

MEMORANDUM OF CO-OPERATION

between



Blekinge Institute of Technology
Karlskrona, Blekinge, SWEDEN,

Established by the Government of Sweden

and



Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University- Kakinada,
Andhra Pradesh, India,

Established by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, India

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BLEKINGE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

herein duly represented by

Dr. Ursula Hass
(Vice-Chancellor)

and

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY: KAKINADA

herein duly represented by

Prof. Allam Appa Rao
(Vice -Chancellor)

Blekinge Institute of Technology, BTH and Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University- Kakinada, JNTUK (hereinafter "the parties" / "institutions"), inspired by the extensive possibilities offered by international co-operation, recognize the need to develop and nurture new partnerships and to share human and material resources, with the aim to promote international understanding and contribute to the pool of global knowledge.

In the spirit of this challenge and responsibility, the parties acknowledge the similarities in the scholarly pursuits of the institutions and desire to promote inter-institutional co-operation, scientific and cultural exchange, as well as mutual understanding and respect.

The parties therefore join in the following Agreement:

Article 1

This Agreement, together with its annexes, represents the total Agreement between the parties.

Article 2

The two parties /organizations shall establish and encourage mutually beneficial scientific, technological, educational and other relations based on the following activities:

- ☐ Exchange of academic staff members for the purpose of research, teaching and/or the presentation of special courses in their fields of specialization.
- ☐ Exchange of undergraduate students.
- ☐ Establishment of joint educational and/or research programs/projects
- ☐ Exchange of postgraduate students.
- ☐ Exchange of scientific and educational literature produced by either or both of the parties/organizations, as well as the exchange of material on research undertaken by researchers of both institutions.
- ☐ Organization of conferences, seminars and symposia of mutual interest to the institutions.

Article 3

In each case, the specific content and conditions for a joint activity shall be determined collaboratively by the two parties and documented in annexes to the present Agreement.

The number of members of staff to participate in a visit or exchange programme, their sojourn and conditions of service shall be negotiated in each case, with due consideration for the capabilities and needs of the individuals and the institutions concerned. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the salaries and fringe benefits of members of staff to participate in a visit or exchange programme shall be the responsibility of the home institution.

The number of students to participate in an exchange program, their sojourn and areas of study shall be negotiated in each case, with due consideration for the capabilities and needs of the individuals and the institutions concerned.

The parties shall, within appropriate application deadlines, endeavour to provide adequate and reasonable accommodation for exchange staff and students. Unless otherwise agreed upon between the parties, costs for board (meals), travel and accommodation for exchange students shall be the responsibility of the individual student(s). Costs for accommodation for members of staff to participate in a visit or exchange programme shall be the responsibility of the home institution unless otherwise agreed upon between the parties. The parties shall endeavour to provide access to facilities such as libraries and the Internet to exchange staff and students. Unless otherwise agreed upon between the parties, exchange students shall be exempted from tuition fees.

Article 4

Both parties accept that financial arrangements shall be negotiated in each case and shall be dependent on the availability of funds.

The parties shall aim to find sources of financial assistance for the activities and exchanges to be undertaken in the terms of this Agreement.

Article 5

All activities conducted under the present MoC shall be subjected to the laws and regulations of the respective countries and relevant international laws. Should new laws or regulations affecting the content of the present Agreement come in to effect in either of the two countries during the duration of the Agreement, the content of the Agreement will change accordingly. This also includes treatment of the intellectual property right (hereinafter referred to as "IPR") Details of IPR arrangements shall be mutually agreed upon and documented in annexes to the present MoC.

Article 6

Either party shall not be held liable to compensate for injury, death, damage or loss of property of the other party caused while implementing a project under the MoC due to an accident or for any reason, excluding willful misconduct or negligence.

Article 7

The representatives of the parties, or their authorized substitutes, shall meet frequently at suitable times to evaluate the implementation of this Agreement and to decide on changes or additions thereto, which will not be of any force or effect unless in writing and signed by the representatives of both parties. For the smooth execution and continuation of the activities under the present MoC, two committees will be constituted:

1. An Executive Committee:

Will consist of four members which include four members from JNTUK and four members from BTH. The Executive Committee will be a policy making committee including academics, finances and new schemes / proposals between the two parties.

2. An Academic Committee:

Will consist of four members which include two members from JNTUK and two members from BTH. The Academic Committee will examine all academic matters including formation of the syllabi, evaluation and admissions process etc.

Article 8

This Memorandum shall be considered for review after a period of 5 years.

Article 9

This Agreement shall come into effect when the authorized representatives of both parties have signed it. Either party may withdraw from the Agreement by giving written notice before 31 December of any year of its intention to withdraw with effect from 1 September the next year.

Article 10

All letters, drawings, reports and other documents executed for the implementation of the MoC and all bilateral discussions conducted between the parties shall be in English.

Article 11

The parties choose for purposes of this Agreement as their *domicilium citandi et executandi*, the following addresses:

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Sweden

Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Kakinada
Kakinada - 533 003
Andhra Pradesh
India

Signed in (place)

On the (date)


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