

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN
COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
KOCHI, KERALA, INDIA
AND
THE MALDIVES NATIONAL UNIVERSITY,
FOR
ACADEMIC COOPERATION

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS MADE AT MALDIVES ON THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY 2023 BETWEEN COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, KOCHI, KERALA, INDIA established UNDER THE Cochin University Act 1971 (hereinafter referred to as "CUSAT") on the ONE PART and THE MALDIVES NATIONAL UNIVERSITY established under the Maldives University Act 3/2011 (Hereinafter referred to as "MNU") on the OTHER PART.

WHEREAS CUSAT is one of the premier Universities in the Country imparting Scientific and Technological Education and desires to enter into academic links and exchange programmes with various institutions across the globe.

WHEREAS MNU has expressed their intention to facilitate the exchanges and co-operative initiatives with **CUSAT**.

AND WHEREAS the parties have mutually agreed to act in accordance with the terms set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PREMISES, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. The parties herein agree that they shall facilitate all exchanges and co-operative initiative between the two institutions in the area of educational, research, development instruction, community service, staff and student exchanges.
2. The ways and means through which the parties shall accomplish this goal of co-operation, shall include:
 - a. Exchange of Researchers
 - b. Exchange of Faculty
 - c. Exchange of Students
 - d. Transfer of Students
 - e. Exchange of Scholarly and pedagogical materials with appropriate permission from either party concerned
 - f. Joint Research
 - g. Technical Assistants and / or Training
 - h. Curricula development
 - i. Other co-operative efforts as may be specified later
3. The parties hereby agree that this Memorandum of Undertaking may be supplemented by Agreements in specific academic disciplines/institutional units signed by representatives of both the parties.
4. The parties agree that the initial focus of this linkage will be on faculty and student exchange, academic research, exchange of scholarly and pedagogical materials in the areas of Science Engineering and other programs of common interest.
5. The fund-raising effort shall be carried out jointly by the parties for implementing such provisions of the agreements that require funding.
6. Both the parties do hereby agree that all specific projects to which this Memorandum of Understanding may lead to, will be subject to the joint and periodic evaluation of the appropriate authorities of both parties.
7. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated when either of the parties indicate that the institutional relations will be terminated or modified and such a termination will be effective from the date of the notice of such termination or modification: The duration for the agreement shall be for 5 years.
8. The parties do hereby agree to subscribe to the policy of Equal Opportunity and the parties will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age ethnicity, religion or national origin. The parties agree to abide

by these principles in the administration of this Memorandum of Understanding and neither institution shall impose criteria for any exchange, which would violate the principles of indiscrimination.

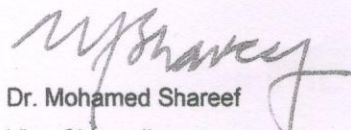
9. In case of any dispute between the parties with regard to any of the Clauses in the agreements, it shall be referred to arbitration of the Arbitrator appointed with the consent of both the parties as per the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act prevailing in the country in which the agreements are executed so that the dispute between the parties can be settled. In case may of the parties disputes the award of the Arbitrator, the dispute shall be resolved through Courts at the place where the agreement are executed”.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the parties have caused this Memorandum to be executed through their authorized representative on the day and year first above written.

Signed and delivered by the within named Cochin University of Science and Technology Kochi, Kerala, India and The Maldives National University, through the hands of


**For and on behalf of
The Maldives National University**

Signature:


Dr. Mohamed Shareef
Vice Chancellor

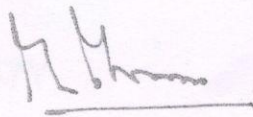
Witness 1

Signature:


Dr. Aishath Shehenaz Adam
Deputy Vice Chancellor,
Research and Enterprise

**For and on behalf of
Cochin University of Science and Technology**

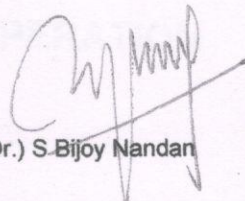
Signature:


Prof. (Dr.) K.N Madhusoodhanan
Vice Chancellor

Dr. K. N. MADHUSOODANAN
Vice-Chancellor
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Kochi - 682 022, Kerala, India

Witness 2

Signature:


Prof. (Dr.) S.Bijoy Nandan
Dean,
Faculty of Marine Sciences

