

## Research Consultancy Agreement between The Australian National University and Dr. Amporn Marddent

1. **Background:** Dr. Amporn Marddent is to be engaged as a researcher in a project on “Urban Politics in Southeast Asia” being coordinated by the Department of Political and Social Change, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific, Australian National University. The project will run between February 2019 and July 2021. As part of her activities, she will conduct research on local politics in Nakhon Si Thammarat, write reports and academics articles, and attend project workshops.
2. **Fees.** The fees payable by the University to Dr. Amporn Marddent are:
  1. AUD 1,000 to be paid on signing of this agreement and submission of an invoice and of brief research plan.
  2. AUD 1,000 to be paid after submission of a minimum 2-page interim report, 15 (minimum 1 page) interview summaries, and an invoice from 1 July 2019.
  3. AUD 1,000 to be paid after submission of city report (see annex 1), additional 15 (minimum 1 page) interview summaries, and submission of an invoice from 1 January 2020.
  4. AUD 1,000 to be paid after submission of initial case study report, 30 additional (minimum 1 page) interview summaries, and invoice from 1 December 2020.
  5. AUD 1,000 to be paid after submission of Focus Group Discussion reports and research article by 1 June 2021.

Total = AUD 5,000

Signed:

*Amporn Marddent,*

Date: **26/02/2019**

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Annex 1.

Major deliverable for Year 1: **City Report**

*Due:* 15 December 2019.

*Overview:* The City Report is an initial report on your city. It provides basic information on the key topics to be covered in this research across all countries, and identifies issues and themes for further in-depth research and/or comparisons with other cities. (These guidelines, drafted in early 2019, may be modified slightly as our research proceeds throughout the year.)

*Purpose:* These reports will be the basis for in-country workshops for each country team in January 2020 and distributed among all researchers.

*Length:* These are major reports, so should be a minimum of 8,000 words (including tables and references).

*Language:* English or Indonesian/Malay/Thai

- If not in English, due 1 December 2019, to leave time for translation

*What to include:*

## **1. Basic city information**

Introduce your city:

- Population, geography, demographics, economy, etc.
- How does it compare to other cities in your country, national averages, etc.?
- How do features of social structures and the economy affect the politics of the city?
- What are the key documents/references or repositories for information on the city?
- Are there scholarly works on your city? Please include in an annotated bibliography.

## **2. Political structures, history and key stakeholders**

Provide an overview introduction and analysis of the politics of your city.

- Political history/background over last 10-20 years (longer if appropriate), including more recent developments.
- Who/what are the key political actors and forces? Who runs the city and how? Who is the mayor, what is the composition of the city council, etc.? Relative competence/capacity?
- Is there a political machine? What is the nature of the political machine? How dominant is it? What distinguishes it (e.g., family dynasty, ideology/programs)?
- Are there rival political machines, either currently or recently, and do they offer major competition to whatever machine is currently in power?
- What are the background, reputation, and track record of the mayor/machine?

- Any distinctive features, achievements, or failings of local government?
- Clientelistic? Corrupt? Programmatic? Reforming? Other? Some combination of the above? Your characterization.
- What is the nature of the relationship between the city leaders and other political actors (e.g. provincial leaders/officers, village leaders, etc.) or state/provincial or national agencies?
- Who are key stakeholders in government? Who has the power to lobby and affect government policies, priorities, expenditures, etc.?
  - Contractors and other businesses?
  - NGOs and civil society?
- How much participation is there in the process of policy formulation? Are policy-making structures designed to expand or limit participation (i.e., how inclusive or exclusive are they)?
- How transparent?
- If elections occurred in your municipality, what was the nature of competition, what were the big issues and conflicts, key actors and parties, etc.

### **3. Patterns of revenue generation and expenditure**

- Where does the city get its revenue? How much is raised locally, how much comes from other tiers of government, and how much is generated from local sources? What are those local sources?
- Challenges and obstacles in revenue generation?
- What are the major patterns of government expenditure? What are the major items of expenditure?
- How much expenditure is discretionary and how much is spent on programs/items over which the government has little discretion?
- Who/what are the key actors in determining expenditure? The mayor? The council? The party? What about lobbying by outside actors?
- How much spending is clientelistic vs. programmatic? General impressions.

### **4. Focus area 1: Transport/roads**

- What are the big issues in your city in this area? What concerns different stakeholders: business, politicians, NGOs, middle-class residents, urban poor, etc.?
- What levels of government are engaged? What authority and expenditure does the local government have in this area? How would you characterize the nature of collaboration (or competition) among different levels of government?
- What is the balance between public and private provision? Do these differ between communities (e.g. for middle-class vs. poor communities)?
- Who are the key stakeholders/actors (e.g. providers, unions, companies, etc.)? How much influence does each have over policy planning and implementation? What are their goals and patterns of operation?
- How programmatic vs. particularistic/clientelistic is delivery (how much discretion in delivery, how much is it shaped by politics rather than by need?)
- What sort of access do ordinary citizens have for lobbying, getting access, and shaping policy?

### **5. Focus area 2: Sanitation**

- As above.

## 6. Focus area 3: Healthcare

- As above.

Invoice

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