

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INSTITUTIONAL
COLLABORATION
BETWEEN
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR (IITKGP),
AND
TOKYO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY (TMU)**

Preamble

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IITKGP) is a reputed institution of higher learning situated at Kharagpur, India, 721302. Tokyo Metropolitan University (TMU) is a renowned public university in Tokyo, the capital of Japan, 192-0397.

IITKGP and TMU have agreed for institutional collaboration in education and research. The primary objective is to promote interaction and collaboration between faculty, academic staff and students of the two institutions through visits and exchange programmes, carry out joint academic and research programmes, on a reciprocal basis. The relationship also aims at enhancing the technological, social and cultural relations of both countries/states/regions. This document presents a general framework for such a relationship. It also includes some specifically identified areas of cooperation, which may be updated from time to time.

Coordination

Prof. Tetsuo Shimizu, Graduate School of Urban Environmental Studies, shall be the Coordinator from TMU and Professor Joy Sen, Ranbir and Chitra Gupta School of Infrastructure Design and Management, shall be the Coordinator from IITKGP. The participants and Coordinators may change from time to time as decided by appropriate authority of the respective institutions.

Scope of Cooperation

The following areas of cooperation have been identified under this agreement.

- (i) Faculty exchange programme: The two parties will explore opportunities for interaction among members of faculty as well as creating Visiting Faculty positions. Each such visit shall require approval of the respective institutions.
- (ii) Student exchange programme: The two parties agree to exchange students at the respective institutions. Each institution shall accept the exchange students as non-regular students who do not aim at obtaining a degree in the host institutions. Exchange students shall be exempted from paying the tuition fees to the host institution. Exchange students will be responsible for payment of all rents and other charges, transportation, health insurance, and other personal expenses. Both institutions will provide appropriate assistance to exchange students in finding adequate housing.

- (iii) Joint research projects: The two parties will explore opportunities of undertaking joint research projects and may seek research funding from external funding agencies. Each such research proposal shall require approval of the respective institutions before implementation.
- (iv) Joint academic activities and events: IITKGP and TMU may formulate joint academic activities such as short course, seminars, workshops or conferences based on mutual interests and available expertise in both the institutions. They may also share and carry out joint research in technology for distance and computer-based learning.

The areas of cooperation may be revised by mutual consent. However, specific programmes may require separate agreements detailed out and documented as annexures to this MoU.

Intellectual Property

Each institution will adhere to the intellectual laws of its nation. Intellectual property developed during the visit of an exchange student/researcher/faculty/academic staff will be governed by the rules of the host institute unless otherwise specified. The two institutions shall jointly own results of clearly defined collaborative projects and exchange programmes. This joint ownership also entitles each party to explore commercialization. However, transfer of jointly developed technology and associated sharing of revenue shall be governed by a separate agreement.

Furthermore, if one institution receives any information from the partner under a clearly defined non-disclosure agreement, necessary and reasonable care will be taken to protect the intellectual property received.

Data Protection

The two institutions agree to collect, process, use, disclose and otherwise manage personal information only for the purposes of fulfilling their obligations under this Agreement.

Both institutions agree to ensure that personal information is not used for any purpose other than that for which it is collected.

Financing

The two institutions will consider allocating seed money to initiate this partnership. In addition, they will also approach their own governments, international funding agencies and industries. Special attention will be given to obtain funded projects from industry as well as from alumni to support such collaborations.

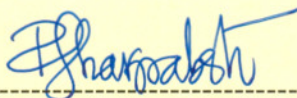
Various external funding sources may be explored either independently or jointly.

Legal Status

This document is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation and is not legally binding on both the parties. Any disputes shall be resolved through mutual and amicable discussion between the two parties.

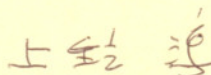
Validity

This agreement is valid for an initial period of five years and becomes effective from the date it is signed by the parties. The partnership period may be extended by mutual consent. In case either party wishes to terminate the MoU, the written notice will have to be sent at least six months in advance. However, specific commitments made prior to such intimation shall be honored by both the parties.



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