



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Between
Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic
And
National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST) in Pakistan

Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST) in Pakistan, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Desiring to enhance cultural relations between the two countries through deepening and developing relations of scientific cooperation and academic exchange between them,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article /1/
Objectives of the MOU**

This MOU aims at promoting and developing scientific, academic and research cooperation as well as encouraging academic and student exchange between the Parties on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

**Article /2/
Areas of Cooperation**

Both Parties hereby agree, within their available resources, to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Exchange of teaching staff members, lecturers, and researchers for lecturing, professional development, seminars and consultations on educational issues for the benefit of both Parties.
- b.. Exchange of students of all levels of study (undergraduate, postgraduate and (Masters and Ph.D. students) and young scientists for study and scientific training in areas of common interest.
- c. Conduct joint international research activities and hold joint scientific and methodological conferences, seminars, symposiums, workshops, training

- courses, scientific meetings and exhibitions etc. in areas agreed upon between the Parties.
- d. Exchange of publications and periodicals issued by the two Parties in areas of mutual interest.
 - e. Development and implementation of joint educational and research programs and projects.
 - f. Any other fields mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

Article /3/

Exchange of Visits and Students

- a. The Parties shall exchange the short visits of academic and administrative staff members with the aim of exchanging information and expertise, and participating in various academic activities. The sending Party shall cover travel expenses of its delegates (return tickets) whereas the hosting Party covers accommodation expenses.
- b. The Parties shall exchange the long visits of academic staff members as visiting professors or delegates in order to carry out academic research missions. Expenses shall be managed separately on a case-by-case basis through official correspondence. The exchange of academic staff members should be subjected to the laws and regulations in force especially those of secondment, compensations and stay.
- c. The Parties shall exchange students of all academic levels for the purpose of academic qualifying and training. This exchange should be under the registration and admission laws and the regulations governing Student Exchange and should be done on the basis of the principle of reciprocity.

Article /4/

Cooperation in the field of Academic Research and Postgraduate Studies

- a. The Parties shall implement and develop joint research projects upon which they agree and exchange relevant information through direct contact among the concerned faculties and departments. The intellectual property of these academic projects must be attributed to one of the Parties.
- b. Each Party shall express its readiness, upon a request from the other Party, to contribute to the joint supervision and participate in the examining boards of postgraduate students' theses in accordance with the higher education regulations in force at the host Party.

Article /5/

Exchange of Publications and Academic Documents

The Parties shall exchange their publications and periodicals under the intellectual property laws and regulations enforced in their respective countries.

**Article /6/
Implementation Mechanism**

- a. Both Parties shall undertake to support participants in the work program by providing the required information and facilities and by settling problems related to organizational issues, which should be done in accordance with enforced regulations.
- b. The Parties will specify conditions of funding of any specific activity mentioned in this MOU according to the respective financial regulations of each Party.
- c. With the aim of implementation this Agreement, the two Parties agree to sign Executive Programs, based on their desire and the available resources, to determine the mechanisms and details of implementation of the provisions of this Agreement.
- d. The Executive Programs are legally binding and subject to the terms agreed upon by both Parties.
- e. Each Party designates a coordinator responsible for implementation and follow-up the anticipated work and shall inform the other Party of this, and each Party may change the name of the coordinator by submitting a formal book to the other Party.
- f. The two Parties undertake to protect the intellectual property rights in accordance with the relevant laws, national rules and regulations enforced in both countries and the conventions in force between them.

**Article /7/
Confidentiality**

- a. The Parties shall undertake to observe the confidentiality of all documents, information and other data which are disclosed, in writing or orally, by the disclosing Party to the receiving Party, and each Party shall treat and answer information confidentially and shall not disclose it to any third Party without a prior permission of the other Party.
- b. The Parties shall abide by the provisions of this Article after the termination of this MOU.

**Article /8/
Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding the interpretation or the implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably by direct consultation and negotiations or through diplomatic channels.

**Article /9/
Final Provisions**

- a. This MOU shall be enter into force from the date of reception the last written notification in which one party notifies the other one through diplomatic channels, about the completion of the internal procedures required for its entry into force, valid for a period of five years and may be renewed for similar periods unless either of the Parties, in any time, notifies the other in writing and through diplomatic channels, about its intention to terminate it six months prior to its date of expiry.
- b. The termination of this MOU will not affect any ongoing activities until their completion.
- c. Either Party may amend ,change or add any item or article of this MOU by mutual written consent through diplomatic channels .These amendments, changes and additions will enter into force according to the paragraph\ a\ of this article and it will be considered as an integrated part of it.
- d. This MOU does not give any Party the right to be a procurator or a representative of the other Party, and does not either constitute a joint venture partnership or an official business between the Parties.
- e. The execution of this MOU is subject to the enforced laws and regulations in both countries.

Done and signed in Damascus on 27/07/2022, in two original copies in Arabic, and English languages. All the texts have the same authenticity, in case of any divergence, the text in English prevails.

**For Damascus University
In the Syrian Arab
Republic**

President




Prof. Dr. Mhd. Osama Jabban

**For National University for Science
and Technology (NUSTS)
In Pakistan**

**Ambassador of the Islamic Republic
of Pakistan in Damascus acting on the
basis of power of
Attorney No. 0972/09/NUST/QA&NIO,**

26 July, 2022


**Air Marshal (Retd) Saeed
Muhammad Khan**