Announcement of Walailak University

Subject: Walailak University Lifelong Learning Access Policy, B.E. 2569 (2026)

Walailak University recognizes that lifelong learning is a fundamental driver of sustainable development, social inclusion, workforce readiness, and individual well-being in an era of rapid global change, technological advancement, and evolving societal needs. The University is committed to providing inclusive, equitable, and accessible learning opportunities that enable individuals of all ages and backgrounds to continuously develop their knowledge, professional competencies, digital literacy, life skills, and global citizenship throughout their lives.

As a comprehensive university serving society and local communities, the University shall promote formal, non-formal, and informal learning through flexible, innovative, and technology-enhanced educational approaches. The University shall also support upskilling, reskilling, professional development, community empowerment, and active ageing through collaborations with government agencies, industries, educational institutions, civil society organizations, alumni, and international partners.

By virtue of Section 24 of the Walailak University Act, B.E. 2535 (1992), Walailak University hereby issues the Lifelong Learning Access Policy B.E. 2569 (2026) as follows:

1. Lifelong Learning Vision

Walailak University envisions itself as an inclusive and future-oriented lifelong learning hub that promotes equitable access to quality education for all individuals across their lifespan. The University is committed to reducing educational barriers and ensuring that learning opportunities are available regardless of age, gender, disability, nationality, ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status, or educational background.The University shall foster a dynamic lifelong learning ecosystem that integrates formal, non-formal, and informal education, supported by flexible and innovative learning pathways. This includes the use of digital learning platforms, community-based education, and industry-linked programs to support continuous personal development, professional advancement, and social mobility. Walailak University shall serve as a regional center for lifelong learning that contributes to sustainable community development, workforce transformation, and knowledge-driven economic growth. The University is committed to strengthening collaboration with the public and private sectors, civil society, and international partners to expand inclusive learning opportunities and promote a culture of lifelong learning for sustainable development in line with Sustainable Development Goal 4.

2. Definition of Lifelong Learning

Lifelong learning at Walailak University refers to all learning activities undertaken throughout life for the continuous development of knowledge, skills, competencies, and personal growth. It includes formal, non-formal, and informal learning in various settings, enabling individuals to adapt to changing social, economic, technological, and environmental conditions.

The University recognizes lifelong learning as a flexible and inclusive process that supports learners of all ages and backgrounds, including children, youth, working adults, older persons, persons with disabilities, individuals with limited or no formal education, people from low-income or disadvantaged backgrounds, and migrant workers.

Lifelong learning shall include, but is not limited to, upskilling, reskilling, continuing professional education, community-based learning, digital learning, and self-directed learning. It also encompasses short courses, training programs, and micro-credentials that respond to the evolving needs of society and the labor market.

3. Walailak University Lifelong Learning Strategies

Walailak University shall implement the following strategies to promote inclusive, equitable, and high-quality lifelong learning opportunities for all:

3.1. The University shall develop and strengthen flexible learning systems, including onsite, online, and hybrid learning platforms, to ensure accessible education for learners in diverse locations and circumstances.

3.2. The University shall expand lifelong learning opportunities through short courses, continuing education programs, professional training, upskilling and reskilling initiatives, and micro-credential systems aligned with societal and labor market needs.

3.3. The University shall integrate digital learning technologies and open educational resources to support inclusive, self-directed, and continuous learning for all learner groups. In this regard, the University shall utilize WU MOOC platform as a key digital channel to broaden access to online lifelong learning opportunities.

3.4. The University shall ensure inclusive access to lifelong learning opportunities by reducing barriers related to disability, age, gender, nationality, socio-economic status, educational background, and other forms of disadvantage.

3.5. The University shall strengthen collaboration with government agencies, industries, local communities, educational institutions, alumni networks, and international partners to expand lifelong learning opportunities and knowledge exchange.

3.6. The University shall promote community engagement and social responsibility through knowledge transfer, community-based learning activities, and local capacity-building programs that support sustainable development.

3.7. The University shall foster a culture of lifelong learning within the institution and society by encouraging continuous personal development, innovation, and active participation in learning throughout life.

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