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Foreword

Research plays an important role in developing the society. Famous universities in the world have focused much on research until some universities become research universities. University lecturers play an important role not only disseminating knowledge and experiences but also in research activities.

In Cambodia, higher education institutions have focused remarkably on the research development. Apparently, in 2012 Higher Education Quality and Capacity Improvement Project (HEQCIP) supported by the World Bank aims at improving research capacity building of lecturers and providing research grants through research writing proposals for research grant competition. In 2015, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport required all higher education institutions to prepare a clear research policy in order to improve the quality of education at higher education institutions aiming at competing labor market in the region and globe.

The University of Law and Economics has prepared a research policy in accordance with the university vision and strategic plan aiming to improve mainly research capacity and create a research culture in order to provide quality education which is nationally and internationally recognized. Through this research policy, the university will stimulate research and publication widely.

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Introduction

The Royal University of Law and Economics was originally founded in 1949 as the National Institute of Law and Economics, and then it was renamed many times based on the needs of society and the change of the regimes. In 1994, it was renamed the Faculty of Law and Economics and then it was transformed as the Royal University of Law and Economics through Sub-decree No. 56ANK/BK dated July 16, 2003. Remarkably, the Royal University of Law and Economics became a public administrative institution by Sub-decree No.89ANK/BK dated July 27, 2007. In the name of the higher education institution which is a public administrative institution, the university plays a crucial role in producing potential human resources in order to contribute to the country development through educational sector.

The university has three main roles including teaching, research and community services. In order to fulfill these roles as well as to contribute to the development of educational sector and based on Policy on Research Development in Education Sector which was approved by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport on July 1, 2010, Action Plan for Research Development in the Education Sector 2011-2015 and Policy on the Research Improvement for Higher Education Institutions, the Royal University of Law and Economics has prepared this research policy in order to create research culture with high quality, innovation, and creative ideas corresponding to the economic and social evolvement of Cambodia as well as to ensure the sustainability of high quality of the education for the development of the nation.

Chapter 1: Purpose of Research Policy

The Research Policy of the Royal University of Law and Economics is aimed at:

- Promoting research capacity building for staff and faculty members,
- Promoting quality education and innovation through the research on related subjects to the courses provided by the university,
- Stimulating all levels and types of research in compliance with Policy on Research Development in Education Sector in order to achieve National Development Strategic Plan and Rectangular Strategy Phase 3 of the Royal Government of Cambodia,
- Creating research culture which is the basis for competition and evaluation of faculty members, staff members and students to be promoted,
- Publishing research work for researchers, faculty members, staff members and students.

Chapter 2: Research Management Committee

Research Management Committee plays a role in reviewing, evaluating and deciding research proposals and other research work including legal research, economic research and other research which is submitted by the researcher at the Royal University of Law and Economics.

Research Management Committee has the following structure:

- Management Committee for General Research Work has a duty to check and approve the research proposals and research work which was reviewed and evaluated by the Sub-Technical Committee.
- Sub-Technical Committee has a duty to review and evaluate the research proposals and research depending on the skills available.

The composition of the Management Committee for General Research Work and other Sub-Technical Committees as well as the procedures of reviewing and evaluating research proposals and research work are set in the separate guideline of the RULE.

Chapter 3: Type of Research

RULE openly welcomes all research requested by individuals or joint researchers, faculty and staff members of RULE and other research institutions especially private and public sectors as well as the national and foreign researchers.

RULE accepts all types of research including legal research, economic research and other research depending on the scope and type of research including short term research (3-6 months) immediate research (6-18 months) and long term research (more than 18 months).

The detailed guideline of the type of research is set separately by RULE.

Chapter 4: Cooperation on Research Work

In order to promote research quality and capacity building widely, RULE promotes cooperation with national international institutions on joint research. In addition, RULE encourages national and international collaboration in order to share knowledge, experiences and research findings through organizing joint national and international conferences.

Chapter 5: Research Ethics

- RULE prepares guideline and provides information to students, staff and faculty members as well as other researchers about the research ethics and the benefit of research work.
- RULE pays attention to and respect research ethics in the national and international framework.
- RULE develops the review procedures of research work in order to prevent plagiarism ensuring the high standard to implementing the guideline on research ethics.

Chapter 6: Copy Rights

In order to ensure the sustainability of implementing guideline on copy rights and governance on the research work, RULE has the right to seek remuneration and other interests from copy right institutions of all research work relating to innovation and creative ideas on behalf of technical advisor and co-author of research work depending on the contract.

RULE sets that all research types shall be under copy right protection and the control of RULE is done through the examination and evaluation from Sub-Technical Committee depending on the guideline on research policy.

Sub-Technical Committee has a duty to examine and evaluate all research types in order to prevent form copy right violation and the breach of guideline on copy rights.

The composition of the Sub-Technical Committee and Procedures of examination and evaluation of all types of research will be set up in a separate guideline by RULE as stated in Chapter 2 “Research Management Committee” of this research policy.

Chapter 7: Compilation and Publication of Research Work

In order to protect research work and contribute to building research related documents, RULE will publish research work in newsletters, national and international journal, textbooks, and lecture notes corresponding to the needs of curriculum and also publish those documents in on-line library and maintain them in the libraries.

Chapter 8: Sustainability of Research

In order to ensure the research sustainability, RULE plans to conduct training courses and field trips in order to understand deeply the research redevelopment of other university partners for faculty and staff members as well as other researchers.

In order to ensure the quality and promote research work, RULE has the budget plan for research activities.

Conclusion

Research policy of the Royal University of Law and Economics contributes actively to ensuring the quality of education and innovation in the Kingdom of Cambodia through creating research culture which provides the main interest for capacity development including promotion of capacity building of all sectors with innovative ideas corresponding to the emerging economic and social evolvment in Cambodia. The research policy ensures the sustainability of the educational program with high quality. Therefore, the staff and faculty members as well as students of the Royal University of Law and Economics are necessarily

taking part in implementing and disseminating the research policy in order to reach future global development and integration.