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This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is made by and between

Jagannath University (JnU), Dhaka, Bangladesh shall be represented by the Vice Chancellor or her/his nominee

and

Khulna University (KU), Khulna, Bangladesh, shall be represented by the Vice Chancellor or her/his nominee.

Objective: The MoU drawn up and agreed upon to establish academic and allied cooperation between Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh and Khulna University, Khulna, Bangladesh.

ARTICLE-1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to enable academic and allied cooperation between Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh and Khulna University, Khulna, Bangladesh to strengthen academic, research collaboration, students' exchange, sports and other activities as found suitable upon mutual consent between both the universities.

ARTICLE-2. SCOPE/AREAS OF COOPERATION

Specific Objectives:

The MoU relates to the proposed links between the Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh and Khulna University, Khulna, Bangladesh. Both the collaborating universities propose to participate and co-operate in mutual discussions and joint activities with regard to establishment of academic and research partnership which provides opportunities for both the universities to carry out and publish joint research papers, joint projects and joint patent.

Responsibilities:

Both the parties do hereby agree to undertake the followings:

- Joint research, publications and other appropriate activities, between staff and/or students from each institution.
- Undertake education and research work jointly on scientific, business, humanities, and social issues giving special emphasis on manpower development, female empowerment and development of backward and less privileged ethnic communities and so on.

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- Provides support for growth of academic and research facilities as well as infrastructure
- Identification of more areas of possible mutual academic and research opportunities and interests.
- Disseminating information and sharing experiences among stakeholders of both universities.

Both parties also agree to encourage the following activities, in particular, to promote academic cooperation in the following areas:

- a) Institutional exchanges between students, and academic & official staff;
- b) Organization of joint seminars, symposia, conferences, short courses and meetings on academic and research issues;
- d) Exchange of information pertaining to developments in teaching-learning and research activities and;
- e) Cooperation in any other areas as agreed to by both the Parties from time to time.

ARTICLE-3. DURATION, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

1. This MoU will be effective from the date of signing by both parties for a period of 3 years, and may be subject to extensions by mutual consent in writing.
2. Either party may terminate this MoU by giving six (6) months advance notice in writing.
3. The provisions of this MoU may be amended at any time with the mutual consent of the parties in writing.
4. The amendment, termination and expiration of this MoU will not affect the terms of activities ongoing at the time of notification of amendment, termination or expiration, unless otherwise stated in the agreement.

ARTICLE-4: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 4.1 Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) generated during the Research, under this MoU shall be shared in accordance with the mutual understanding of the parties at the point of filing of the patent. General rules however could be following:
 - 4.1.1. Joint Intellectual Property ("Joint IP"): the Parties shall agree that the application for patent registration and/or any other registerable rights shall be filed in joint names.
 - 4.1.2. The IPR generated by Jagannath University, Bangladesh, Dhaka shall file, prosecute, maintain and extend patents or other appropriate registerable rights concerning such Joint IP and shall keep Khulna University informed about the status of all such actions. Similarly, The IPR generated by Khulna University, shall file, prosecute, maintain and extend patents or other appropriate registerable rights concerning such Joint IP and shall keep Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh informed about the status of all such actions.
Both the parties shall execute necessary documents and provide its assistance in order to protect interest of both the Parties under this clause.
 - 4.1.3. Joint patents would be owned jointly and both parties would have equal Ownership in the same.
 - 4.1.4. Neither Party shall withdraw the application for any patent nor any other applicable registerable right filed pursuant to Section 4.1.3.
 - 4.1.5. Both Parties shall have the right to use the Joint IP, for its own use only.
 - 4.1.6. Parties shall take consent of the other before sublicensing the Joint IP, and pay the other a royalty depending on the valuation of their research contribution on mutually agreed price.
- 4.2 No Party shall acquire any ownership interest in any other Party's Background rights while performing the joint Research. Respective Party shall remain owners of their respective Background Rights.

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ARTICLE-5: CONFIDENTIALITY

- 5.1 During the validity of this MoU and three [3] years thereafter, faculty of Jagannath University, Bangladesh, Dhaka University undertakes on its behalf and on behalf of its students/employees/associates/representatives and Khulna University undertakes on behalf of its students/employees/ associates/ representatives to maintain strict confidentiality and prevent disclosure thereof, of all the Confidential Information and data exchanged/ generated pertaining to Academic and Research work under this MoU for any purpose other than in accordance with the MoU.
- 5.2 Not with standing anything stated in this MoU, Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, faculty members/associates/representatives and Khulna University faculty members/associates/representatives shall not in any event disclose confidential information related to Intellectual Property to any third party.
- 5.3. The obligations set forth in this clause shall survive any termination or expiration of this MoU for a period of three years.

ARTICLE-6. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

1. Modalities of each type of collaborative activities and financial aspects shall be mutually agreed upon on a case-by-case basis in separate Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
2. Each party will take approval from the other party in writing to use the latter's name and logo for the activities here under on a case-by-case basis.
3. Both parties shall do their utmost to ensure the smooth and efficient implementation of the mentioned programs.
4. The two parties will consult with each other for any subsequent associated Understanding informally and attempt to resolve disputes or misunderstandings that may arise in the administration of this MoU or any subsequent associated Understanding informally.

ARTICLE-7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This Memorandum of Understanding shall not give rise to any financial obligation by one Party to the other.
- 7.2 Each Party shall bear its own cost and expenses in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This MoU is prepared in two identical sets. Each party holds one original copy.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have each set their hand to this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING on 06 March 2024 between Jagannath University, Dhaka, Bangladesh and Khulna University, Khulna, Bangladesh.

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