

**Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act (No. 2),  
B.E. 2560 (2017)**

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HIS MAJESTY KING MAHA VAJIRALONGKORN BODINDRADEBAYAVARANGKUN;

Given on the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December B.E. 2560;

Being the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of the Present Reign

His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

Whereas it is expedient to amend the law on the Chulabhorn Royal Academy;

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

Section 1        This Act is called “Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act (No. 2), B.E. 2560 (2017)”.

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

Section 3        The provisions of paragraph one of Section 8 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

“The Royal Academy shall be divided into the following work sections (departments):

- (1) Office of the Royal Academy
- (2) Chulabhorn Graduate Institute
- (3) Chulabhorn Medical Science College

Section 4        The provisions of paragraph one of Section 9 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

“The work sections under Section 8 shall have the following duties:

- (1) The Office of the Royal Academy is responsible for managing general affairs of the Royal Academy, formulating policies and plans of the Royal Academy, coordinating with other related departments for the benefit of supporting the affairs of the Royal Academy and undertakings as assigned by the Secretary-General of the Royal Academy or the Royal Academy Council.
- (2) Chulabhorn Graduate Institute is responsible for managing graduate studies, conducting research and utilizing research findings and providing academic services.
- (3) Chulabhorn Medical Science College is responsible for providing education in medicine, nursing, public health sciences, medical sciences and health sciences; conducting and supporting research to create knowledge on the said subjects and providing treatment services for patients.

(4) As for other sections to be established and called by other names, the duties thereof shall be as specified in the announcement of the Royal Academy under paragraph three of Section 8, and publication in the Government Gazette."

Section 5 The provisions of (3) in paragraph one of Section 19 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"(3) Ex-officio members of the Royal Academy Council, namely department heads under Section 8 (2) (3) and Section 8 paragraph two"

Section 6 The following provision shall be added as (9/1) of Section 22 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016):

"Consider and process the appointment of the President of the Royal Academy by Royal Command of His Majesty the King."

Section 7 The provisions in (10) of Section 22 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"(10) Consider and process the appointment and removal of the Chair and the expert councilors of the Royal Academy Council, the Secretary-General of the Royal Academy, department heads under Section 8 (2) (3) and Section 8, paragraph two, professors and adjunct professors, by Royal Command of His Majesty the King."

Section 8 The provisions in (17) of Section 22 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"(17) Monitor and evaluate the operational performance of the Secretary-General of the Royal Academy and department heads under Section 8 (2) (3) and Section 8 paragraph two."

Section 9 The following provision shall be added as 23/1 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016):

"Section 23/1 For the benefit of the operation of the Royal Academy, the Royal Academy may have the President of the Royal Academy who is graciously appointed by Royal Command.

The Royal Academy Council shall request advice and counsel in all activities relating to the objectives of the Royal Academy under Section 6 from the President of the Royal Academy.

The President of the Royal Academy can appoint a Vice President of the Royal Academy to perform the duties assigned by the President."

Section 10 The provisions of Section 25 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"Section 25 There shall be an Executive Committee of the Royal Academy consisting of the Secretary-General of the Academy as Chair, and the Deputy Secretary-General of the Royal Academy and Heads of the departments under section 8 (2) (3) (4) and section 8 paragraph two as members.

One assistant secretary-general of the Academy assigned by the Secretary-General of the Royal Academy shall be a member and Secretary of the Executive Committee."

Section 11 The provisions in (3) of Section 32 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"(3) Appoint the assistant secretary-general of the Royal Academy and the deputy heads of the departments under Section 8 (2) (3) and Section 8 paragraph two, or to remove the aforesaid from their position."

Section 12 The provisions in paragraph one of Section 35 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"Section 35 In the work departments under Section 8 (2) (3) and Section 8 paragraph two, there shall be one supervisor as the chief executive responsible for the department and there may also be a deputy head of the department as determined by the Royal Academy Council to perform the duties and responsibilities as assigned by the head of the department."

Section 13 The provisions of Section 36 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"Section 36 Heads and Deputy Heads of departments under Section 8 (2) (3) and Section 8 paragraph two must have completed a tertiary degree or equivalent from the Royal Academy or other higher education institutions approved by the Royal Academy Council and have taught or have had administrative experience of at least three years in the Royal Academy or other higher education institutions that are accredited by the Royal Academy Council, or have other administrative experience in accordance with the criteria and time period specified in the regulations of the Royal Academy.

Aside from the qualifications under paragraph one, Heads and Deputy Heads of departments under Section 8 (2) (3) and Section 8 paragraph two must have other qualifications and must not have any prohibition as specified in the regulations of the Royal Academy."

Section 14 The provisions in paragraph one of Section 37 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"Section 37 In the departments under Section 8 (2) (3) and Section 8 paragraph two, there may be a departmental board to manage the respective departments."

Section 15 The provisions of Section 44 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"Section 44 The Royal Academy Council shall arrange for the performance appraisal of the Secretary-General and the departmental heads under Section 8 (2) (3) and Section 8 paragraph two in accordance with the criteria, procedures and time frame stipulated in the regulations of the Royal Academy."

Section 16 The provisions in paragraph two of Section 57 of the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act of B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced by the following:

"The Secretary-General of the Royal Academy may appoint a person with appropriate qualifications and is not a full-time lecturer of the Royal Academy as a special lecturer on the advice of the head of departments under Section 8 (2) (3) or Section 8 paragraph two responsible for the management of teaching and learning."

Section 17 All references to the "President of the Royal Academy Council" and the "Vice President of the Royal Academy Council" in the Chulabhorn Royal Academy Act B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be amended to the "Chairperson of the Royal Academy Council" and the "Vice Chairperson of the Royal Academy Council" respectively.

For all legal and regulatory provisions or announcements referencing the "President of the Royal Academy Council" and the "Vice President of the Royal Academy Council" in relation to the Royal Academy, the terms "Chairperson of the Royal Academy Council" and the "Vice Chairperson of the Royal Academy Council" shall be used.

Section 18 Government officials or employees of any government agencies performing their duties regarding academic work and services related to science, technology, medicine and public health, willing to become a practitioner in the Royal Academy shall inform their supervisor and the Secretary-General of the Royal Academy in writing within six years from the date this Act comes into force, after which the Royal Academy shall arrange a recruitment process for their selection or assessment in accordance with the criteria set by the Royal Academy. Upon such persons successfully passing the said selection or assessment process, the Royal Academy shall proceed with their placement as a practitioner at the Royal Academy.

Employees of government agencies whom the Royal Academy has recruited as practitioners of the Royal Academy under paragraph one shall be deemed as leaving the job because the government has abolished the position and shall be entitled to receive gratuities in accordance with the Regulations of the Ministry of Finance on Employee Benefits.

For the purpose of determining work hours for calculation of benefits according to the regulations of the Royal Academy for those government officials or employees of a government agency who have become a practitioner in the Royal Academy under this section, who may wish to count their years of service while being a civil servant or state agency employee, as the case may be, continuously with their work at the Royal Academy, may choose to do so by expressing the intention not to receive any pension or benefit from their previous position.

Renouncing the right to obtain pensions or benefits under paragraph four must be done within thirty days from the date of placement as practitioners in the Royal Academy. In the case of a civil servant, laws pertaining to government pension or the government pension fund shall be applied, as the case may be. For state agency employees, the said expression of intent must be made in writing and signed as evidence to be submitted to the Secretary-General of the Royal Academy to be forwarded to the Ministry of Finance for acknowledgement.

Section 19 The Prime Minister and the Minister of Education shall be in charge of this Act, in respect of their authority.

Countersigned by

General Prayut Chan-ocha

Prime Minister

Note :- The rationale for the promulgation of this Act is that in the implementation of the objectives of Royal Academy in conducting research, providing education and development and production of high-level personnel to create knowledge, being a center of excellence in science, technology, environment,

medicine and public health, and provision of medical and public health services to the general population, the Royal Academy must operate speedily for the benefit of servicing the people and national development. It is, therefore, deemed that the Chulabhorn Research Institute should be separate from being a division of the Royal Academy in order for the administration of the Royal Academy to be flexible and able to achieve the stated objectives, as well as being beneficial to the Chulabhorn Research Institute in carrying out its tasks quickly and with independence in terms of operational and budget management. In addition, for the benefit of the operation of the Royal Academy, it is deemed appropriate that the Royal Academy may have a Royal Academy President to give advice and counsel to the Royal Academy Council on all matters pertaining to the objectives of the Royal Academy. It is further deemed a requisite to revise the name of the position of the President and Vice President of the Royal Academy Council to be more appropriate. Therefore, it is necessary to enact this Act.