

MoU for Prof. M. A. Ramlu and Mrs. Saroja Ramlu Institute Chair Professorship Award at IIT Kharagpur

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IIT Kharagpur and Professor Vijay Madisetti, son of Prof. M. A. Ramlu and Mrs. Saroja Ramlu, on this day September 15, 2016.

This MoU is being signed to institute the *Prof. M. A. Ramlu and Mrs. Saroja Ramlu Institute Chair Professorship Award* with funds donated by Professor Vijay Madisetti, an alumnus of IIT Kharagpur (ECE/1984). It is also understood that this shall be reported to the relevant authority of IIT Kharagpur in due course as standard practice.

Objective

To institute and provide support for the position of the *Prof. M. A. Ramlu and Mrs. Saroja Ramlu Institute Chair Professorship Award* for an amount of Indian Rupees 25,000 per month for 3 years, to be paid to the incumbent. This will be in addition to his/ her usual Institute salary of permanent Professor, in the Department of Mining Engineering at IIT Kharagpur.

Background

Dr. M. A. Ramlu obtained his B.Sc. from Madras University in 1948, a M.Sc. in Mining Engineering from Banaras Hindu University (BHU), and a Ph.D. in Mining Engineering from Bergakademie Clausthal, Germany in 1956. *Dr. Ramlu* then joined the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IITKGp) in 1958, where he served as a Professor and first Head of the Department of Mining Engineering for over 20 years. He also served as the Dean of Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy (SRIC), Deputy Director, and Acting Director of the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, between 1980 and 1987. After retirement in 1987, he settled in Hyderabad, India, and frequently serves as a consultant to the industry and the government. He received the Prof. S. K. Bose Memorial Teaching Award in 2009, the Thacker Coal Mining Gold Medal from the Mines, Metals & Geological Institute of India (MMGI), and the Lifetime Achievement Medal from Mining Engineers' Association of India (MEAI) in 2013. *Dr. Ramlu* is the author of several books in the area of Mining Engineering and Safety.

Mrs. Saroja Ramlu obtained her B.A. in Arts from Osmania University in 1959 and has been married to *Prof. M. A. Ramlu* since 1960. She has been active in philanthropic activities since her retirement, and is now settled in Hyderabad, India. Their two sons, Dr. Vijay K. Madisetti and Dr. Avanindra Madisetti, are both alumni of IIT Kharagpur and reside in the USA.

Mechanism

The award is being established initially for six years, covering two 3-year terms for two incumbents, which may be extended later and modified in scope by mutually agreed amendments to this MoU. A donation of at least Indian Rupees 9,00,000 each shall be made to IIT Kharagpur twice by Professor Vijay Madisetti once immediately after the signing of this

MoU and once after completion of three years and before seeking nomination for the next Chair position for the next 3 year period, to cover the Chair Award expenses for each of the two incumbents for two successive 3 year periods. It is expected that the first Chair position shall be established and a selection made in the beginning of the Academic Year 2016-17. In case the award is discontinued beyond six years and a part of the fund is left unutilized, the same shall either be returned to Professor Vijay Madisetti or be utilized for any other purpose of IIT Kharagpur, depending on the instruction received from Professor Vijay Madisetti.

Criteria for Selection

The *Prof. M. A. Ramlu and Mrs. Saroja Ramlu Institute Chair Professor* will be selected by the Director of IIT Kharagpur in accordance with the Institute policies and practices related to such Chair Professorships established in the Institute. Professor Vijay Madisetti shall be kept informed on the selection. An existing permanent Professor of Department of Mining Engineering of IIT Kharagpur shall be appointed to the position. A certificate that mentions the name of the Professor selected for the position and also having a citation honoring Prof. M. A. Ramlu and Mrs. Saroja Ramlu, shall be handed over to the incumbent upon joining.

Reporting

From the second year, every year (by July 31 of each year) the donor will get a statement of utilization of funds provided in the previous year. It is anticipated that the donation will be made through the IIT Foundation, USA to IIT Kharagpur.

Conclusion

The Chair Professorship Award may continue if an extension to this MoU is signed with possibly modified terms and conditions.

Executed by:



Professor Partha Pratim Chakrabarti
Director, IIT Kharagpur



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