

*For circulation
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
CONSORTIUM OF NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY (NIT), INDIA
AND
HELSINKI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, FINLAND
UNIVERSITY OF OULU, FINLAND
TAMPERE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, FINLAND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPERE, FINLAND**

In order to facilitate international academic exchange and student mobility, to develop academic and scientific relationships, and in support of collaborative research activities, the Consortium of National Institutes of Technology, India, and Helsinki University of Technology, Finland, University of Oulu, Finland, Tampere University of Technology, Finland, and University of Tampere, Finland, agree to establish this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a framework for cooperative programs.

ARTICLE I

Collaborative Activities

The cooperation may concern any field or subject upon which the parties agree. It will include various activities, such as:

1. Exchange of faculty and research staff

It is agreed that linkages will be strengthened by university personnel visits and exchange between the collaborating institutions. The purpose is to exchange scientific information and develop specific cooperative projects and programs. Arrangements for each such visit will be made under the aegis of the institutions. The purpose, timing and other details concerning exchanges and short visits shall be mutually acceptable to the institutions. It is agreed that information concerning the purpose and duration of faculty and research visits, the research backgrounds of personnel and further details, as required, will be provided to the host institutions at least two months prior to the proposed visits.

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2. Exchange Students

The collaborating institutions agree mutually to send students for study, to the other party. On mutual basis, some concrete operational details, such as the number of exchange students, the period of staying with the other party and treatment etc., will be agreed on by the two parties before the exchange is conducted in the future.

3. Post Graduate Degree Training

The collaborating institutions recognize that there are considerable benefits when graduate students are provided with opportunities for conducting at least some of their research abroad. Arrangements to this end are considered on a case-to-case basis. It is agreed that as practicable, graduate-level research and doctoral degree training will be considered an essential component for inclusion in the MOU. Short-term, non-degree training will also be considered as part of this MOU.

4. Collaborative research

It is recognized that significant opportunities will exist for cooperative scientific research at the collaborating institutions. Research activities require specific arrangements. In view of the importance of cooperative research, collaborating institutions agree to give a high priority to this within their overall relationships.

5. Instructional programmes and reciprocal recognition of studies

This is agreed on case-to-case basis by the participating parties.

6. Exchange of academic information and publications.

Collaborating parties agree to exchange as widely as is practicable such items as scientific publications and journals, university calendars, prospectuses, text books, course outlines and reference materials. Each institution will respect the other's policies on copyright and intellectual property.

7. University – Private Sector Collaboration

It is recognized that research partnership with corporations generates benefits for participating institutions. These activities bring balance between theory and practice, companies providing challenges to the faculty and students. In the framework of this MOU the cooperation between a National institute of technology/Indian company and a Finnish university/Finnish company, two plus two - model, can be developed into joint research projects.

ARTICLE 2

Scheduling Governing Activities

Specific mechanisms for the implementation of particular co-operative activities shall be established and described in the corresponding Appendixes to this MOU. Under normal circumstances all expenses such as salary, travel, living and allied costs will be the responsibility of the exchangee's home institution.

ARTICLE 3

Financing Collaboration

The collaborating institutions shall endeavour to seek finance for joint activities from sources available to them. Both the parties shall approach funding agencies for financing the joint collaborative activities.

ARTICLE 4

Regulations Governing Activities

All activities developed under the auspices of this MOU will respect and uphold the corresponding norms, traditions and regulations of all collaborating parties.

ARTICLE 5

Modification and Termination of the MOU

This MOU may be modified at any time if circumstances arise which call for any alteration, subject to the approval of both parties. In case of any proposal to modify the MOU, three months' written notice shall be given to the other party. This MOU may be terminated by either party on six months written notice without prejudice to the persons already engaged in a current program of exchange,

ARTICLE 6

Duration and Renewal of the MOU

This MOU shall take effect for a period of 5 years upon the date of the signatures appended and will remain valid until one party notifies the other of its wish to terminate the MOU, the minimum notice for such termination being six months. Further continuance of this MOU will be subject to a joint agreement and review by both parties to be undertaken prior to the expiry of this MOU.

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ARTICLE 7

Clarification/Dispute if any

Wherever clarification is called for in respect of any clause(s) contained in this MOU, such matters shall be referred to Ministry for settlement.

ARTICLE 8

Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding

The parties hereby agree to execute the objectives of MOU within the framework of Terms of Reference of this agreement.

This MOU is written in English, in two identical originals, both of equal validity.

Date: November 26, 2009

Professor I.K.Bhat, Director
NIT Hamirpur, India

For Consortium of NIT's

Date: November 26, 2009

Ms. Terhi Hakala, Ambassador
Embassy of Finland, New Delhi, India

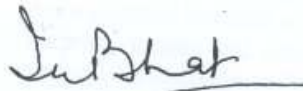
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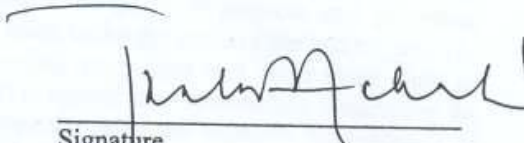
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