



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
UNIVERSITY SAINS MALAYSIA  
AND  
DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY**

The University Sains Malaysia, (hereafter referred to as USM), Penang, Malaysia and Damascus University, Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, hereby agree upon the following terms and conditions as set forth in this **Memorandum of Understanding**.

The purpose of this **Memorandum of Understanding** is to promote and expand international development, understanding, and friendship by stimulating and supporting educational, professional, and intercultural activities, involving projects among students, staff, and professors of USM and Damascus University.

**Article 1**

The USM and Damascus University will enter into co-operative arrangements in fields of research, teaching and other agreed upon collaboration. Activities would include, but would not be limited to:

- 1.1. Joint research activities and publications developed through the research linkages of individual professors.
- 1.2. Exchange of faculty and/or staff members, graduate students, and undergraduate students for research and study.
- 1.3. Exchange of academic information and materials in fields of interest to both USM and Damascus University.
- 1.4. Exchange of scholars for lectures, talks, conferences, colloquia, symposia, and sharing of Ideas in the various fields of knowledge.

## **Article 2**

The conduct of joint activities and arrangements for specific visits and exchanges as well as other forms of co-operation will be negotiated and set forth in writing for each specific case.

## **Article 3**

This agreement will be effective from; the beginning of the December 2003 academic year and continue thereafter for a period of five (5) years. This agreement may be extended by the mutual consent of both institutions.

## **Article 4**

The agreement may be amended or terminated by mutual consent of the two institutions, or it may be terminated upon prior notification, in writing, to the other party at least six (6) months prior to the date of termination.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed the agreement in four (4) original copies, two copies each are in English and Arabic languages for each party.

Executed for University Sains Malaysia

Executed for Damascus University



**(PROFESSOR DATO' DZULKIFLI  
ABDUL RAZAK)**  
Vice Chancellor

**(DR. HANI MURTADA)**  
President



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