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Subject: Ethics Guidelines for Research Thesis Involving Human Beings by Students of Faculty of Graduate Studies (Additional)

Attn: Program Chairs of Master's and Doctoral Programs

Attachment: A flow chart of the research submission process for Mahidol graduate students seeking approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) regarding ethics in human research

Dear Program Chairs of Master's and Doctoral Programs,

The announcement of Ref. No. 0517.02 / 5984, dated 9 September 2008, stated that a graduate student, whose year of enrollment is from 2008 onwards and conducts research involving human subjects must submit his/her research and seek approval from the committee of the Institutional Review Board (IRB). The student must also complete a course, approved by MU-IRB and announced on the Faculty of Graduate Studies' website that introduces the students to the ethics in human subject research.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies maintains additional guidelines on Ethics in Human Research for the Faculty of Graduate Studies' students as follows.

1. For an international student whose research is conducted by international investigator(s) and international co-investigator(s) and has taken place in his/her country under an established Institutional Review Board (IRB), Mahidol University Institutional Review Board (MU-IRB) will confer responsibility for the Ethics in Human Research to the IRB of that country. The student must complete the form, prepared by the Faculty of Graduate studies, notify the Faculty of Graduate studies, and send a copy of the Board-approved consent document received from the IRB of that country to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.



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In a country where the Certificate of Approval (COA) of the Mahidol University Institutional Review Board (MU-IRB) is accepted, the student can submit his/her research and seek approval from MU-IRB under the stated guidelines.

2. An international student who conducts research in his/her country where no IRB committee is established can submit his/her research and seek approval from the IRB **at the same time as when the thematic paper proposal is submitted for the thematic paper proposal examination.**

A student who passes the thesis proposal examination must send the examination report to the IRB, which will accordingly issue a COA allowing the student to conduct his/her research in the country lacking an IRB. If the student passes the examination with conditions or fails, conditions must be satisfied so that the COA can be issued.

If the result of the examination alters any aspects of thematic paper proposal, a student must proceed with the protocol amendment to the IRB.

The research must commence only when a COA is issued by the IRB.

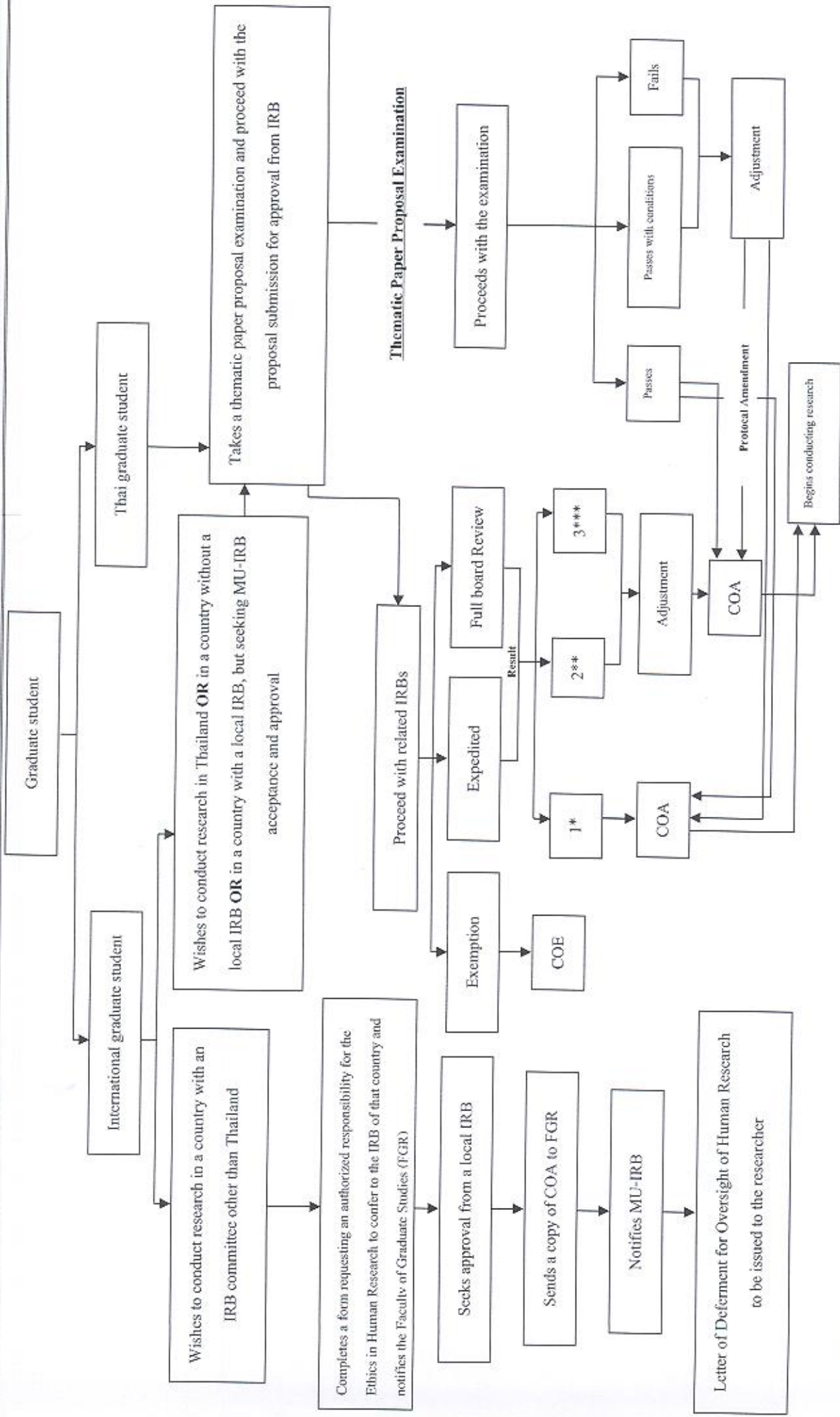
3. Any graduate students whose research involving human subjects can submit their research and seek approval from the MU-IRB at the same time when they submit the thematic paper proposal for the thematic paper examination, using the same process from # 2

Please inform all instructors and all graduate students in your programs and follow the guidelines.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

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Remarks

- If the result of the examination alters any aspects of thematic paper proposal certified by the IRB, the student must proceed with the protocol amendment to the IRB.

- * 1. Approval granted
- ** 2. Approved in principle with suggestions of adjustment
- *** 3. Must be adjusted and re-submitted to the committee before granting approval