



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN**

**ISFAHAN UNIVERISITY OF TECHNOLOGY (IUT)
(IRAN)
AND
KOYA UNIVERSTIY
(KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ)**

Isfahan University of Technology and **Koya University** forming an essential part in the aspiration to extend international co-operation, hereby agree to initiate mutual co-operation in higher education and scientific research.

1. The following general forms of co-operation will be pursued within fields that are mutually acceptable:
 - Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students,
 - Exchange of faculty members and research scholars,
 - Joint research activities such as joint research programs and projects,
 - Organizing joint symposia, workshops and conferences,
 - Exchange of scientific materials and information,
 - Joint academic graduate programs,
 - Cooperate to set up new faculties and to define related curriculum,
 - Collaborate to upgrade / review the academic infrastructure.
2. Themes of joint activities and conditions for utilizing the results achieved as well as arrangement for scientific visits, exchanges and other forms of co-operation will be developed mutually for each specific case and are described in a separate agreement to be entered into co-operating faculties.
3. All scientists, lecturers and students, regardless of, for instance, ethnic affiliations, sex, religion and other preferences, can take part in the exchange on the basis of individual invitations, which either of the contracting parties will send.
4. The participants are normally responsible for their travel expenses and for their own living costs. Exchange scientists, lecturers and students will also be fully responsible for their health insurance costs including medical evacuation.
5. All financial arrangements will be negotiated for each specific case.

The above statement is in line with following:

It is the opinion of both parties that a co-operation between universities around the world is of the greatest importance, as research and education are vital components for the development of international understanding, democracy, peace and competence development for the benefit of future generations.

Both parties believe that vital importance in these international co-operations is based on values striving towards equal opportunities, equal rights for all staff and students. Thus there should exist no exclusion due to race, ethnicity, religion, sex or any other cause for discrimination for students, teachers or researchers at the partner organization interested in such a collaboration.

Hence, IUT and Koya University share the same values and while there is a mutual interest in sharing matters of content within research, education and student and teacher exchange, partner universities takes a great interest in such a co-operation.

The clauses of this agreement may be revised or changed only upon the consent of both parties. The proposed alterations shall be presented by the parties and signed accordingly.

This MOU will come into force from the moment it is signed by both parties, and is valid for five years, until September 2020, at which time it shall either be cancelled or subject to renewal with the concurrence of both parties. A letter with a 1-year termination notice can also cancel this agreement. In such an eventuality both parties are fully responsible for fulfilling and abiding by the terms and obligations towards those students covered by this agreement.

Date: September 9, 2015

Signed:

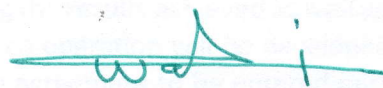
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