

**REGULATIONS ON THE PERMISSION FOR FOREIGN
RESEARCHERS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN THAILAND
B.E. 2550**

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To improve the efficacy of the *Regulation on the Permission for Foreign Researchers to Conduct Research in Thailand B.E. 2525*, the Executive Board of the National Research Council of Thailand issues the following regulations as authorized in Sections 6, 11 (12) and (13) as well as in Section 13 of the *National Research Council Act B.E. 2502*, amended by the *National Research Council Act B.E. 2507*, and the *Announcement of the Revolution Party Vol. 315* dated December 13, B.E. 2515 :

Article 1 These regulations shall be called "*Regulations on the Permission for Foreign Researchers to Conduct Research in Thailand B.E 2550*."

Article 2 These Regulations become effective on the next date announced in the Royal Gazette.

Article 3 The *Regulation on the Permission for Foreign Researchers to Conduct Research in Thailand B.E. 2525* is repealed.

Article 4 These regulations on the permission for foreign researchers to conduct research in Thailand have been formulated to achieve the following objectives:

- (1) Enhancing cooperation and collaboration between Thai and foreign researchers, and providing opportunities for the exchange of knowledge, technical expertise, and experience
- (2) Promoting research activities in Thailand so that the results can be used to further the country's development
- (3) Stabilizing the social and economic security of Thailand
- (4) Controlling and regulating the country's natural resources to ensure that Thailand receives their benefits.

Article 5 In these regulations:

"Research" means scholarly or scientific investigation, exploration, excavation, analysis, or experimentation. The goal of this enterprise is to not only to search for new principles and knowledge in order to formulate theories or to establish guidelines for implementation, but also to gain in-depth knowledge or develop modern technology in the subject being researched.

"Office" means the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT).

"Thai researcher" means a researcher who is a Thai citizen and conducts research in cooperation with foreign researchers; a Thai university faculty member who serves as a co-advisor, an academic, and/or an official of a participating organization who is assigned to jointly conduct research or collaborate with foreign researchers.

"Foreign researcher" means a researcher who is not a Thai citizen, who resides in

