

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INSTITUTIONAL
COLLABORATION
BETWEEN
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR (IITKGP),
AND
THE ASSOCIATION FOR OVERSEAS TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND
SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIP (AOTS) JAPAN**

Preamble

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IITKGP) is a reputed institution of higher learning situated at Kharagpur, India, 721302

The Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS) is an organization to promote the development of human resources of developing countries and business between those countries and Japan situated at 30-1, Senju-azuma 1-chome, Adachi-ku, Tokyo 120-8534, Japan.

IIT KGP and AOTS have agreed for organizational/institutional collaboration in the field of Human Resources, Education and Research, Technology Transfer, Business Development etc. for mutual benefit of both organizations and countries.

The primary objective is to promote interaction and collaboration between the two organizations through various forums and mechanism as outlined below. This document presents a general framework for such a relationship.

General Scope of Cooperation

The areas of cooperation between the two organizations shall involve engagements and activities covering training programs, exchange of faculties/students, promotion of research activities, and business collaborations. The following avenues have been identified under this agreement.

- a. Formulation of unique state of the art joint certification courses in the domains of technology and management to be co-taught by faculty/experts in both countries and involving stays at IITKGP and Japan
- b. Development of Indo-Japanese research centres on IIT KGP campus to showcase research and technology developments in thematic areas
- c. Development of training programs for Japanese professionals in India involving faculty members of IITKGP and Indian industries.
- d. Organizing joint academic and business activities and events to promote education, internships and employment for students.

These activities, spearheaded by IITKGP will be open to other engineering Institutions for participation including other IITs and NITs.

The areas of cooperation may be revised by mutual consent and mutually agreeable terms depending on demand and requirement. However, specific programs may require separate agreements will be detailed out.

Coordination

GM AOTS New Delhi Office shall be the Coordinator from AOTS and Prof. Adrijit Goswami, Dean Continuing Education at IIT Kharagpur shall be the Coordinator from IITKGP.

Mr. Supriya Chandra will act as the overall coordinator and liaison between the two sides.

Non-discrimination

IITKGP and AOTS agree not to discriminate against any person because of age, sex, national origin, race, ancestry, color, religious creed disability or handicap, and sexual orientation. Neither institution shall impose criteria for the exchange of faculty, staff and students that would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

Code of Conduct

Visiting students, trainees, faculty members and subject matter experts, will abide by the codes of conduct of the host Institution and Country.

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/staff/expert will be governed by the rules of the host institute unless otherwise specified.

Any Background Intellectual Property (BGIP) shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the Party to whom it belonged prior to the commencement of this agreement. If one Party receives any BGIP from the partner under a clearly defined non-disclosure agreement, necessary and reasonable care will be taken to protect the intellectual property received.

The two organizations shall jointly own results and Intellectual Property generated thereof for clearly defined collaborative projects and exchange programmes. This joint ownership of Jointly Developed Intellectual Property (JDIP) also entitles each party to explore

commercialization. However, transfer or sale of JDIP and associated sharing of revenue shall be governed by a separate agreement.

Financing

Both institutes/organizations will consider Financing on case to case basis. Both the institutes/organization will support each other to explore suitable sponsorer (Government or Private) to make the programme financially viable for short and long term sustainability. Additional support, if any, will be governed by separate agreements that may be drawn up for specific activities.

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 discussion.

Validity and Termination

This agreement is valid for an initial period of five years and becomes effective from the date it is signed by the partners. The partnership period may be extended by mutual consent.

This agreement may be terminated:

- a. on either party giving the other party 6 months' prior written notice;
- b. on written notice by one of the Parties if the other Party has committed a breach of this agreement.

However, specific commitments made prior to such intimation shall be honoured by both the partners including ensuring that any student at that time participating in the Programme is able to complete the term of the assignment and be assessed for it.



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