

Royal Decree

Establishing the Hydro - Informatics Institute (Public Organization)

B.E. 2562 (2019)

His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun

Given on 17 March 2019

Being the fourth year of the present reign

His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun is graciously pleased to proclaim that,

Whereas it is deemed expedient to revise the Royal Decree establishing the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization),

By virtue of the provisions of Section 175 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand and Section 5 of the Public Organization Act, B.E. 2542 (1999), as amended by the Public Organization Act (No. 2), B.E. 2559 (2016), His Majesty the King hereby has this Royal Decree enacted as follows:

Section 1 This Royal Decree is called the "Royal Decree Establishing the Hydro - Informatics Institute (Public Organization), B.E. 2562 (2019)".

Section 2 This Royal Decree shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Royal Gazette.

Section 3 The Royal Decree Establishing the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), B.E. 2551 (2008) shall be repealed.

Section 4 In this Royal Decree:



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"Hydro informatics" means the processing of information relating to water resources through information management processes to generate data on water resource information in the forms of texts, tables, graphs or geoinformatics that can be readily used to support work performance, decision making, management planning and summation of knowledge.

"Information management" means the classification of information into related groups for analysis and processing to generate ready-to-use data, which requires necessary research and development, technology, processes, data processing, data analysis and presentation of findings to generate information management systems.

"Institute" means the Hydro-Informatics Institute (Public Organization).

"Committee" means the Committee of the Hydro-Informatics Institute;

"Director" means the Director of the Institute.

"Official" means the officials of the Institute.

"Employee" means the employees of the Institute.

"Worker" means the workers of the Institute.

"Minister" means the Minister having charge and control of the execution of this Royal Decree.

Section 5 The Minister of Science and Technology shall have charge and control of the execution of this Royal Decree.

Chapter 1

Establishment, Objectives, Duties and Powers

Section 6 The Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization) under the Royal Decree Establishing the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), B.E. 2551 (2008) shall become the institute entitled สถาบันสารสนเทศทรัพยากรน้ำ (องค์การมหาชน) with an acronym of "สสน." in Thai and the Hydro-Informatics Institute (Public Organization) with an acronym of "HII" in English under this Royal Decree.

Section 7 The Institute's headquarters shall be located in Bangkok or its vicinity.

Section 8 The objectives of the Institute shall be as follows:



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(1) To compile, correlate, integrate and analyze data on the impacts of water and climate on water resources that are obtained from relevant agencies for the purpose of developing the National Hydro-informatics Data Center and providing information services to support the country's water resources development and management efforts.

(2) To conduct research and development on hydro-informatics management technology and innovation as well as on water management systems.

(3) To promote domestic and international collaborative research and development on hydro-informatics management technology and innovation.

(4) To present and transfer the Institute's research and development findings for utilization by other agencies to increase their water resources management efficiency and to provide technology transfer services that are based on the Institute's research and development findings for both domestic and international agencies in the public, private, community and people sectors for convenient and effective utilization with or without service charge.

(5) To carry out other operations for the development of the National Hydro-informatics Data Center as stipulated by the law or as assigned by the Cabinet.

For the development of the National Hydro-informatics Data Center under a compatible guideline and uniform system, the Institute may recommend the Cabinet to pass a resolution to have government departments support or collaborate with the Institute's operations set forth in this Section.

Section 9 In order to achieve the objectives set forth in Section 8, the Institute shall have the duties and powers as follows:

(1) To hold titles, possession rights and property rights;

(2) To establish the rights or conduct all types or juristic acts for the benefit of the Institute's operations;

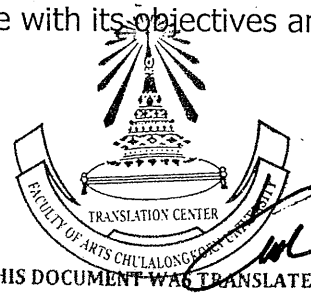
(3) To enter into an agreement and cooperate with both domestic and international organizations or agencies in the public and private sectors in any activity relating to the Institute's objectives;

(4) To arrange for or provide funding to support the Institute's operations;

(5) To enter into a joint venture with any juristic person in an activity relating to the Institute's objectives;

(6) To obtain loans for the carrying out of the operations in accordance with the Institute's objectives;

(7) To collect fees, subscriptions, remunerations or service charges for the conducting of the Institute's affairs in accordance with its objectives and with the criteria and rates prescribed by the Committee;



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(8) To represent or assign or employ a person or juristic person to carry out the Institute's affairs in accordance with its objectives;

(9) To take any other necessary or continuing operations to achieve the Institute's objectives.

Entering into joint ventures under (5) and acquisition of loans under (6) shall be in accordance with the criteria prescribed by the Cabinet.

Chapter 2

Capital, Income and Property

Section 10 The capital and property provided for the operating of the Institute's activities include:

- (1) Money or property transferred to the Institute under Section 44;
- (2) General financial support allocated by the government as it deems appropriate on an annual basis;
- (3) Financial support from the private sector, government departments, local administrative organizations or any other organizations, including the financial support provided by foreign countries or international organizations, donations or donated properties;
- (4) Fees, subscriptions, remunerations, service charges or income earned from the Institute's operation in accordance with its objectives;
- (5) Interests or income earned from the Institute's properties.

Acceptance of money or property under (3) shall not be done in a manner that shall affect the independence or impartiality of the Institute.

Section 11 All income of the Institute shall not be deemed the income that must be remitted to the Ministry of Finance as government revenues.

In case of necessity or propriety the Institute, with the approval of the Committee, may remit the amount of income it deems appropriate to the Ministry of Finance as government revenue.

Section 12 Ownership of immovable properties acquired by the Institute, whether through donation or purchase with the Institute's income, shall be vested in the Institute.

The Institute shall have the power to administer, oversee, maintain, use, distribute and benefit from the Institute's properties.

Section 13 The Institute's expenditure shall be spent for the conducting of the Institute's operations only.

The safekeeping and disbursement of the Institute's money shall be in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Committee.



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Chapter 3 Administration and Operation

Section 14 There shall be a committee called the "Committee of the Hydro-Informatics Institute" consisting of:

(1) a committee chairperson who is appointed by the Cabinet from individuals with knowledge, expertise and high experiences in the fields of administration or hydro-informatics management technology and innovation.

(2) four ex-officio committee members, namely, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Secretary-General of the Royal Development Projects Board, the Secretary-General of the Office of the National Water Resources and the Director-General of the Royal Irrigation Department.

(3) no more than five qualified members who are appointed by the Cabinet from individuals with recognized knowledge, expertise and experiences in the fields of technology and innovation, management or related fields that are beneficial to the Institute's affairs.

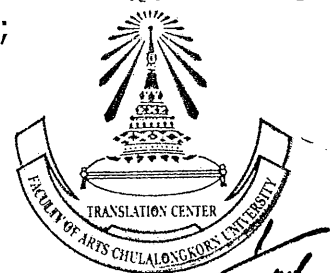
The Director of the Institute shall serve as an ex-officio member and secretary of the Committee and may appoint an assistant secretary as deemed necessary.

No less than half of the committee members shall not be civil servants with permanent positions or salaries, officials or employees of a government agency, government department, state enterprise or local administrative organization except for those who are instructors in a public higher education institute.

Criteria and procedures for the recruitment of candidates to be appointed by the Cabinet as the committee chairperson, qualified committee member as well as the recruitment of candidates to replace a committee chairperson and qualified committee member who vacates office before the expiration of the term shall be in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Minister, with the recommendation of the Committee, which must be consistent with the common criteria prescribed by the Cabinet.

Section 15 The committee chairperson and qualified committee members must have suitable qualifications and experiences for the conducting of the Institute's affairs as set forth in the Institute's objectives. They shall have the qualifications and none of the prohibited characteristics under the laws on public organizations, and shall have the qualifications and none of the prohibited characteristics as follows:

- (1) being not less than thirty- five and not more than seventy years of age;
- (2) not being an official or worker under Section 34;



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(3) not being a stakeholder in any affairs that is conducted with the Institute or competitive with, whether directly or indirectly, the Institute's operation unless he/she is the person assigned by the Committee to serve as a chairperson, member or representative of the Institute in a joint venture under Section 9 (5).

Section 16 The committee chairperson and qualified committee members shall hold office for a term of four years.

Upon the expiration of the term under paragraph One, if a new committee chairperson or qualified committee member has not yet been appointed, the committee chairperson and qualified committee member who vacates office upon the expiration of the term shall remain in office and continue to perform his/her duties until a newly appointed chairperson or qualified committee member takes office.

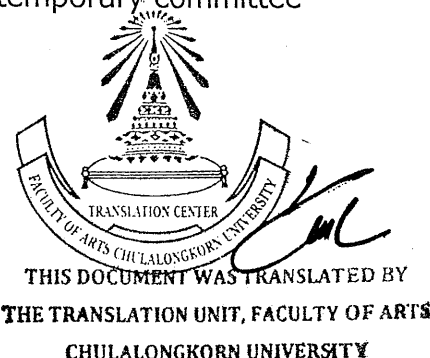
The committee chairperson or qualified committee member who vacates office upon the expiration of the term may be reappointed but shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 17 Apart from vacating office upon the expiration of the term, the committee chairperson and qualified committee members shall vacate office upon:

- (1) death;
- (2) resignation;
- (3) being dismissed by the Cabinet due to negligence in the performance of his/her duties, disgraceful behavior or incapability;
- (4) lack the qualifications or have any of the prohibited characteristics under Section 15.

Section 18 In the event where a committee chairperson or qualified committee member vacates office before the expiration of the term or where the Cabinet appoints additional committee member while the previously appointed qualified member still holds office, the replacement committee member or additional committee member shall hold office for the remaining term of the member whom he/she replaces or for the remaining term of the previously appointed committee member. If the remaining term of office is less than ninety days, a replacement committee chairperson or qualified committee member may not be appointed.

In the event where a committee chairperson or qualified committee member vacates office prior to the expiration of the term, the Committee shall consist of the remaining committee members until a new committee chairperson or qualified committee member under paragraph One is appointed. In the event where a committee chairperson vacates office prior to the expiration of the term, the remaining committee members shall select a committee member to serve as a temporary committee chairperson.



Section 19 The Committee shall have the duties and powers to administer the Institute's general affairs and operations in accordance with its determined objectives. Such duties and powers shall include:

(1) To determine the administrative policies and approve the operation plans of the Institute;

(2) To approve the Institute's annual budgets, financial statements, investment plans and to execute the projects prescribed by the Committee;

(3) To issue rules, regulations, instructions or notifications of the Institute relating to the following matters:

(a) administration of the Institute's general affairs, determination of work divisions and their scope of duties;

(b) recruitment, appointment, removal, performance and performance evaluation of the Institute's Director, appointment of a person to act for or to perform the work of the Director;

(c) determination of work positions and their specific qualifications, salary scales and other remunerations in accordance with Section 34 (1) for officials and Section 34 (3) for workers of the Institute;

(d) determination of the code of ethics for the performance of the committee members, Director, officials and workers;

(e) selection, appointment, development, performance evaluation, dismissal, disciplines and imposition of disciplinary actions, removal from position, complaint and disciplinary appeal in accordance with Section 34 (1) for officials and Section 34 (3) for workers of the Institute, including criteria, procedures, conditions and other necessary actions for the hiring of advisors, specialists and employees;

(f) administration and management of the Institute's finance, procurement and properties, including accounting and disposal of property from the Institute's account at no value;

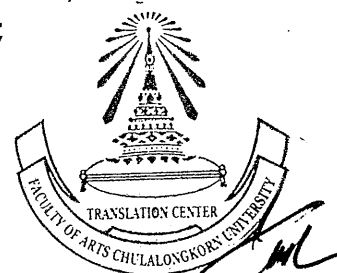
(g) provision of welfare and other benefits to officials and workers;

(h) appointment, duties and powers of the Audit Committee;

(i) determination of the scope of duties for the Audit Committee and internal auditors;

(j) determination of the uniforms for the Institute's Director, officials and workers and the Institute's logo;

(4) To approve determination of the fees, subscriptions, remunerations and service charges for the conducting of the Institute's affairs;



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(5) To perform any other necessary or continuing action for the fulfillment of the Institute's objectives;

(6) To perform any other duties as stipulated in this Royal Decree or as assigned by the Cabinet.

Rules relating to the disposal of property from the Institute's account at no value under (3) (f) shall comply with the laws and criteria prescribed by the Cabinet.

For benefit of the integration of hydro informatics with the development of the National Hydro-informatics Data Center, the Committee shall have the power to recommend solutions to problems or obstacles relating to the coordination of the Institute's operations as set forth in its objectives or to recommend any change to the duties and powers of the Institute to the Cabinet for the passing of any resolution it deems appropriate.

Section 20 The quorum of a committee meeting shall be constituted by the presence of not less than half of the total number of the committee members.

The provisions regarding the Committee's administrative power under the laws on administrative procedures shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the committee meetings.

Section 21 For the supervision of the Institute's operations, the Committee shall prescribe the Institute's operational procedures in accordance with the criteria and methods of good governance, which must be implemented for the benefits and happiness of the people, the achievement, efficiency and worthiness of the Institute's missions, the integrity and honesty, the reduction of operational procedures, the distribution of the decision-making power, facilitation and accommodation of the people's needs.

Section 22 The Committee shall have the power to appoint a qualified person(s) to serve as the Committee's advisor(s), an Audit Committee under Section 19 (3) (h) and its sub-committee to consider or perform any action as assigned by the Committee.

The Committee's advisor(s), members of the Audit Committee and sub-committees shall not be a stakeholder in any affairs that is conducted with the Institute or competitive with, whether directly or indirectly, the Institute's operation unless he/she is the person assigned by the Committee to serve as a chairperson, member or representative of the Institute in a joint venture under Section 9 (5).

The provision of Section 20 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the meetings of the Audit Committee and sub-committees.



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Section 23 The committee chairperson, committee members, committee advisors, Audit Committee chairperson and members as well as sub-committee chairpersons and members shall receive meeting allowances and other remunerations under the criteria prescribed by the Cabinet.

Section 24 The Institute shall have one director to administer the Institute's affairs under the Committee's supervision.

The Committee shall have the power to recruit, appoint and remove the Director.

Recruitment of the Institute's Director shall be in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Committee that are consistent with the common criteria prescribed by the Cabinet.

Section 25 Appointment of the Director shall be completed within ninety days from the date that there is cause for such appointment. If necessary the Committee may grant extension to the appointment period for no more than sixty days. However, if the appointment cannot be completed within the extended period, the Committee shall report the outcome to the Public Organization Development and Promotion Commission who shall forward it to the Cabinet for consideration.

Section 26 The Director shall have suitable knowledge, ability and experiences for implementation of the Institute's affairs as set forth by its objectives as well as the Institute's duties and powers. The Director must also be able to work full time, has the required qualifications and none of the prohibited characteristics under the laws on public organizations.

Section 27 The Director shall hold office for a term of four years and may be reappointed but shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 28 In addition to vacating office upon the expiration of the term, the Director shall vacate office upon:

- (1) death;
- (2) resignation;
- (3) vacating office for the reasons prescribed in an agreement between the Committee and the Director;
- (4) being dismissed by the Committee due to negligence in the performance of his/her duty, disgraceful behavior or incapability;
- (5) lack the qualifications or has any of the prohibited characteristics under Section 26.

The Committee's resolution to dismiss the Director from office under (4) shall be passed by not less than two-thirds of the votes of the existing committee members, excluding that of the Director.



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The lack of qualification for being over sixty-five years of age shall be deemed as the vacating of office upon completion of the term of the employment contract.

Section 29 Pursuant to Section 39, paragraphs Two and Three, it is the duties of the Director to administer the Institute's affairs in compliance with the laws, the Institute's objectives, the Cabinet resolutions as well as the rules, regulations, instructions, notifications, policies and resolutions of the Committee. The Director shall also be the superior of the Institute's officials and workers in all positions and shall also have the following duties:

- (1) To propose the goals, operation plans, projects and annual budgets to the Committee to ensure achievement of the Institute's objectives;
- (2) To submit an annual report on the outcome of the Institute's operations and financial reports to the Committee for consideration;
- (3) To provide opinions to the Committee on the improvement of the Institute's affairs and operations for more efficiency and compliance with the Institute's objectives;

The Director shall be responsible to the Committee on the administration of the Institute's affairs.

Section 30 The Director shall have the powers to:

- (1) appoint the Deputy Director(s) or Assistant Director(s), with the approval of the Committee, to assist the Director in any task assigned by the Director;
- (2) instate, appoint, promote, demote, reduce salaries or wages, impose disciplinary actions against an officials or worker under Section 34 (1) and (3) as well as to remove such persons from his/her position under the regulations prescribed by the Committee;
- (3) set the rules on the conducting of the Institute's operations that are not conflicting with or contrary to the laws, Cabinet resolutions, rules, regulations, instructions, notifications, policies and resolutions prescribed by the Committee.

Section 31 In the event where the Institute does not have a Director or where the Director is unable to perform his/her duties, a Deputy Director, based on the order of their seniority, shall act for the Director. If the Institute does not have a Deputy Director or have a Deputy Director but the Deputy Director is unable to perform his/her duties, the Committee shall appoint a committee member, official or worker to act for the Deputy Director.

The person assigned to act for the Director or Deputy Director under paragraph One shall have the same duties and powers as the Director.



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In the event where there is any law, rule, regulation or directive appointing the Director to serve as member of a committee or to have any duty or power, the person acting for the Director shall serve or have the same duties and powers as the Director, as the case maybe, in that role.

Section 32 The Director shall represent the Institute in its external affairs and can authorize any person to act for him/her on a specific undertaking, provided that such authorization is in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Committee.

The Institute shall not be obligated by any juristic act performed by the Director or the person authorized by the Director that is in violation of the rules or regulations prescribed by the Committee, unless such act has been ratified by the Committee.

Section 33 The Committee shall determine the Director's salary scale, benefits and other remunerations under the criteria prescribed by the Cabinet.

Chapter 4 **Officials and Workers of the Institute**

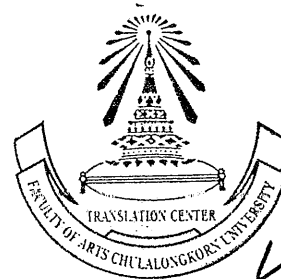
Section 34 There are three categories of officials and workers as follows:

- (1) Officials or employees are the persons who perform work and receive salary or wage from the Institute's budgets;
- (2) Advisors or specialists are the persons employed by the Institute to serve as advisors or specialists under an employment contract;
- (3) Government officials who work for the Institute on a temporary basis under Section 38.

Section 35 Officials shall have suitable qualifications or experiences for the implementation of the objectives, duties and powers of the Institute, and must be able to work for the Institute on a full-time basis as well as possessing the qualifications and none of the prohibited characteristics under the laws on public organizations.

Section 36 An official shall vacate office upon:

- (1) death;
- (2) resignation;
- (3) lack the qualifications or have any of the prohibited characteristics under Section 35.



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(4) being dismissed for failure to pass a performance evaluation under the criteria and procedures prescribed by the Committee in the Institute's regulations;

(5) being dismissed or discharged due to a disciplinary breach under the criteria and procedures prescribed by the Committee in the Institute's regulations.

The lack of qualification for being over sixty years of age shall be deemed as the vacating of office upon completion of the term of the employment contract.

Section 37 The Institute may enter into an employment contract to hire an advisor, specialist or employee for the duration prescribed in the contract.

Section 38 For the benefit of the administration of the Institute's affairs, the Minister may call upon other civil servants, staff members, officials or workers of a ministry, department, local administrative organization, state enterprise, public organization or any other government agencies to work for the Institute on a temporary basis, with the permissions of his/her superior and an agreement on the conditions of such permission.

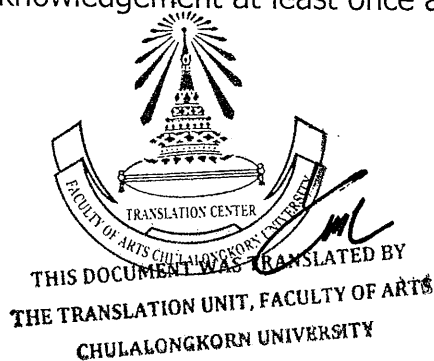
In the event where a government official has been granted permission to work as a temporary official or worker under paragraph One, such person shall be deemed to have permission to leave the government service or government work to serve in other function. The work period that such person performs for the Institute shall be counted in the calculation of his/her retirement awards and pensions or other benefits and remunerations of similar nature as if he/she has performed the government service or government work, as the case maybe, in the original agency on a full-time basis.

Upon expiration of the permitted period of work for the Institute, the government official under paragraph One shall be entitled to an instatement and appointment to a position and salary scale, at the original government agency or department, in the position and salary scale not lower than the original position and salary scale as stipulated in the agreement conditions of such permission.

Chapter 5

Accounting, Auditing and Performance Evaluation of the Institute

Section 39 The Institute's accounting shall be prepared according to the criteria prescribed by the Committee and the accounting standards. Internal audits of the Institute's finance, accounting and procurement shall be arranged and the audit reports shall be submitted to the Committee for acknowledgement at least once a year.



For internal auditing purpose, an official(s) or worker(s) of the Institute shall serve specifically as an internal auditor(s) and shall report directly to the Audit Committee and the Committee under the rules prescribed by the Committee.

The appointment, transfer, salary increase, promotion and imposition of disciplinary action on an internal auditor(s) shall be jointly considered by the Director and the Audit Committee and submitted to the Committee for approval before implementation.

Section 40 The Institute shall prepare and submit the Institute's balance sheets, financial statements and accounts to the internal auditors within one hundred and twenty days from the closing date of each accounting year.

For each accounting year, the Office of the Auditor-General or an external auditor, who is appointed by the Committee with the approval of the Office of Auditor-General, shall audit and assess the Institute's expenditures and assets and shall present analytical opinions on the extent that such expenditures are consistent with the Institute's objectives and whether they are economical or consistent with the Institute's goals or not as well as preparing and submitting audit reports to the Committee.

For auditing purpose, the auditor shall have the power to inspect all the Institute's account books, documents and evidences, to question the Director, the internal auditors, officials and workers of the Institute or any other persons as well as to request submission of additional account books, documents and evidences of the Institute as deemed necessary.

Section 41 The Institute shall prepare an annual report for submission to the Minister at the end of each fiscal year. Such report shall include the Institute's performance in the previous year, financial reports, auditor's report and clarification of the Committee's policies, projects and future operation plans. (Section 36)

Section 42 The evaluation of the Institute's performance shall be conducted in accordance with the laws on public organizations.

Chapter 6 Supervision

Section 43 The Minister shall have the duties and powers to supervise the Institute's affairs in accordance with the laws and the Institute's establishment objectives, the national strategies, government's policies, Cabinet resolutions and plans relating to the Institute. For these purposes, the Minister shall have the power to order the Institute to provide clarification, present opinions, prepare reports or restrain the Institute from any operation that is contradictory to the laws, the Institute's



establishment objectives, national strategies, government policies, the Cabinet's resolutions or other plans relating to the conduct. The Minister shall also have the power to order a fact-finding investigation on the Institute's operations.

Transitory Provisions

Section 44 All operations, properties, rights, debts, obligations, budgets and income of the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization) under the Royal Decree Establishing the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), B.E. 2551 (2008), that exist prior to the effective date of this Royal Decree, shall be transferred to the Hydro Informatics Institute (Public Organization) established under this Royal Decree.

Section 45 The Executive Committee of the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute appointed under the Royal Decree Establishing the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), B.E. 2551 (2008) that exists prior to the effective date of this Royal Decree, shall become the Committee of the Hydro Informatics Institute under this Royal Decree. The current committee chairperson, ex-officio committee members and qualified committee members shall continue to hold offices until the committee chairperson and qualified committee members under this Royal Decree have been recruited and appointed.

The term of office of the committee chairperson and qualified committee members under paragraph One shall be counted as a continuous term of office under this Royal Decree.

Section 46 The Director of the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization) under the Royal Decree Establishing the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), B.E. 2551(2008) who holds office prior to the effective date of this Royal Decree shall continue to perform his/her duties until the expiration of the current term or until he/she vacates office under Section 28 of this Royal Decree.

The Director's term of office under paragraph One shall be counted as a continuous term of office under this Royal Decree.

Section 47 All workers of the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization) under Section 30 of the Royal Decree Establishing the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), B.E. 2551 (2008) shall become the officials and workers of the Hydro Informatics Institute (Public Organization) under Section 34



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of this Royal Decree, and shall hold the same position, salary scale or wage and benefits as the original position, salary scale or wage that they hold and receive on the day prior to the effective date of this Royal Decree. The term of service of such officials and workers shall be counted continuously to their service terms at the Hydro Informatics Institute (Public Organization) under this Royal Decree.

Section 48 All provisions of laws, rules, regulations, instructions, notifications, directives or the Cabinet resolutions with references to the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), the Executive Board of the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute, the Director of the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), and workers of the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization) under the Royal Decree Establishing the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), B.E. 2551 (2008), shall be deemed to be the provisions of laws, rules, regulations, instructions, announcements, directives or the Cabinet resolutions that refer to the Hydro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), the Committee of the Hydro Informatics Institute, the Director of the Hydro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), and officials and workers, as the case maybe, of the Hydro Informatics Institute (Public Organization) under the Royal Decree.

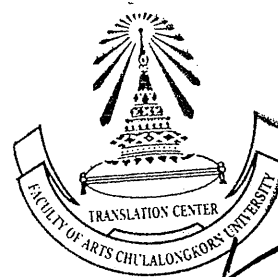
Section 49 All rules, regulations, instructions, notifications or directives issued under the Royal Decree Establishing the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), B.E. 2511 (2008), which are effective prior to the effective date of this Royal Decree, shall continue to be effective as long as they are not conflicting with or contrary to this Royal Decree until the regulations, instructions, notifications or directives issued by this Royal Decree shall come into force, which must be no longer than one year from the effective date of this Royal Decree.

Countersigned by
General Prayuth Chan-ocha
Prime Minister



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Note :- The rationale behind the promulgation of this Royal Decree is that it is deemed appropriate to revise the Royal Decree Establishing the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), B.E. 2551 (2008) by changing the name of the Hydro and Agro Informatics Institute (Public Organization) to the Hydro Informatics Institute (Public Organization), and by revising the objectives, duties and powers for compliance of the administration and implementation of the Hydro Informatics Institute with the development of the country's water resource management system. It is, therefore, essential to compile, correlate, integrate and analyze data on the impacts of water and climate on water resources that are obtained from relevant agencies and updated on a continuous basis. The Institute is responsible for the conducting of research and development of hydro informatics management technology and innovation to provide timely solutions to water resource problems, the provision of National Hydro-informatics Data Center services for uniform and mutual utilization of data, including the revision of the provisions the previous Royal Decree to comply with the provisions of the Public Organization Act, B.E. 2542 (1999) as amended by the Public Organization Act (No. 2), B.E. 2559 (2016). It is, therefore, necessary to enact this Royal Decree.



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