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National University

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Decision on

The Designation of "Smoke Free Zone" of the National University

- Pursuant to the Law on Hygiene, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, No. 01/NA, dated 10 April 2001.
- Pursuant to the Prime Minister's Decree No. 87/PM, dated 20 June 2000, on the establishment of the National University of Laos.
- Based on the Decision of the Rector of the National University of Laos No. 165/NUOL/2006, dated 23 January 2006, on the establishment of the Committee of "Smoke Free Zone" of the National University of Laos, dated 05 June 2006.

The Rector of the National University of Laos decides:

Article 1: Designate a "Smoke Free Zone" in all faculties, colleges, offices, libraries, education centers and other sections under the jurisdiction of the National University of Laos.

Article 2: The designation of "Smoke Free Zone" has the following objectives:

1. To regulate smoking in the National University of Laos.
2. To gradually reduce the smoking rate of staff, teachers, students and other persons who come to contact with the National University of Laos.
3. To prevent all diseases caused by smoking and promote the good health of the smokers and second hand smokers at the National University of Laos.

Article 3: The designation of “Smoke Free Zone” aims to:

1. Make the places under the jurisdiction of the National University smoke free and make the surrounding environment clean and fresh, and promote good health for all.
2. Reduce economic losses from buying cigarettes, healthcare costs from diseases related to the use of tobacco by staff, teachers and students; and increase the managing, teaching and studying efficiency at the university.
3. Make the National University a role model for all other education institutions in establishing “Smoke Free Zones.”

Article 4: “Smoke Free Zone” at the National University of Laos includes places and buildings such as: classrooms, libraries, meeting rooms, offices, restrooms, laboratories, dormitories, cafeterias, indoor gymnasiums, hospitals, buses of the University and other places used by the University to hold official events.

Article 5: The places stipulated in Article 4 must have a sign posted “**NO SMOKING**” or “**THANK YOU FOR NOT SMOKING**” or other similar warnings on the entrance and inside the buildings of those places; the signs or warning notices must be written in a size that is legible at a distance of 10 meters or more.

Article 6: All sections under the jurisdiction of the National University of Laos must designate “Smoking Area” at an appropriate location; but the smoking zone must be far from the entrance of the building or block by at least 20 meters and have a “**Smoking Area**” sign that can be clearly seen.

Article 7: All locations designated as “**Smoking Area**” must have proper containers or ashtrays for cigarette ashes as well as trash bins to prevent fires from cigarette ashes.

Article 8: All sections under the jurisdiction of the National University of Laos shall make a reasonable schedule to allow smoking staff and students to have enough time to go out and smoke at the designated areas.

Article 9: To direct the implementation of this “Smoke Free Zone” Policy effectively and to ensure the effective evaluation of the progress of that implementation, there shall be a coordination committee among the faculties within the National University (NUOL), which includes:

1. Vice Rector of the National University of Laos as Chairman
2. Vice Dean of the Medical Science Faculty as Vice Chairman
3. Vice Deans from all other faculties as Member
4. Deputy Principal of the Basic Science College as Member
5. Deputy Directors of libraries and academic centers as Member
6. Secretaries/Chairmen of 3 mass organizations at NUOL as Member
7. Deputy Director of Sethathirath Hospital as Member
8. One Teacher from the Medical Science Faculty as Member & Secretary

Article 10: The coordination committee for the promotion of “Smoke Free Zones” has the following duties:

1. Organize and disseminate this decision across the National University of Laos
2. Establish committees for “Smoke Free Zones” in each section
3. Organize various campaign activities to make the “Smoke Free Zone” movement wide-spread.
4. Summarize and report the implementation progress of the “Smoke Free Zone” Policy to upper rank authority periodically.
5. Cooperate with the Coordination Committee on Tobacco Control of the Ministry of Public Health and other organizations inside the country and abroad to boost implementation of the “Smoke Free Zone” policy to reach an increasingly larger scale.

Article 11: Prohibitions of smoking at the National University of Laos

1. Smoking in the locations stipulated in Article 5 of this decision is prohibited.
2. Selling cigarettes within the areas under the jurisdiction of the National University of Laos is prohibited.

3. Accepting the sponsorship of the tobacco companies, cigarette distribution agents or tobacco industries is prohibited.
4. Using the places belonging to the National University of Laos as the location for campaigning or promoting the sale of tobacco, whether indirectly or directly, is also prohibited.

Article 12: Parties or individuals following and implementing this decision effectively shall receive appreciation and acknowledgement accordingly from the relevant authority of the National University of Laos.

Article 13: Parties or individuals violating this decision shall be educated, warned, criticized and subjected to proper disciplinary actions from the relevant authority of the National University of Laos

Article 14: Faculties, colleges, offices, centers, libraries and other sections under the jurisdiction of the National University of Laos shall disseminate and effectively implement this decision.

Article 15: This decision enters into force from the date that it is signed.

The Rector of NUOL

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