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**(Mahidol University's Logo)**

**Announcement of Mahidol University**

Subject: Guidelines to develop Mahidol University into a smoke-free university

B.E. 2565 (2022)

Mahidol University has been developed to protect the health and wellbeing of the students and staff who do not smoke since 2009. We have dealt with this issue directly and through cooperation with various networks and partners. To develop this practice even further and to comply with the government's direction, laws and announcements related to the protection of health of students and workers at the university,

By virtue of Section 34 of Mahidol University Act, B.E. 2550 (2007), the president, with the approval of the committee developing Mahidol University to be a smoke-free university, at the 3/2022 meeting on 31 August 2022, announced:

1. The cancellation of:

(1) Announcement of Mahidol University, subject: Setup of places for health protection of students and staff B.E. 2552 (2009) dated 23 August 2009

(2) Announcement of Mahidol University, subject: Health protection policy for non-smokers and "smoking area" arrangement B.E. 2556 (2013), dated 28 March 2013

(3) Announcement of Mahidol University, subject: Operational guidelines in case of violation in the non-smoking area B.E. 2559 (2016), dated 10 June 2016

2. In this announcement,

"University" means Mahidol University.

"Committee" means the committee developing Mahidol University to be a smoke-free university.

"Entity" means the university's council office, president's office, campus, faculty. Other entities than mentioned are in the same level as the faculty.

"Head" means the dean and director. It also includes the deputy president who is assigned by the president to oversee the campus. However, if mentioning the president's office, the head means the president.

"University staff" means the university staff (both paid by the university's budget and the income), government officer and every type of employees.

"Student" means the students of Mahidol University.

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## Section 1

### Objectives for developing Mahidol University into a smoke-free university

3. To sustainably transform Mahidol University into a smoke-free university. This is also to comply with the government's policy and the Tobacco Products Control Act B.E. 2560 (2017); Ministry of Health announcement on Identification of Types or Names of Public Places, Work Places and Vehicles, Entirely or in Part, as Non-Smoking Areas or Smoking Areas in Non-Smoking Areas B.E. 2561 (2018); Ministry of Health announcement on Features and Methods of Displaying the Non-smoking Area Sign and the Smoking Area Sign B.E. 2561 (2018); and other related announcements. Finally, this is to support the sustainable development strategy of Mahidol University.

4. To protect the health of the students and university staff from the danger of cigarettes and to support a rehabilitation therapy for the students and university staff who want to quit smoking.

5. To support the development of the students' and university staff's potential to participate in developing Mahidol University into a smoke-free university and to insert related content in teaching curriculum, knowledge management, research and innovation to sustainably develop Mahidol University into a smoke-free university.

6. To refuse to accept any sponsorship from tobacco businesses, related personnel or organizations receiving sponsorship from tobacco businesses. This includes corporate social responsibility (CSR) events from the mentioned parties.

## Section 2

### Committee

7. To achieve the objectives, the president has appointed a committee developing Mahidol University to be a smoke-free university. This committee has components, authorities and duties as determined by the president.

In case there is a committee in place before this announcement comes into force, that committee shall continue to perform duties until a change order is applied.

The committee shall be in a position according to the term of the president who appoints it.

## Section 3

### Operation

8. All indoor and outdoor areas and vehicles of Mahidol University are smoke-free areas according to Ministry of Health announcement on Identification of Types or Names of Public Places, Work Places and Vehicles, Entirely or in Part, as Non-Smoking Areas or Smoking Areas in Non-Smoking Areas B.E. 2561 (2018).

However, the committee may set up a temporary smoking area, but it has to follow the specifications mentioned in Section 44 of the Tobacco Products Control Act B.E. 2560 (2017).

9. It is prohibited to smoke any types of cigarettes mentioned in the Tobacco Products Control Act B.E. 2560 (2017) in all areas of the university or entities, except in the designated zone. The prohibition includes any devices that create smoke, mists or

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vapours from combustion, heat or electricity, through objects that contain tobacco such as Baraku, electronic Baraku or electronic cigarettes.

10. The heads have duties to support the operation of the committee and proceed according to this announcement.

11. When the heads or those assigned by the heads observe an act that violates the university's announcement or has received a report with sufficient evidence to believe that there is an act that violates the announcement, they must act as follows:

11.1 In case of students or university staff

(1) Stop the violation and give a warning as soon as they are found. Show themselves to the violator and record their names, surnames and affiliation in writing.

(2) If it is found that a student or university staff has violated the no-smoking announcement for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time (or more), report it to their parents (for students) or their head to consider disciplinary or ethical action.

(3) If it is found that a student or university staff has had disciplinary or ethical action taken against them but still violates the announcement, a criminal proceeding shall be taken against that person according to the laws on health protection of non-smokers respectively.

11.2 In case of third parties (companies, shops or juristic persons) who are in a contract with the university, including their employees and workers

(1) Stop the violation and give a warning as soon as they are found. Show themselves to the violator and record their names, surnames and affiliation in writing.

(2) If it is found that they have violated the no-smoking announcement for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time (or more), report it to the supervisors according to the chain of command. Contact the responsible head to notify the third parties in writing to prohibit the violator to work in the university or to order him/her to leave the university premises at the appropriate time.

(3) If it is found that the head has been warned as in (2) but the violator still commits violations, a criminal proceeding shall be taken against that person according to the laws on health protection of non-smokers respectively.

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**Section 4**

**Follow-up**

12. The committee shall report the operation results to the president once per budget year. The president shall report to Mahidol University's committee.

13. In case of any issues arising from this announcement, it depends on the president's discretion to make a final decision.

This announcement is in effect immediately.

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