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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY, KOLHAPUR, INDIA
And
ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

This Memorandum of Understanding is drawn up and agreed upon to establish cooperation between the Shivaji University hereinafter referred to as SU, and the Asian Institute of Technology, hereinafter referred to as AIT.

Shivaji University, Kolhapur, named after the founder of Maratha empire Chhatrapati Shivaji and inaugurated in 1962 by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the then President of India, is a premier institution of higher education and research in Western India. The University is committed to meet the educational, social, cultural and economic needs of the region and is dedicated to promote and foster a culture of high quality teaching, learning and research.

The AIT is an international post-graduate technological institute founded in 1959 in Bangkok, and is Asia's pioneer institution to help this region to meet the growing need for advanced education in engineering, science and technology. AIT's mission is to develop highly qualified and committed professionals who will play a leading role in the sustainable development of the region and its integration into the global economy. The AIT is located in Klong Luang, Pathumthani 12120, Thailand.

The two parties recognize human resource development and institutional capacity building as the basis for a mutually beneficial cooperation program, hereinafter referred to as the Program.

ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

The objectives of the Program are to provide higher education opportunities for staff members of SU, promote institutional linkage between SU and AIT, and to explore other avenues for possible collaboration.

ARTICLE II: SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM

The Program, which is for five years, is established to provide collaborative cooperation through:

- i) Collaborative Research Programs in specific fields of interest - SU and AIT will jointly identify specific fields to conduct collaborative research programs of mutual interest and benefit to both the institutions.
- ii) Student Exchange Programs - Exchange programs for SU and AIT students will be explored and conducted accordingly which will be beneficial mutually for both the parties.
- iii) Faculty Exchange Programs - Exchange programs for SU and AIT faculty will be explored and conducted accordingly which will be beneficial mutually for both the parties.

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- iv) Any other form of cooperation that may be agreed upon between SU and AIT.

ARTICLE III: DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signing by both parties and shall take effect for a period of 5 (five) years. If this MoU is to be terminated without cause, a three months prior notice should be sent by one party to another party. This MoU may be renewed by mutual written consent of both the Institutions.


ARTICLE IV: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Both parties shall disseminate information on each others programs and activities.
2. Both parties hereto shall do their utmost to ensure the smooth and efficient implementation of the Program.
3. Both parties shall exert their best effort to be available for mutual consultation and shall give each other necessary information whenever reasonably requested.
4. Any amendment to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be made in writing and mutually agreed upon.
5. All disputes arising in connection with the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through mutual negotiation.
6. The two parties will maintain close contact so as to ensure the smooth implementation of the Program.
7. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of Thailand.

This Memorandum of Understanding is prepared in two identical copies; each party will hold one original duly signed.

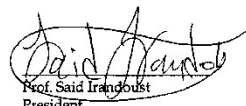
Signed on 6 July 2005 at Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand.

*For and on behalf of the
Shivaji University*



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