The International Conference was held during 25-28 September, 2006, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, the second International Conference organized by Chiangrai Rajabhat University, in association with UNESCO Regional Unit for Social and Human Sciences in Asia and the Pacific, National Institute of Education, Ministry of Education Youth and Sport, Cambodia, Royal Academy of Cambodia, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Build Bright University, National Research Council of Thailand, Faculty of Social Work, University of Hawaii, USA, Australian Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics CAPPE, SEAMEO Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (RIHED) and Mekong River Commission proved to be one of the most successful friendly cooperation events among academic scholars, researchers and development practitioners. The aim of the Conference was to bring together scholars, experts and practitioners, NGOs, member of the academic community, government and intergovernmental organizations for an exchange of ideas and viewpoints and to develop a mutual understanding with regard to issues on peace and development facing the countries of the Greater Mekong Sub-regions. The participants were consisted of 112 persons from Thailand, 77 persons from Cambodia and 10 persons from the Asia-Pacific region comprising Australia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Philippines, Japan, Lao PDR and Myanmar.

It has been agreed that such successful and fruitful 2nd International Conference on “Sustainable Development for Peace: New Dimensions of Friendly Cooperation in the Upper Greater Mekong Sub–region” should be rotated within the GMS countries as well as in the Asia – Pacific region. The lessons learned from the Conference had created tremendous learning and exchanging experiences from actual situations. The participants had adopted the discourse of knowledge sharing in its development and research program of each country which had brought friendly mutual understanding and built broad based partnership in thriving a feeling of regional oneness.

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