



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Between

Mir Chakar Khan Rind University of Technology Dera Ghazi Khan

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Pak-Austria Fachhochschule: Institute of Applied Sciences & Technology (PAF-IAST), Haripur, Pakistan

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Mir Chakar Khan Rind University of Technology Dera Ghazi Khan

Is a public sector University (hereinafter referred to as "MCUT DG Khan"

AND

Pak-Austria Fachhochschule: Institute of Applied Sciences & Technology (PAF-IAST) is a public sector higher education institute which has been enacted by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and it envisages creating highly credible technical education infrastructure both at tertiary and hi-tech industry levels in Pakistan.

1. Objectives:

The main objectives of this MoU are to:

- 1.1 Establish cooperation and build a relationship of mutual interest for the opportunities related to the academic collaboration in the fields of engineering and information technology, particularly in the domains of Civil, Electrical, Chemical, Petroleum, Information Engineering and BS Computer Science.
- 1.2 Facilitate mutual sharing of resources like teaching/training, research and development labs and internships, etc.
- 1.3 Work on joint project proposals for securing funding from national and international organizations.
- 1.4 Strengthen the active participation and seize opportunities for the development of products, technologies, and solutions through the bridging platforms of different departments and centers of excellence at PAF-IAST.

Now, therefore, both parties have the understanding to:

- 1.5 Promote and strengthen the cooperation between the two organizations.
- 1.6 Provide a platform for the cooperation activities in the relevant fields of preference of the parties.
- 1.7 Promote activities to encourage mobility and cooperation between the parties. Such activities may include sharing of academic facilities, experiences and best practices, development methodologies, mobility of experts, etc.
- 1.8 Explore opportunities to identify industry-specific solutions in the relevant fields of preference for the socio-economic development of the country.
- 1.9 Any other commercial, financial, or legal obligations thereof may be finalized with mutual coordination of the parties for which separate agreement(s) may be signed.

2. Principles of Cooperation:

Parties agree to cooperate under concepts as follows:

2.1 Ensure transparency of information and avoid any conflicts of interest.

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- 2.2 Contribute efforts for the successful participation and delivery of the objectives of this MoU and perform ones' responsibilities honestly.
- 2.3 Share information relating to the objective of this MoU as deemed appropriate promptly.
- 2.4 Respect the interests and works of each party and comply with the law.
- 2.5 Identify additional areas for cooperation with mutual agreements.

3. Roles & Responsibility:

Parties agree to adhere to the assigned roles and responsibilities as stipulated below:

- 3.1 Collaborate in joint research, teaching and training proposals.
- 3.2 Offer co-supervision to Undergraduate, Master/M. Phil and Ph.D. students.
- 3.3 Provide access to research and development facilities to jointly supervise students.
- 3.4 Encourage the exchange of expertise between faculty and professionals.
- 3.5 Promote the efforts being made by the parties under this MoU at various forums both at the government level and in private events.

4. Legal Status of the MoU:

This MoU is a record of understanding between the parties for mutual cooperation and is not a legal binding. Legally binding agreements may be signed under this MoU after mutual consultation.

5. Amendment:

This MoU may be amended by written agreement of the parties.

6. Term of Agreement:

- 6.1 This MoU is entered for an initial term of Five (03) years from the date of signing.
- 6.2 Parties will discuss on further extension of the MoU prior to expiration date and decide to extend or otherwise.

7. Miscellaneous:

- 7.1 This MoU shall take effect when duly signed by the parties.
- 7.2 The parties also agree to have a quarterly or yearly (at least) review meetings to oversee the progress being made by each of the parties and resolve the issues, if any, hindering in achieving the objectives of this MoU, through their Nominees at the venue on rotation.
- 7.3 The parties have read and understood the content of this MoU and in witness whereof the above, the designated and authorized representatives of the parties signed it in full conformity with their will and intention. Two copies of MoU have been signed in original for record of respective parties.

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For and on behalf of For and on behalf of PAF-IAST, Haripur MCUT, DG Khan Prof. Dr. Mohammad Mujahid Prof. Dr. Mahmood Saleem, Vice Chancellor Rector Pak-Austria Fachhochschule: Mir Chakar Khan Rind University of Technology, Institute of Applied Sciences Dera Ghazi Khan and Technology, Pakistan March 25th, 2022 March 25th, 2022 Signature and Seal: Signature and Seal: