



LETTER OF INTENT

for developing a center of excellence on urban food policy in Asia Pacific

BETWEEN

The **MUFPP Secretariat** established within the Food Policy Department of the Municipality of Milan, with headquarters in Milan, Piazza della Scala 2 (Tax Code 01199250158), represented by the Head of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Secretariat Mr. Filippo Gavazzeni;

AND

Parahyangan Catholic University (UNPAR), with headquarters in Bandung, Jln. Ciumbuleuit No. 94 Bandung 40141 Jawa Barat represented by the Rector Prof. Tri Basuki Joewono, Ph.D;

WHEREAS

- The **Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP)**, launched and chaired by the Milan Municipality, is the main international legacy of the Milan Expo 2015 “Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life”, being an international agreement amongst mayors around the world that consider food as a gateway to the sustainable development of cities. The signatory cities committed themselves “*to develop sustainable food systems that are inclusive, resilient, safe and diverse, that provide healthy and affordable food to all people in a human rights-based framework, that minimize waste and conserve biodiversity while adapting to and mitigating impacts of climate change*”. It represents the foundational framework for cities and international stakeholders working to shape innovative urban food policies for the management and governance of local food systems. Currently, the Milan Pact brings together more than 240 signatory cities from all over the world.
- The **Universitas Katolik Parahyangan (Parahyangan Catholic University, or UNPAR)** is one of the oldest and most prestigious private universities in Indonesia, located in Bandung. Founded in 1955, it manages 7 faculties on economics, law, social and political sciences, engineering, philosophy, industrial technology and information technology involving 11,000 students.
- The Milan Urban Food Policy Pact is composed by a preamble and a Framework for Action listing 37 recommended actions, clustered in 6 categories. For each recommended action, there are specific indicators (for a total of 44 indicators) to monitor progress in implementing the Pact’s priorities. The Milan Pact Awards, promoted by the Municipality of Milan and Cariplo Foundation, offer concrete examples of the food policies that cities are implementing in each of the 6 Pact categories. To date, 621 food policy best practices have been collected within the MUFPP community since 2016.
- The MUFPP and the UNPAR started working together in 2020, introducing the MUFPP to the city of Bandung and starting to co-design a strategy to engage other cities in the region. In 2021, UNPAR supported the city of Bandung in presenting its candidacy for the MUFPP Steering Committee and in 2022 it supported the city in the organization and management of the 1st Asia Pacific Regional Forum that over the 2 days engaged 390 participants, of which 76 city representatives within the framework of Indonesia’s G20 presidency.
- Considering that this letter of intent wants to strengthen and formalize the existing cooperation between the MUFPP and UNPAR towards the establishment of an Asia Pacific center of excellence on urban food policy in

Bandung, as first ASEAN city to join the MUFPP in 2020, member of its Steering Committee since 2021 and hosting city of the first ever MUFPP Asia Pacific Regional Forum in 2022.

- Considering that the MUFPP and UNPAR aims to concentrate their joint efforts on these three goals of cooperation:
 - To support and strengthen the spreading of the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact in Asia Pacific.
 - To share competences on policy making on urban food policy for youth and public officers.
 - To connect the Asia Pacific region to the global food system agenda.
- The MUFPP Secretariat established within the Municipality of Milan and chaired by its Mayor, recognizes the UNPAR, as a strategic partner for the development of urban food policy in Asia Pacific;
- The UNPAR agreed to support the MUFPP Secretariat in spreading the MUFPP in Asia Pacific, working with regional stakeholders and institutions to further promote the food system transformation at city-region scale.
- The Milan Municipal Directorate Act n. 5835 of 2023 that approved the proposal of the Letter of Intent between the MUFPP Secretariat and UNPAR.

NOW, THEREFORE, the MUFPP Secretariat and the Parahyangan Catholic University (hereinafter jointly the “Parties”) intend to establish a collaboration to strengthen the MUFPP in Asia Pacific and establish of an Asia Pacific center of excellence on urban food policy in Bandung, in the following terms:

1. **Support the City of Bandung in developing its food policy and strengthening its participation in the MUFPP** by providing resources on urban farming impacts and its connections with other policymaking processes, such as urban planning, circular economy, welfare, education; engaging UNPAR students and researchers for quantitative and qualitative data collection and MUFPP experts in providing advice and best practices.
2. **Develop joint urban food policy syllabus and contents** on the MUFPP framework for actions to organize courses, workshops, summer schools and/or conferences engaging regional and worldwide researchers and lecturers for UNPAR alumni, students and scholars, also open to students from ASEAN Member States.
3. **Develop innovative resources** on urban food policies for the MUFPP Asia Pacific region and ASEAN, including sharing of best practices, reports, data analysis comparison, engaging also other regional universities and research centers also as part of the MUFPP Fellowship Programme.
4. **Develop innovative studies on School Meals Programmes in Bandung, Indonesia and ASEAN Member States** in order to better understand the impact of school feeding programs in Asia Pacific as powerful public drivers for food policy development.
5. **Develop joint project proposals for funding opportunities** with the aim of achieving the MUFPP – UNPAR cooperation, such as EU funding for Erasmus+, Horizon Europe, ACP Edulink, EU-ASEAN Cooperation, philanthropic foundations, private grant-makers, development cooperation national agencies.
6. **Support MUFPP Asia Pacific cities in developing urban food policies** by providing technical support, also promoting student exchanges among MUFPP signatory cities, universities, NGOs, regional pan-Asiatic associations active in urban food policy development.
7. **Monitor food policy advancement** on integrated urban farming, food waste prevention, healthy diets promotion, access to markets within MUFPP Asia Pacific signatory cities and national food system legislations.
8. **Promote the Milan Pact Awards** candidatures from Asia Pacific signatory cities, engage UNPAR representatives in the MPA Evaluation Committee and promote the implementation of the MUFPP Fellowship Programme.
9. **Organize joint moments of knowledge sharing** at side events, conferences, bilateral talks and multilateral dialogues, thematic webinars at the MUFPP global and regional forum, ASEAN conferences and other relevant regional and global events on urban food system transformation.

10. **Organize joint knowledge exchange workshops for cities** that signed the MUFPP in order to support their food policy processes also as part of the MUFPP Fellowship Programme.

- The parties declare their intention to meet every 3 months through a joint technical MUFPP and UNPAR working group to assign the tasks and update the gantt of the LOI cooperation.
- Any divergences among the Parties related to the present Letter of Intent shall be settled amicably between the parties.
- This Letter of Intent is a statement of intent and creates not legally binding obligations on the Parties, the letter shall have effect as of the date of signature by the Parties and will be effective until the 31st December 2025, with the possibility of renewal through a simple exchange of letters.
- In the event of the creation of a legal entity of the “Milan Urban Food Policy Pact”, the relationships and activities established with this LOI will pass to the new organization.

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