institute's operation -both the governmental land under the laws concerning the governmental land and other property in accordance with the regulations of the Rajabhat Institutes Council.

The revenue of the Office received from operation of each institute shall not be revenue-requiring remittance to the Ministry of Finance under the law governing treasury reserves and the law governing budget procedure.

Section 14

All immovable property the Office acquired by donation to the Office for use in the Institute's operation or by purchase or exchange from money or property donated to the Office for use in the Institute's operation as from the date this Act has come into force shall not be deemed as governmental land and shall belong to the Office.

Section 15

All income and property the Office acquired for use in any Institute's operation or derived from the operation of any Institute, the Office shall allocate it for the use of that particular Institute.

Allocation of revenues and property referred to in the first paragraph shall be under the scope of objective of the Institute according to Section 7 and the condition set forth by the giver whereby it shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Rajabhat Institutes Council.

Section 16

Management of the income and property allocated to Institute according to Section 15 shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Rajabhat Institutes Council and the condition set forth by the giver.

Chapter 2

Operation

Section 17

The Institutes Council shall comprise of:

- (1) Chairman of the Institutes Council shall be the Minister of Education or the Deputy Minister of Education who has been appointed by the Minister of Education.
- (2) Vice Chairman of the Institutes Council shall be the Permanent-Secretary of the Minister of Education.
- (3) Eight Members of the Council shall be selected from Presidents of the Institutes.
- (4) Eight Members of the Council shall be selected from the permanent instructors of the Institutes.
- (5) Sixteen Prominent Members of the Council shall be appointed from outside persons by His Majesty the King by the advice of the Chairman and members of the Council according to (2), (3), and (4).

The Secretariat shall be a Member and Secretary and the Office shall perform the duties of the Office of Secretariat of the Institutes council responsible for general affairs, meetings, compiling data and other affairs in connection with the work of the Institutes Council.

Procedure, acquiring method, and qualifications of the Prominent Members shall be accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Qualifications of the selected persons as well as procedure and acquiring method of Members of the Institutes Council referred to in (3) and (4) shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Section 18

The Prominent Members of the Institutes Council according to Section 17 (5) shall be in office for two years and can be re-appointed by His Majesty the King.

Members of the Institutes Council according to Section 17 (3) and (4) shall be in office for two years and can be re-appointed but cannot be in office for longer than two consecutive terms.

Section 19

Apart from vacation upon the expiry of his or her term under Section 18, a Member of the Institutes Council shall vacate office upon:

- (1) death;
- (2) resignation;
- (3) lack of qualifications for being a Member of the Institutes Council under that particular category.

In case a Member of the Institutes Council vacates the office before his or her term and the substitute Member has been appointed by His Majesty the King or has been selected, the person appointed by His majesty the King or the selected person shall hold office for the remaining term of office of the Member whom he or she replaces.

In case a Member of the Institutes Council vacates the office before his or her term and the substitute Prominent Member has not been appointed by His Majesty the King or the substitute Member has not been selected, the vacating Member shall continue performing his or her duties until the new Prominent Member has been appointed by His majesty the King or the new Member has been selected accordingly.

In case the term of a Member vacating the Office is not exceeding 90 days, the Institutes Council can decide not to proceed with the appointment by His Majesty the King nor selection for the substitute Member as replacement.

Section 20

The Institutes Council shall have the following power and duties:

- (1) Establish policy and oversee development plans of Institutes regarding education; research; provision of academic service to the general public; improvement, transfer, and development of technology; preservation and promotion of art and culture; production of teachers; and elevation of the status of teachers.
- (2) Establish procedures and regulations concerning operation of the Institute and can delegate each Institute to establish their own procedures and regulations for each particular matter.
- (3) Consider establishment, merging and dissolution of the functions of Institutes according to Section 11 including division of the said function.
- (4) Approve acceptance of other graduate educational entity or research institute as an addition to any Institute or dissolution of the same.
- (5) Consider and approve establishment, merging and dissolution of any Institute, change of the Institute's name, elevation of the status educational entity under the Ministry of Education to become an Institute and Grouping of Institutes.
- (6) Consider and approve educational curriculum of Institutes.
- (7) Oversee educational standards and teaching of Institutes, monitor and evaluate performance of Institutes.
- (8) Consider and carry out proceedings for the royal commands of His Majesty the King concerning appointment, removal and dismissal of the Chairman of the Board of Institute, Prominent Members of the Institutes Council, Presidents, Professors and Special Professors.
- (9) Appoint the Chairman of the Academic Council, Vice Presidents, Directors of the Office of President, Deans, Director of Research Office, Chief of Functions called by other names with the same status as faculty, Honorary Professors, Deputy Special Professors, and Associate Special Professors and remove persons in the said positions.
- (10) Consider and approve national budget for Institutes, establish procedures and regulations concerning budget, finance, and property of Institutes.
- (11) Consider and give opinion on education, teachers' apprentice and other problems in connection with the education as consulted by the Ministry of Education.
- (12) Consider and specify the emblem or logo of the Institutes Council and approve specification of the emblem or logo of Institutes.
- (13) Appoint Committees, Sub-Committees or any person to perform any duty under the power and duties of the Institutes Council.
- (14) Promote, support, and seek methods to further develop for the progress of Institutes as well as joint operation of Institutes.
- (15) Have other power and duties concerning any affair of Institutes, which have not been specifically indicated as any person's power and duties.

Section 21

Meetings of the Institutes Council shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Section 22

The Academic Council shall comprise of:

- (1) Chairman of the Academic Council shall be appointed by the Institutes Council.
- (2) Members of the Academic Council by position shall be a representative of Ministry of University Affairs and Secretariat.
- (3) Eight Members of the Academic Council shall be selected from the permanent instructors of Institutes.
- (4) Ten Prominent Members of the Academic Council shall be appointed from outside persons by the advice of Chairman and Members of the Academic Council according to (2) and (3).

Procedure, acquiring method, and qualifications of Chairman and Members of the Academic Council shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Qualifications of the selected persons as well as procedure and acquiring method of the Members of the Academic Council referred to in (3) shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Chairman of the Academic Council shall appoint a Deputy Secretariat as Secretary to the Academic Council by the advice of the Secretariat.

Section 23

Chairman and Prominent Members of the Academic Council shall be in office two years for each term and can be re-appointed.

Members of the Academic Council according to Section 22 (3) shall be in office for two years and can be re-appointed but cannot be in office for longer than two consecutive terms.

Section 24

Apart from vacation upon the expiry of his or her term under Section 23, Chairman and Members of the Academic Council under Section 22 (3) and (4) shall vacate office upon:

- (1) death;
- (2) resignation;
- (3) lack of qualifications for being Chairman or Member of the Academic Council under that particular category.

In case the Chairman or a Member of the Academic Council under Section 22 (3) and (4) vacates the office before his or her term and the substitute Chairman or Member has been selected, the appointed or selected person shall hold office for the remaining term of office of the person whom he or she replaces.

In case the Chairman or a Member of the Academic Council under Section 22 (3) and (4) vacates the office upon expiry of his or her term but the new Chairman or Member has not been appointed or selected, the vacating Chairman or Member of the Academic Council shall continue his or her duties until the appointment of the new Chairman or Member of the Academic Council under Section 22 and (4) or member of the Academic Council under Section 22 and (3) has been selected accordingly.

In case the term in office of Member of the Academic Council under Section 22 (3) and (4) who vacated the office before his or her expiry of office is not exceeding 90 days, the Institute Council can decide not to proceed with the appointment or selection of the substitute Member of the Academic Council as replacement.

Section 25

The Academic Council shall have the following power and duties:

- (1) Propose opinion and provide consultation to the Institutes Council regarding academic aspect of Institutes.

- (2) Propose opinion concerning opening, merging, dissolution of subject department of Institutes including opening of higher education than Bachelor Degree to the Institutes Council.
- (3) Propose methods for education: research: provision of academic service to the general public; improvement, transfer, and development of technology; preservation and promotion of art and culture; production of teachers; and elevation of the status of teachers.
- (4) Appoint Committees, Sub-Committees or any person to perform the duty under the power and duties of the Academic Council.

Section 26

Meetings of the Academic Council shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Section 27

In each Institute, the Board of Institute shall comprise of:

- (1) Chairman of the Board of Institute shall be appointed by His Majesty the King.
- (2) Vice Chairman of the Board of Institute shall be the President.
- (3) Three Members of the Board of Institute shall be selected from Vice President, Deans, Director of Research Office and Chief of Functions called by other names with the same status as faculty.
- (4) Four Members of the Board of Institute shall be selected from the permanent instructors in the Institute.
- (5) Eight Prominent Members of the Board of Institute shall be appointed from outside persons by the advice of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Members of the Board of Institute according to (3) and (4).

The Director of the Office of President shall be Member and Secretary.

Procedure, acquiring method, and qualifications of Chairman and Prominent Members of the Board of Institute shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes council.

Qualifications of the selected persons as well as procedure and acquiring method of Members of the Board of Institute under (3) and (4) shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes council.

Section 28

Chairman and Prominent Members of the Board of Institute shall be in office two years for each term and can be re-appointed by His Majesty the King or be re-appointed.

Members of the Board of Institute under Section 27 (3) and (4) shall be in office for two years for each term and can be re-appointed but cannot be in office for longer than two consecutive terms.

Section 29

Apart from vacation upon the expiry of his or her term under Section 28, Chairman and Members of Board of Institute under Section 27 (3), (4) and (5) shall vacate office upon:

- (1) death;
- (2) resignation;
- (3) lack of qualifications for being Chairman or Member of the Board of Institute under that particular category.

In case Chairman or a member of the Board of Institute under Section 27 (3), (4) or (5) vacates the office before his or her term and the substitute has been appointed by His Majesty the King or has been selected, the person appointed by His Majesty the King or selected shall hold office for the remaining term of office of the person whom he or she replaces.

In case Chairman or a member of the Board of Institute under Section 27 (3), (4) or (5) vacates the office upon expiry of his or her term and the replacement has not been appointed by His Majesty the King or has not been selected, or appointed, the vacating Chairman or Member of the Board of Institute shall continue performing his or her duties until His Majesty the King has appointed the new Chairman or the new member of Board of Institute under Section 27 (5) or new member of Board of Institute under Section 27 (3) and (4) has been selected accordingly.

In case the term of the member of the Board of Institute vacating the office is not exceeding 90 days, the Board of Institute can decide not to proceed with the selection or appointment of the member of the Board of Institute as replacement.

Section 30

The Board of Institute shall have the following power and duties:

- (1) Oversee to ensure that the Institute shall comply with the policy and development plans established by the Institutes Council.
- (2) Establish procedures and regulations of the Institute, provided that they shall not contradict with the procedures and regulations of the Institutes Council as well as establish other procedures and regulations as delegated by the Institutes Council.
- (3) Propose to the Institutes Council, establishment, merging and dissolution of the functions of the Institute under Section 11 including division of the said function to the Institutes Council.
- (4) Propose to the Institutes Council for acceptance of other graduate educational institute or research institute as an addition to the Institute or dissolution of the same.
- (5) Approve educational curriculum and teaching of the Institute to be in line with the standards set forth by the Institutes Council.
- (6) Develop academic aspect and oversee educational standards of the Institute.
- (7) Approve granting of degree, graduate certificate, diploma and certificate.
- (8) Appoint Deputy Director of the Office of President, Deputy deans, Deputy Director of Research Office, and Assistant Chief of Functions called by other names with the same status as faculty as well as removes those in the said position.
- (9) Search and propose persons to the Institutes Council for proceeding to be appointed by His Majesty the King as Chairman of the Board of Institute and President.
- (10) Propose for appointment and removal of Professors, Special Professors, Honorary Professors, Deputy Special Professors, and Associate Special Professors to the Institutes Council.
- (11) Consider annual budget of Institute on the part of national budget allocation and propose it for approval by the Institutes Council.
- (12) Approve annual budget of Institute on the part of revenues of Institute besides national budget allocation.
- (13) Consider reports of annual income and expenses and operation of Institute and submit it to the Institutes Council for acknowledgement.
- (14) Provide consultation and opinion in operation of Institute.
- (15) Appoint Committees, Sub-Committees or any person to perform duty under the power and duties of Board of Institute.

Section 31

Meetings of the Board of Institute shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Section 32

In each Institute, there shall be one President who is the immediate superior and responsible for all affairs of Institute and can have Vice President or Assistant President or both Vice President and Assistant President, one or many persons, to perform the work performance delegated by the President.

Section 33

The President shall perform on behalf of the secretariat only for the part concerning the affairs of Institute and the President can delegate the Vice President to perform on his or her behalf.

Section 34

In the affairs concerning outside persons, the President shall be the representative of Office of the Institute in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Section 35

President shall be appointed by His Majesty the King by the advice of the Institutes Council from the person with full qualifications in accordance with Section 36.

President shall be in office for four years for each term and can be re-appointed by His Majesty the King but shall not be in office longer than two consecutive terms.

Vice President shall be appointed by the Institutes Council by the advice of the President from the person with full qualifications in accordance with Section 36.

Assistant President shall be appointed by the President from the person with full qualifications in accordance with Section 37.

When the President vacates the office, the Vice President and the Assistant President shall also vacate the offices.

Section 36

President and Vice President shall have the following qualifications:

- (1) Having received doctorate degree or equivalent from Institute or other graduate level institute certified by the Institutes Council or the Board of Institute or other graduate level institute for at least two years, or
- (2) Having received any level of degree or equivalent from Institute or other graduate level institute certified by the Institutes Council and have taught or having experience in management in the Institute or other graduate level institute certified by the Institutes Council for at least four years or having served as a member in the Institutes Council or Board of Institute or other graduate level institute for at least four years.

Section 37

Assistant President must have received any level of degree or equivalent from Institute or other graduate level institute certified by the Institutes Council.

Section 38

President shall have the following power and duties:

- (1) Manage the affairs of Institute to be in compliance with the laws, procedures, rules, and regulations of the authorities, the Institutes Council and the Institute including the policy and objectives of the Institute.
- (2) Oversee personnel, finance, stores, premises, and other property of Institute to be in compliance with the laws, procedures, rules, and regulations of the authorities, the Institutes Council and the Institute.
- (3) Be the representative of Institute in general affairs.

- (4) Prepare annual report of operation of the Institute for submission to the Board of Institute.
- (5) Perform other duties in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Institute or as delegated by Board of Institute.

Section 39

In case the President is unable to perform the duties, the Vice President shall act on his behalf. If there are many Vice Presidents, the Vice President who has been delegated by the President shall act on his behalf. If the President does not delegate, the most senior Vice President shall act on his behalf.

In case of no person in the President position or no person to act on behalf of the President as referred to in the first paragraph, or having one but cannot perform the duties, Chairman of the Board of Institute shall appoint a member of the Board of Institute under Section 27 (3) to act on behalf of the President and report it to the Institutes Council.

Section 40

In Office of the President, Director of the Office of President shall be the immediate superior and responsible for all affairs of the Office of President.

In a faculty or graduate college, the Dean shall be the immediate superior and responsible for all affairs of the faculty or graduate college.

In research Office, the Director of Research Office shall be the immediate superior and responsible for all affairs of the Research Office.

In function called by the other name with the same status as faculty, the Chief shall be the immediate superior and responsible for all affairs of the said function.

In Office of the President, graduate college, faculty, Research Office and functions called by the other name with the same status as faculty, there shall be Deputy Director of the Office of Presidents, Deputy Dean, Deputy Director of Research Office or Assistant Chief of function called by the other name with the same status as faculty, as the case may be, one or many persons, to assist and perform the duties delegated by Director of the Office of President, Dean, Director of Research Office or Chief of function called by the other name with the same status as faculty.

Section 41

The Institute, which has divided into the Office of President, graduate college, faculty, the Research Office or function called by the other name with the same status as faculty, shall have the Chief of that particular function as the immediate superior and responsible for all affairs of the said function and can have Assistant Chief of that particular function, one or many persons, to assist and perform the duties as delegated whereby they shall be appointed by the President with endorsement of the Institutes Council.

Section 42

The Dean shall be appointed by the Institutes Council by the advice of Board of Institute from the person with full qualifications in accordance with Section 43.

The Dean shall be in office for four years in each term and can be re-appointed by His Majesty the King but shall not be in office longer than two consecutive terms.

The Deputy Dean shall be appointed by Board of Institute by the advice of the Dean from the person with full qualifications in accordance with Section 43.

When the Dean vacates the office, the Deputy Dean shall also vacate the office.

Section 43

The Dean and the Deputy Dean must have received any level of degree or equivalent from the Institute or other graduate level institute certified by the Institutes Council and having taught or having experience in management in the Institute or other graduate level institute certified by the Institutes Council for at least three years.

Section 44

Qualifications of Director and Deputy Director of Office of the President, Director and Deputy Director of the Research Office, and Chief and Assistant Chief of function called by the other name with the same status as faculty shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Section 45

Director of Office of the President, Director of the Research Office, and Chiefs of functions called by the other name with the same status as faculty shall be appointed by the Institutes Council by the advice of Board of Institute from persons with full qualifications in accordance with Section 44.

Director of Office of the President, Director of the Research Office, and Chiefs of functions called by the other name with the same status as faculty shall be in office for four years for each term and can be re-appointed but shall not be in office longer than two consecutive terms.

Deputy Director of Office of the President, Deputy Director of the Research Office, and Assistant Chief of functions called by the other name with the same status as faculty shall be appointed by the Board of Institute by the advice of Director of Office of the President, Director of the Research Office, and Chief of functions called by the other name with the same status as faculty from persons with full qualifications in accordance with Section 44.

When Director of Office of the President, Director of the Research Office, and Chief of functions called by the other name with the same status as faculty vacate the office, Deputy Director of Office of the President, Deputy Director of the Research Office, and Assistant Chief of functions called by the other name with the same status as faculty shall also vacate the office.

The management of Office of the President, the Research Office, or function called by the other name with the same status as faculty shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Section 46

The persons holding position of President, Vice President, Dean, Deputy Dean, Director, Deputy Director, Chief and Assistant Chief of functions called by the other name with the same status, as faculty shall not hold more than one of the said position at one time.

Any person holding a position referred to in the first paragraph can act on behalf of another position but not exceeding six months.

Section 47

Method of search for persons to be appointed as President, Director of Office of the President, Dean, Director of the Research Office and Chief of functions called by the other name with the same status as faculty shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Chapter 3

Group of Instructors

Section 48

The instructors in the Institute shall have academic positions as follows:

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

Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor shall have teaching qualifications and academic performance in accordance with the law concerning procedure on civil official teacher.

An Instructor shall have any level of degree or equivalent from Institute or other graduate level institute certified by the Institutes Council or having expertise in the subject taught in the Institute.

Professors shall be appointed by His Majesty the King by the advice of the Institutes Council.

Section 49

Special Professor shall be appointed by His Majesty the King from person who is or used to be special instructor in the subject the said person has expertise by the advice of the Institutes Council.

Procedure on appointment and qualifications of Special Professor shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Section 50

The Institutes Council may appoint the qualified person who is not a permanent instructor in the Institute to be Deputy Special Professor or Associate Special Professor.

The Institute may appoint the qualified person who is not a permanent instructor in the Institute to be Special Instructor by the advice of the Dean or the Chief of functions called by the other name with the same status as faculty.

Procedure, method of appointment, and qualifications of Deputy Special Professor, Associate Special Professor, and Special Instructor shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Section 51

Any Professor with knowledge, competence and special expertise, after vacating the position in the Institute, may be appointed by the Institutes Council as an Honorary Professor in the subject the said Professor has special expertise.

Procedure and method of appointment of Honorary Professor shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Section 52 Those who are Professor, Special Professor, Honorary Professor, Associate Professor, Deputy Special Professor, Assistant Professor or Associate Special Professor shall have the rights to use the name of Professor, Assistant Professor or Associate Special Professor, as the case may be, as the title of name to show their educational status continuously.

Chapter 4

Degrees and Symbols of Educational Status

Section 53

There shall be three levels of degree as follows:

Doctorate Degree that is called 'Dusadee Bandit' with abbreviation 'ด' ('Dor').

Master Degree that is called 'Maha Bandit' with abbreviation 'ม' ('Mor').

Bachelor Degree that is called 'Bandit' with abbreviation 'บ' ('Bor').

Section 54

The Institute shall have the power to grant degree in any subject taught in the Institute.

The establishment of any subject department to have what level of degree and what abbreviation to be used for such subject department shall be made by the Royal Decree.

Section 55

The Institutes Council can issue regulation for those who graduate at Bachelor Degree to receive Bachelor Degree with honors.

Section 56

The Institutes Council can issue regulation for Graduate certificate, Diploma and Certificate for any subject as follows:

- (1) Graduate Certificate to be issued to those who have graduated in any subject after having received the degree.
- (2) Diploma to be issued to those who have completed the curriculum of any subject under the level of Bachelor degree.
- (3) Certificate to be issued to those who have completed the curriculum of specific subject.

Section 57

The Institute has the power to grant Honorary Degree to a person whom the Institute considered knowledgeable and suitable for such degree. However, the said degree shall not be granted to any permanent instructor or person holding position in the Institute, Chairman or Member of the Board of Institute while in office.

Level, subject of Honorary Degree and procedure on granting the same shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.

Section 58

The Institutes Council can specify academic gown and academic insignia as symbols of academic status of those receiving Degree, Graduate Certificate, Diploma and Certificate, and can specify academic gowns for those in the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Members of the Institutes Council; Chairman and Members of the Board of Institute; and the permanent instructors of the Institute.

Specifications of characteristics, type, category and accessory of academic gown, academic insignia, and academic gown for specific position shall be made by the Royal Decree.

The occasion and conditions of the use of academic gown, academic insignia, and academic gown for specific position shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Institutes Council.



Section 59

The Institutes Council can issue a regulation to specify symbol or logo of the Institutes Council or symbol or logo of the Institute, which shall be made by Notification in the Government Gazette.

The Board of Institute can issue a regulation to specify uniform, logo or students' clothing which shall be made as Notification in the Government Gazette.

Chapter 5

Penal Provisions

Section 60

Any person uses academic gown, academic insignia, and academic gown for specific position, logo of the Institute, uniform, symbol, students' clothing without eligibility to use or show in any way that he or she has the position, Degree, Graduate Certificate, Diploma and Certificate without having one, in doing or for others to believe that he or she is eligible or has such position or educational status shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding Ten Thousand Baht, or both.

Any person fakes, imitates the symbol or logo of the Institutes Council or symbol or logo of the Institute in whatever color or whatever method or makes it appeared on any material or merchandise without approval of the Institutes Council or the Institute, as the case may be, shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding Twenty Thousand Baht, or both.

Transitory Provisions

Section 61

Initially, the Institutes Council shall comprise of:

- (1) Minister of Education, or Deputy Minister of Education delegated by Minister of Education, as Chairman of the Institutes Council.
- (2) Permanent-Secretary of the Ministry of Education shall be Vice Chairman of the Institutes Council.
- (3) Members of the Teacher Council under Section 10 (3), (4), (5) and (6) of Teacher College Act, B.E. 2518 (1975) and amended by Teacher College Act (No.2), B.E. 2527 (1984) who are in the position on the enforcement date of this Act shall be the members of the Institutes Council.
- (4) Secretariat of Rajabhat Institutes Council shall be a member and secretary.

Members of the Institutes Council under (3) shall perform duties until His Majesty the King has appointed prominent members of the Institutes Council or members of the Institutes Council have been selected under this Act, which shall not be longer than one hundred and eighty days as from the enforcement date of this Act.

Section 62

Initially, the Board of Institute shall comprise of:

- (1) Secretariat of Rajabhat Institutes Council, or Deputy Secretariat of Rajabhat Institutes Council delegated by Secretariat of Rajabhat Institutes Council, shall be Chairman of the Board of Institute.
- (2) The President who is in the position on the enforcement date of this Act shall be Vice Chairman.
- (3) Members of the Board of Teacher College under Section 19 (2), (3), (4), and (5) of Teacher College Act, B.E. 2518 (1975) and amended by Teacher College Act (No.2), B.E. 2527 (1984) who are in the position on the enforcement date of this Act shall be the members of Board of Institute.
- (4) Director of Office of the President shall be a member and secretary.

Chairman and members of Board of Institute referred to in the first paragraph shall continue to perform their duties until His Majesty the King has appointed Chairman of Board of Institute or President or Members of Board of Institute have been selected under this Act which shall not be longer than one hundred and eighty days as from the effective date of this Act.

Section 63

Group of Teacher Colleges in operation on the enforcement date of this Act shall become Group of Institutes under Section 9 and members in the Board of Group of Teacher Colleges under the regulations of the Teacher Council who are in the position on the enforcement date of this Act shall continue to perform their duties until Group of Institutes shall be established in accordance with regulations of the Institutes Council under this Act which shall not be longer than one hundred and eighty days as from the enforcement date of this Act.

Section 64

The President who is in the position on the enforcement date of this Act shall remain in this position until His Majesty the King has appointed President under this Act which shall not be longer than one hundred and eighty days as from the effective date of this Act.

The Vice President who is in the position on the enforcement date of this Act shall remain in this position until the President shall vacate the office according to the first paragraph.

Section 65

Counting of the term in office of President under Section 35 or Dean under Section 42, the date on which he or she is appointed to the position under this Act shall be the first term.

Section 66

The Office of the President under Teacher College Act, B.E. 2518 (1975) and amended by Teacher College Act (No.2), B.E. 2527 (1984) shall become Office of the President under this Act and the Chief of the Office of President who are in the position on the effective date of this Act shall become Director of the Office of President under this Act.

Director of the Office of President referred to in the first paragraph who is in the position on the effective date of this Act shall remain in this position until appointment of Director of the Office of President under this Act has been made which shall not be longer than one hundred and eighty days as from the effective date of this Act.

Section 67

Faculties under Teacher College Act, B.E. 2518 (1975) and amended by Teacher College Act (No.2), B.E.2527 (1984) shall become faculties under this Act and those who are in the position of Dean the effective date of this Act shall become Dean under this Act.

Dean referred to in the first paragraph who is in the position on the enforcement date of this Act shall remain in this position until appointment of Dean has been made which shall not be longer than one hundred and eighty days as from the enforcement date of this Act.

The Deputy Dean who is in the position on the enforcement date of this Act shall remain in this position until the Dean shall vacate the office according to the first paragraph.

Section 68

Functions called by other name promoting academy under the Teacher College Act, B.E.2518 (1975) and amended by Teacher College Act (No.2), B.E.2527 (1984) shall become functions called by other name promoting academy who are in the position on the enforcement date of this Act shall remain in this position until appointment of Chief of functions called by other name with the same status as faculty under this Act has been made which shall not be longer than one hundred and eighty days as from the enforcement date of this Act.

Section 69

Those Professor, Special Professor, Honorary Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, and Special Instructor who are in the position on the enforcement date of this Act shall become Professor, Special Professor, Honorary Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, and Special Instructor, as the case may be, continuously under this Act.

Section 70

The Provisions of this Act shall not impact the curriculums and the rights of those who have received degree, diploma, certificate and other educational evidence already in existence under Teacher College Act, B.E. 2518 (1975) and amended by Teacher College Act (No.2), B.E. 2527 (1984) on the enforcement date of this Act.

Section 71

Prior to issuance of the Royal Decree or Notification of the Ministry of Education, rules or regulations in execution of this Act the Royal Decree, Notification of the Ministry of Education, rules or regulations of the Teacher Council and rules and regulations of Teacher College which are in force on the enforcement date of this act shall remain in force, mutatis mutandis.

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