



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

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Between

Feb, 13, 2022

Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic

And

Imam Khomeini International University in Qazvin, Iran

Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and Imam Khomeini International University in Qazvin, Iran, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"; desirous to develop and deepen their relationships of scientific cooperation and academic exchange,

The Parties have agreed as follows:

Article /1/

Objective of the Agreement

The aim of this MOU is to strengthen and develop scientific, academic and research cooperation as well as encouraging student and academic exchange between them 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 students for the purpose of study and research;
- b. Organization of joint research and training programs;
- c. Exchange academic staff for the purpose of teaching and research;
- d. Collaborate in publications and research projects;

- e. Organize joint seminars, conferences and other scientific events;
- f. Organize joint cultural activities.
- g. Any other areas 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 shall 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 subject 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/

Exchange of Support

The Parties shall undertake to support participants in the work programs by providing the information and facilities required for the cooperation and by settling problems related to organizing issues, in accordance with the enforced regulations in both countries.

Article /7/

Financial Conditions

- a. Each Party shall bear its own costs resulted from the implementation of this MOU.
- b. The two universities specify financial conditions of the implementation of any scientific activity mentioned or not in this Agreement according to the financial regulations applied at each Party.
- c. Specific details related to the process of any academic activities shall be subject to negotiation between the Parties and being done by the bilateral consent.

Article /8/

Implementation Procedures

- a. With the aim of implementation this MOU, 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 MOU.

- b. Each Party may nominate a coordinator (or a management committee) for the MOU through mutual official correspondence within a maximum period of three months from its entry into force.
- c. 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 neither Party has the right to disclose information confidentially to any third Party without a prior permission of the other Party.

Article /9/

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 /10/

Final Provisions

- a. This MOU shall enter into force from the date of receiving the last written notification by which one Party informs the other, through diplomatic channels, about the completion of the necessary internal procedures required of its entry into force.
- b. This MOU will be valid for a period of five years, renewed automatically for a similar period unless either of the Parties , at any time, notifies the other in writing form about its intention of termination, through diplomatic channels six months prior to its date of expiry, this termination will not affect the ongoing activities until their accomplishment.

- c. Either Party may amend, change or add any item or Article of this MOU by mutual written consent and through diplomatic channels. These amendments, or changes or additions will enter into force according to the first item of this Article, and will be considered as an integrated part of this MOU.
- d. This MOU does not give any Party the right to be a procurator or a representative of the other Party.
- e. The execution of this MOU is subject to the enforced laws and regulations in both countries.

Done and signed in Damascus on 1/2/2022, and in Iran in / /2022, in two original copies in Arabic, Persian and English languages. All the texts have the same authenticity, in case of any divergence, the text in English shall prevail.

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

President

Prof. Dr. Mhd. Osama Jabban



**For Imam Khomeini International
University in Qazvin, Iran**

President

Prof. Dr. Seyed Ali Ghasemzadeh

