Annual Report

SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals

Partnerships to Advance SDG 16 Peace Justice and Strong Institutions

1. Introduction

Thaksin University advances SDG 16, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, through partnerships that connect university governance, legal education, and public engagement. In 2025, the university worked across its academic and administrative units and with communities, public media, government agencies, and international institutions to promote transparency, democratic participation, human rights, and understanding of the rule of law.

These efforts included the Integrity and Transparency Assessment and the No Gift Policy, public forums on local elections, community legal outreach, human rights training, and academic exchanges with universities in ASEAN. Together, they brought the university's expertise into dialogue with public concerns and created opportunities for students, staff, and local residents to learn and participate.

This report presents these partnerships at the university, community, national, and international levels, outlining their activities, outputs, outcomes, and potential contributions to SDG 16. It also illustrates how collaboration under SDG 17 can support more accountable institutions and inclusive access to knowledge and participation. Where longer-term effects have yet to be established, further monitoring is needed to assess their impact.

2. Partnership Objectives and Targets for Peace Justice and Strong Institutions

Thaksin University's partnerships aim to strengthen integrity and transparency, encourage public participation, connect legal expertise with community needs, and promote human rights and international academic cooperation. The key objectives are to:

1. Strengthen transparent and accountable university governance through integrity assessments, public disclosure, ethical conduct, and the prevention of conflicts of interest.
2. Encourage informed and inclusive participation by providing forums where students and local residents can access information, discuss public issues, and share perspectives.
3. Improve access to legal knowledge and understanding of rights, particularly among local communities and vulnerable groups, by connecting university expertise with local needs.
4. Strengthen knowledge and practical understanding of human rights among public officials, local organisations, educators, and community members through partnerships with national agencies.
5. Build international networks for legal education through student and faculty exchanges, comparative legal studies, and knowledge sharing on conflict resolution and justice systems. Progress is assessed through ITA results, public forums, legal outreach, training, cooperation agreements, and academic exchanges. Further follow-up is needed to assess long-term outcomes in public participation, rights protection, and access to justice.

3. Collaboration within the University

3.1 Participating University Units

Thaksin University promotes good governance, transparency, accountability, and effective institutional management through collaboration among its administrative, audit, and oversight units, faculties, and other departments. These efforts support SDG 16, particularly its target of developing effective, accountable, and transparent institutions at all levels.

In 2025, the university focused on strengthening integrity and transparency in its management systems, preventing corruption and conflicts of interest, and building a culture of ethical conduct and public accountability. The roles of the Internal Audit Unit, human resources units, the Office of the President, and the faculties and departments involved in the Integrity and Transparency Assessment (ITA) and the No Gift Policy in 2025 should be verified before they are identified as participating units in the final report.

The university also encourages its student affairs and academic units to work together to promote learning about democracy, rights and freedoms, and the rule of law. The Faculty of Law Student Club, the Faculty of Law, the Student Affairs Division, and academics from the College of Management for Development supported discussions on law and current political issues. These activities reinforce the university's role as a forum for open intellectual exchange and democratic citizenship education.

3.2 Joint Projects and Activities

Activity 1 Integrity and Transparency Assessment for Fiscal Year 2025

Thaksin University participated in the Integrity and Transparency Assessment (ITA) of public sector agencies for fiscal year 2025 to strengthen institutional management in line with good governance principles.

The university-wide effort covered public disclosure, transparent working procedures, corruption prevention awareness, and stakeholder feedback. University units worked together to develop management systems that are open to scrutiny.



https://ita.tsu.ac.th

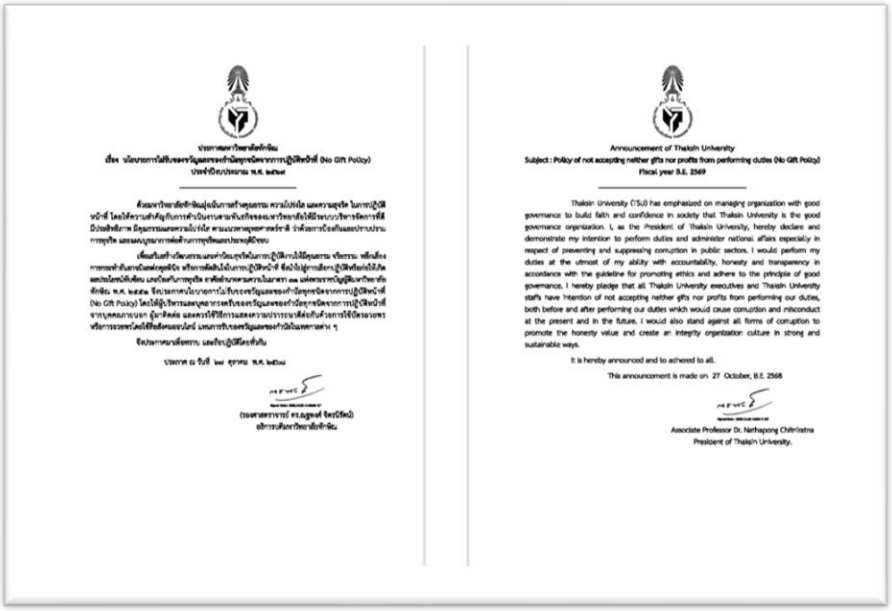
Activity 2 Promoting Ethical Conduct and the No Gift Policy

Thaksin University introduced measures to promote integrity and ethical conduct at work, including its No Gift Policy. The policy encourages executives and staff to perform their duties honestly and transparently, without accepting gifts or other benefits that could create conflicts of interest.

These measures help establish shared ethical standards across the university and build an institutional culture grounded in public accountability.

Individual faculties also announced policies aligned with the university's policy.





Announcement of Thaksin University
Subject : Policy of not accepting neither gifts nor profits from performing duties (No Gift Policy)
Fiscal year B.E. 2569

Thaksin University (TSU) has emphasized on managing organization with good governance to build faith and confidence in society that Thaksin University is the good governance organization. I, as the President of Thaksin University, hereby declare and demonstrate my intention to perform duties and administer national affairs especially in respect of preventing and suppressing corruption in public sectors. I would perform my duties at the utmost of my ability with accountability, honesty and transparency in accordance with the guideline for promoting ethics and adhere to the principle of good governance. I hereby pledge that all Thaksin University executives and Thaksin University staffs have intention of not accepting neither gifts nor profits from performing our duties, both before and after performing our duties which would cause corruption and misconduct at the present and in the future, I would also stand against all forms of corruption to promote the honesty value and create an integrity organization culture in strong and sustainable ways.

It is hereby announced and to adhered to all.

This announcement is made on 27 October, B.E. 2568

Associate Professor Dr. Nathapong Chitniratna
President of Thaksin University.

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Activity 3 LAW IN FLAMES Forum

The Faculty of Law Student Club at Thaksin University's Songkhla campus, together with the Student Affairs Division, organised "LAW IN FLAMES: Law in the Heat of Politics." The forum provided an academic space for students and members of the public to discuss the role of law, rights and freedoms, and Thailand's political situation.

Associate Professor Dr. Nathapong Chitniratna, President of Thaksin University, delivered a keynote address on "The Role of Universities in the Political Context." Assistant Professor Dr. Kritsada Aphinawathawornkul, Dean of the Faculty of Law, spoke on "Thought, Freedom, and Democracy."

A panel discussion on "Democracy and Ethics: The Boundary between Power and Justice" brought together academics from Thaksin University and Songkhla Rajabhat University, along with law student representatives. Participants explored the relationship between political power, ethics, rights and freedoms, and justice in a democracy.

The forum demonstrated how university units can work together to support democratic learning and student participation. It encouraged constructive discussion and respect for different views, contributing to inclusive participation under SDG 16.7 and learning about fundamental freedoms under SDG 16.10.



3.3 Outputs Outcomes and Impact

Outputs

The university completed the ITA for fiscal year 2025 and compiled information on integrity, transparency, and public disclosure to support institutional monitoring.

One academic forum on law, democracy, and rights and freedoms was organised jointly by the Faculty of Law Student Club, the Student Affairs Division, and Thaksin University academics, with contributions from external academics and student representatives.

Outcomes

Thaksin University received an ITA score of 91.68 for fiscal year 2025.

This score placed the university in the “Pass with Good Performance” category and provides a quantitative measure of its progress in transparency and good governance.

The forum created opportunities to learn about and discuss law, political ethics, and justice in a democracy. Students were able to discuss public issues with academics from different disciplines.

Impact

Stronger governance and transparency systems contribute to a more accountable institution and help build long-term confidence in university management. Student activities also have the potential to strengthen democratic culture, respect for different opinions, and socially responsible citizenship. Further follow-up data are needed to assess their long-term impact.

3.4 Supporting Evidence

Thaksin University ITA website: https://ita.tsu.ac.th

ITA and No Gift Policy news and documents: https://ita.tsu.ac.th/pagenews.php?cid=1

ITA assessment results for fiscal year 2025

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4. Community and Local Partnerships

4.1 Community and Local Partners

In 2025, Thaksin University worked with public media, civic networks, and stakeholders in southern Thailand to create opportunities for public participation and local democratic learning. These partnerships supported inclusive decision-making that responds to people's needs.

Partners included Thai PBS, public media networks in southern Thailand, and community networks in Phatthalung, Songkhla, and Satun. The university contributed venues and academic expertise and enabled students to take part.

Other partners and mechanisms included the Phatthalung Provincial Lawyers Council, the Legal Clinic Centre, and the Centre for Ethnic and Vulnerable Groups Legal Studies. They connect legal expertise with local needs. In 2025, the university planned legal outreach activities in Lan Khoi Subdistrict, Pa Phayom District, Phatthalung, to improve understanding of the law, rights and freedoms, and access to legal information for local residents and vulnerable groups.

4.2 Joint Projects Activities and Research

Activity 1 Public Forum on Southern Politics in Phatthalung on 13 January 2025

Thaksin University, Thai PBS, and public media partners organised a forum at the university's Phatthalung campus for candidates for President of the Phatthalung Provincial Administrative Organisation to present their visions and policies. Five candidates or representatives participated, and the event was shared through the public media networks' online channels.

The forum gave local residents access to information about proposed local development policies and supported informed political participation.



Activity 2 Public Forum on Southern Politics in Songkhla on 22 January 2025

Thaksin University, Thai PBS, and public media networks organised a debate at Parichat Auditorium, Songkhla campus, for candidates for President of the Songkhla Provincial Administrative Organisation. Students and members of the public heard the candidates ' policy proposals. Livestreams across several public media channels extended access to information about local politics.



Activity 3 Public Forum on Southern Politics in Satun on 27 January 2025

Thaksin University, Thai PBS, and public media partners organised a forum at which four candidates for President of the Satun Provincial Administrative Organisation presented their visions. Assistant Professor Dr. Thuanthong Krutchon, Dean of the College of Management for Development, Thaksin University, served as a moderator.

The activity brought university expertise into local public discussion, supporting learning and the exchange of information within the community.



Activity 4 Community Dialogue and Legal Outreach in Lan Khoi Phatthalung

The Legal Clinic Centre, Faculty of Law, Thaksin University, scheduled a community dialogue on “People and Livelihood Land: Lan Khoi Subdistrict and the National Park” for 5 July 2025 at the village hall in Moo 9, Lan Khoi Subdistrict, Pa Phayom District, Phatthalung. The activity was designed to connect legal expertise with community concerns and support the university’s public service role. It provided a forum for the university and community to learn together, raise concerns, explore possible solutions, and listen to local voices. Contributors included National Human Rights Commissioner Preeda Kongpaen, Faculty of Law executives, lecturers from the Legal Clinic Centre and the Centre for Ethnic Legal Studies, academics, and students, who shared perspectives on both the facts and the legal issues.



4.3 Outputs Outcomes and Impact

Alongside its activities supporting democratic participation, Thaksin University developed legal outreach activities to address community needs through the Legal Clinic Centre and the Centre for Ethnic and Vulnerable Groups Legal Studies.

Outputs

At least three public forums on local elections were organised in Phatthalung, Songkhla, and Satun through collaboration with Thai PBS and public media partners.

At least one community legal outreach activity was planned: the Lan Khoi dialogue in Phatthalung.

Outcomes

The forums provided channels for sharing candidates' visions and local development policies, enabling residents and students to access information directly from candidates and exchange views on the future of their communities.

The legal outreach activity was designed to create opportunities for the university and local residents to learn from one another and share legal knowledge, while raising awareness of the rights, freedoms, and equality of vulnerable groups.

Impact

These activities have the potential to strengthen public participation and access to public information, both of which are essential to democratic society and responsive local government.

Community legal outreach helped address gaps in legal knowledge, particularly on land rights and access to livelihood land. This provides a foundation for strengthening the rule of law, equal access to justice, and people's ability to exercise their rights and use justice mechanisms.

4.4 Supporting Evidence

Phatthalung debate on 13 January 2025

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Songkhla debate on 22 January 2025

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Satun debate on 27 January 2025

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5. National Partnerships

5.1 National Partners

Thaksin University works with national government agencies to support rights and freedoms, improve understanding of human rights, and strengthen the skills of people responsible for protecting the public's rights.

A documented partner in 2025 was the Rights and Liberties Protection Department, Ministry of Justice. The department worked with Faculty of Law staff to promote human rights in Thailand's southern border provinces. This cooperation supports SDG 16, particularly the rule of law, access to justice, and the promotion and enforcement of non-discriminatory laws and policies.

5.2 Joint Projects Activities and Research

Activity 1 Third Training Programme on Rights Freedoms and Human Rights in the Southern Border Provinces from 24 to 26 February 2025

The Faculty of Law, Thaksin University, worked with the Rights and Liberties Protection Department, Ministry of Justice, to deliver the third training programme on rights, freedoms, and human rights in the southern border provinces. The programme took place at Siam Oriental Hotel in Hat Yai, Songkhla.

Assistant Professor Jesada Thongkhao and lecturer Naruemon Thanisaro from the Faculty of Law served as facilitators. They shared knowledge and encouraged discussion of rights, freedoms, and human rights among participants from government agencies, local administrative organisations, religious organisations, educational institutions, and communities in the southern border provinces.

The programme illustrates how university expertise can support the work of national government agencies and help build local networks of people with knowledge of human rights.





5.3 Outputs Outcomes and Impact

Outputs

A three-day training programme on rights, freedoms, and human rights was delivered jointly by Thaksin University and the Rights and Liberties Protection Department, with university academics serving as facilitators.

Outcomes

Participants from government agencies, local organisations, religious organisations, educational institutions, and civil society had opportunities to learn about human rights protection and exchange experiences that could inform their work and community activities.

Impact

The partnership helped build human rights learning networks and created opportunities to apply principles of respect for rights and equality in organisations across the southern border provinces. Further follow-up evidence is needed to establish its long-term impact on rights protection.

5.4 Supporting Evidence

Thaksin University and the Rights and Liberties Protection Department human rights training programme from 24 to 26 February 2025

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6. International Partnerships

6.1 International Partners

Thaksin University develops international partnerships to advance the Sustainable Development Goals through knowledge exchange in research, education, and academic outreach, as well as cooperation with international organisations.

Documented discussions in 2025 included a meeting with United Nations representatives in Thailand, who exchanged approaches to sustainable development with university executives and researchers.

In 2025, the university, particularly its Faculty of Law, also worked with higher education institutions across ASEAN on student exchanges, guest lectures, institutional partnerships, and comparative legal studies. Higher education partners included Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Malaysia, and Indonesian institutions Universitas Negeri Surabaya (UNESA), Universitas Syiah Kuala (USK), Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia, and the University of Bengkulu.

6.2 Joint Projects Activities and Research

Activity 1 Sustainable Development Discussions with the United Nations on 4 February 2025

On 4 February 2025, a delegation of Thaksin University executives and researchers led by Associate Professor Dr. Samak Kaewsuksaeng, Vice President for Research and Innovation, met United Nations representatives in Thailand at the UN offices in Bangkok.

The meeting focused on exchanging research knowledge and approaches to advancing the SDGs, as well as exploring cooperation in teaching, research, and academic outreach.

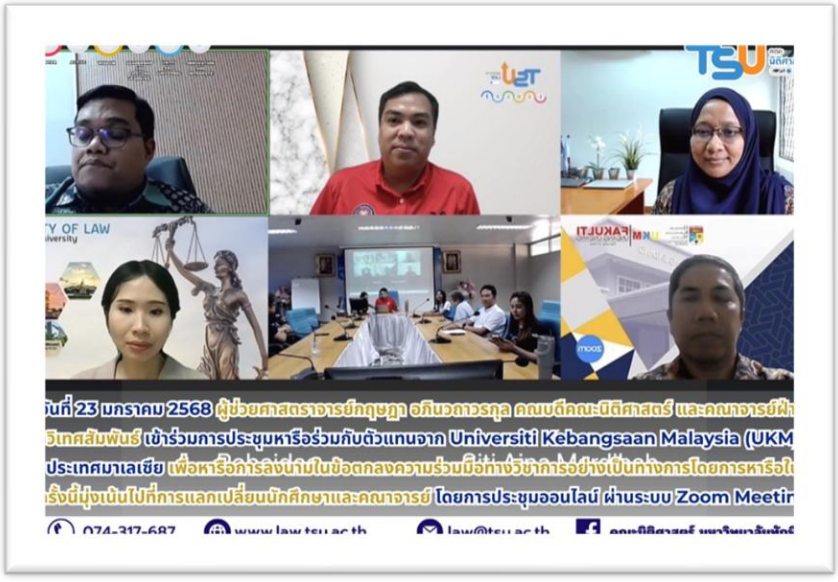
The university presented approaches to area-based development through research initiatives such as the Phatthalung Model, which addresses poverty through research and social

innovation. Participants also discussed the development of graduate programmes in sustainable development.

These discussions represent an effort to build cooperation with international organisations. They could support SDG 16 in the future if developed into projects addressing governance, human rights, participation, or institutional strengthening.

Activity 2 Developing Academic Cooperation in Law with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

On 23 January 2025, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Thaksin University, and faculty members responsible for international relations met online with the Dean and academics of UKM's Faculty of Law. They discussed directions for academic cooperation, particularly student and faculty exchanges and joint academic activities.



The discussions led to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two faculties on 17 November 2025, with the involvement of Thaksin University's International Relations Office. The agreement covers student and faculty exchanges, joint research, and future academic cooperation.

This partnership progressed from institutional discussions to a formal framework for cooperation, supporting legal knowledge exchange and the development of legal professionals in ASEAN.



Activity 3 Comparative Criminal Procedure Law in Thailand and Malaysia

On 9 August 2025, the Faculty of Law invited Associate Professor Dr. Muhammad Helmi MD Said from UKM's Faculty of Law to deliver a special lecture entitled "Learning Exchange on Comparative Criminal Procedure Law between Malaysia and Thailand." The lecture took place in Room LAW402, Nititham Building, Songkhla campus.

The lecture explored the criminal procedure systems of Thailand and Malaysia, a key aspect of criminal justice, and supported learning about the rule of law through comparative legal study.



Activity 4 Academic Exchange and Legal Skills Development for Thai and Malaysian Students

In November 2025, the Faculty of Law welcomed academics and students from UKM for academic exchanges and preparations for cooperation on the International Legal Competition 2025.

The activities connected law students from the two countries and encouraged discussion of legal and social issues in an international context.

The faculty also arranged visits to the Institute for Southern Thai Studies and Baan Pla No. 9. Participants released crabs into the wild and attended a presentation by the Charoen Pokphand Group's marine sustainability operations team, led by Dr. Pathaporn Kueanui, Ms. Chayanee Boonson, and Ms. Kulkanya Rattanachat. The team introduced the "Sea Innovation Aquatic Animal Bank" project, which uses innovation and community cooperation to restore and sustainably increase aquatic resources.

These visits enabled students from both countries to exchange knowledge about culture, society, and natural resources, while strengthening the faculty's international academic partnerships.



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GROUP 5
GAMING ADDICTION
WINNER
Gaming Addiction
PROJECT CCC
First runner-up
Bullying
Second runner-up
Environmental Issue
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Honorable Mention
Problem of Flooding and Disaster Management

Activity 5 Student Exchanges and a Visiting Lecturer from Indonesia

In December 2025, the Faculty of Law at Thaksin University's Phatthalung campus organised an Inbound Student Exchange Programme and International Week, welcoming students from Universitas Negeri Surabaya (UNESA) and Universitas Syiah Kuala (USK), Indonesia.

Thai and Indonesian students shared their experiences of legal education. Muhammad Akmal Habib, S.H., M.H.L., from UNESA delivered guest lectures on "Health Law" and "Introduction to Law." Inbound students from UNESA also visited Phatthalung Provincial Court, a forensic science unit, and a police station in Phatthalung to observe justice institutions in practice. The programme broadened their understanding of Thailand's justice system, encouraged international legal knowledge exchange, developed intercultural communication skills, and strengthened academic networks across ASEAN.





Activity 6 Learning about the Thai Justice System with Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia

On 23 September 2025, the Faculty of Law, Thaksin University, worked with the Faculty of Law at Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia and Songkhla Provincial Court to organise a study visit on Thailand's court and justice systems at Songkhla Provincial Court in Mueang District, Songkhla.

Law students from both universities attended a lecture on the "Thai Judiciary System" delivered by a judge from Songkhla Provincial Court. They also toured the court to learn about the structure, roles, and responsibilities of Thailand's judiciary.

The visit brought together Thai and Indonesian universities and a Thai justice institution to provide practical learning. It supported international understanding of court systems and the rule of law, contributing to the goals of promoting the rule of law and equal access to justice.



Activity 7 Conflict Resolution and Comparative Criminal Law Exchange with the University of Bengkulu

On 20–21 August 2025, the Faculty of Law took part in academic exchange activities at the University of Bengkulu, Indonesia. Lecturer Natchaphat Kiss, Assistant Dean for International Relations and Global Competency Development, was invited to speak at the host university's seminar on "Local Wisdom of Conflict Resolution in Comparative Studies."

The seminar explored approaches to conflict resolution rooted in local wisdom and compared dispute resolution practices across national contexts. These exchanges contribute to the development of dispute resolution processes and peaceful coexistence.

A guest lecture entitled "Comparative Overview of Criminal Law in Malaysia and Thailand Legal Systems" was also delivered to undergraduate students at the University of Bengkulu. It

compared principles of criminal law in the two countries and supported understanding of legal systems and the rule of law in ASEAN.

The activities enabled Thaksin University to share legal expertise with an international partner and supported learning relevant to reducing violence, promoting peaceful societies, and strengthening the rule of law, particularly through conflict resolution and comparative legal studies.



6.3 Outputs Outcomes and Impact

Outputs

1. Discussions and knowledge exchange between university executives and researchers and United Nations representatives in Thailand on research, curriculum development, and academic outreach for sustainable development.

2. One MoU on academic cooperation signed with UKM.

3. A guest lecture on comparative criminal procedure law in Thailand and Malaysia.

4. Academic exchanges between Thaksin University and UKM academics and students.

5. A student exchange programme and International Week involving at least two Indonesian partner universities, UNESA and USK.

6. Guest lectures on law delivered by a visiting lecturer from UNESA.

7. One study visit on the Thai court system organised jointly by Thaksin University, Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia, and Songkhla Provincial Court, including a lecture on the "Thai Judiciary System" by a court judge.

8. Two forms of academic exchange with the University of Bengkulu on 20–21 August 2025: a seminar presentation on "Local Wisdom of Conflict Resolution in Comparative Studies" and an undergraduate guest lecture on "Comparative Overview of Criminal Law in Malaysia and Thailand Legal Systems." Both supported ASEAN cooperation in conflict resolution and comparative legal studies.

Outcomes

These international partnerships gave students and academics opportunities to learn about neighbouring countries' legal systems, exchange perspectives on justice processes, and better understand legal differences across ASEAN.

The MoU with UKM also established an institutional framework for future academic activities, staff exchanges, and joint research.

Impact

Thaksin University's international academic partnerships in 2025 contributed to legal education networks across ASEAN through knowledge exchange on justice processes, comparative criminal law, and conflict resolution, as well as study visits to Thai justice institutions.

These activities laid the groundwork for continuing academic cooperation. In particular, the MoU with UKM provides a framework that can support future student and faculty exchanges, joint research, and the development of legal professionals.

Exchanges on dispute resolution rooted in local wisdom and comparative legal systems also have the potential to inform approaches to peacebuilding and the rule of law in ASEAN.

6.4 Supporting Evidence

Cooperation discussions with UKM on 23 January 2025

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Comparative criminal procedure law lecture on 9 August 2025

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Academic exchange with UKM

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MoU signing ceremony on 17 November 2025

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Study visits with UKM

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Student exchange programme and visiting lecturer from Indonesia in December 2025

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