



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY (SYRIA)
AND
INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA,
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA**

1. This memorandum of understanding enters into effect as of 14/2/2007, between Damascus University (hereinafter referred to as DU) and International Islamic University Malaysia (hereinafter referred to as IIUM). Both universities agree to encourage academic cooperation in the field of research, study and learning through:
 - 1.1 Encouraging visits of faculty members from one university to the other for the purpose of engaging in research;
 - 1.2 Facilitating the admission of qualified students from one university to the other for the purpose of enrolling in undergraduate and graduate programs, and in the case of advanced graduate students, participating in research;
 - 1.3 Fostering the exchange of academic publications, research and scholarly information, and
 - 1.4 Promoting other academic activities to enhance the above mentioned goals.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the MOU) shall become effective from the date of ratification by both parties, for a period of five (5) years, and shall be subject to review at the end of this period. It shall be automatically renewed for successive five-year (5) period unless either party gives the other a written notice of its desire to either terminate or revise this MOU six (6) months prior to the termination.
3. Both universities acknowledge that visits by faculty members and students from one university to the other shall be subject to the entry and visa regulations of Syria and Malaysia, and shall comply with the regulations and policies of DU and IIUM.
4. Both universities agree that all expenses, including research material, international and domestic travel, per diem, honoraria and all other costs, shall be the responsibility of the home university and determined on a case-by-case basis. However, each side will do its utmost to provide university accommodation to visiting faculty members and students.
5. All research derived from the cooperative efforts of both parties under this MOU shall be the joint property of both parties, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties.



6. In case of termination of this MOU, the work on the ongoing projects shall continue until their completion.
7. This MOU is not intended to be legally binding but simply expresses the intentions and understandings of the parties.
8. The parties observe confidentiality towards other parties not concerned or connected with this MOU. Any confidential information disclosed to either party pursuant to this MOU shall not, without prior consent of the other party, be disclosed to a third party or be used for any purpose not expressly permitted in writing by the other party.
9. The provision of this MOU may be amended at any time by mutual agreement made in writing.
10. This MOU shall be construed in accordance with laws and regulations applied in each of the two countries.
11. This MOU has been written in four original copies two in Arabic and two in English. Each party shall keep a copy of each language. In case of any dispute, the English version shall prevail.

In witness to this memorandum of understanding whereof the parties hereunto affix after their signatures.

Prof. Dr. Wael Mualla

President

Damascus University

Prof. Dato' Dr. Syed Arabi Idid

Rector

International Islamic University Malaysia