



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN
MEKELLE UNIVERSITY, ETHIOPIA
AND
FACULTY OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP
UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN, I.R.IRAN



Faculty of Entrepreneurship
University of Tehran

Mekelle University (MU) is a public university founded in May 2000, (Council of Ministers, Regulations No. 61/1999 of Article 3) as an autonomous higher education institution under the management of the Ministry of Education, Ethiopia and is located in Mekelle City, Tigray Regional State, Ethiopia. It currently has 29,444 enrollments in undergraduate and postgraduate programs hosted by 72 departments which are available under its 7 colleges and 11 institutes. The colleges in MU are; College of Business and Economics, College of Law and Governance, College of Social Sciences and Languages, College of Natural and Computational Sciences, College of Dryland Agriculture and Natural Resources, College of Health Sciences and College of Veterinary Medicine. Ethiopian Institute of Technology - Mekelle and the Mekelle Institute of Technology are also among the 11 institutes in Mekelle University. With a vision of becoming one of the top 25 universities by 2025, MU values partnerships and is known for its reputation of successful partnerships with universities in more than 40 countries around the world.

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As a new initiative in higher education, the graduate Faculty of Entrepreneurship, University of Tehran, I.R. IRAN was founded for the first time in Iran and in the region in 2007 by the University of Tehran. This Faculty located in the North Amirabad Campus and staffed with the most recognized entrepreneurship experts from various sectors, offers one of the most comprehensive entrepreneurship curricula at the Master and Doctoral levels.

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The FACULTY OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN, I.R.IRAN –

On one side (hereinafter referred to as “the Faculty”), and MEKELLE UNIVERSITY agrees to implement / renew and extend this Memorandum of Understanding. On the other side (hereinafter referred to as “the School”).

1. PREAMBLE:

- A. The Parties are desirous of setting out the basis for mutual cooperation particularly in the area Entrepreneurship Education.
- B. The Parties assure each other that their co-operation shall be based upon mutual trust and their performance is to achieve a sustainable relationship.

2. OBJECTIVES/AREAS:

This agreement is based on the principle of reciprocity and expresses the interest of both parties in exchanging scholars, students, academic information and materials in the belief that the research and educational process at both institutions will be enhanced and that mutual understanding between their respective scholars and students will be increased by the establishment of such exchange programs.

Both universities agree to encourage the development of the following exchange programs based on their respective academic and educational needs:

- Exchange of staff members;
- Exchange of students (undergraduate and/or graduate);
- Joint participation in course development and delivery;
- Joint programs and supervision of Masters and PhD students;
- Exchange of academic information, periodicals, publication and other materials;
- Organization of joint research programs;
- Organizing joint seminars, conferences, symposia and workshops;
- Organization of other academic exchanges agreeable to both universities;
- Providing opportunities for sabbatical leave;
- Organizing short-term training courses in the area of entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship-related disciplines; and
- Other activities as deemed mutually appropriate.

3. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- A. The possession of intellectual property created by each of the parties in performance of this MOU will be governed by each University's applicable rules and policies.
- B. The parties shall disclose the Intellectual Property to each other to facilitate performance of the research and training activities of this MOU and to determine appropriate measures to be taken regarding the Intellectual Property.
- C. The Intellectual Property created in performance of this MOU shall be owned appropriate to the policies of the party or the parties whose personnel have created such Intellectual Property.

- D. Each party shall have a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use the other party's Intellectual Property: (a) in performance of the MOU activities, and (b) aimed for any other use which will be subject to the negotiation of a licensed agreement with the owner of the given Intellectual Property.

4. PRINCIPLES

- A. Both parties agree that the principles in this Memorandum of Understanding will be selected on the basis of the merit without regard to race, nationality or ethnic origin, color, religion, age, sex, marital status or physical handicap and both Universities will each accept the participants selected by the other party if mutually acceptable academic and /or professional qualifications and standards are met. All participants will be treated in the same non-discriminatory manner in carrying out the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, being subject to the prevailing policies and requirements of each institution. Any violation of these principles shall be considered as grounds for terminating this Memorandum of Understanding.
- B. The parties recognize that the implementation of any exchange program will depend upon the academic interests and expertise of individual faculty members and upon the availability of financial resources. Accordingly, the implementation of each exchange program based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both universities.
- C. This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Nothing therefore shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor shall any constraints be imposed by either party upon the other in carrying out the agreement.
- D. The agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both universities affix their signatures and seals. It will be in force for a period of 5 (FIVE) years, and is subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement at any time, although it is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other institution.
- E. For **Mekelle University**, *Mr. Goitom Tegegn, Director of International Affairs* and for the **Faculty of Entrepreneurship, University of Tehran**, *Dr. Babak Ziyae, Advisor to the Dean on International Affairs*, shall serve as a liaison officer for this agreement.

5. METHODS OF IMPLEMENTATION:

- A. The Parties shall undertake to prepare detailed arrangements for the implementation and development of specific activities of the program within the framework of this MOU through meetings, exchange of letters and other formal instruments. Each Party shall identify its area of activities and shall be responsible for coordinating the implementation of the said area of the activities.
- B. Each Party shall assign a person to be in charge and responsible for the implementation, negotiation modification in the activities and monitoring compliance with this MOU.

- C. The Parties shall ensure that all activities identified for implementation or described in the schedules thereto comply with all applicable laws and principles in force in the countries of both parties.
- D. This MOU shall take effect from the date of the execution of this MOU and shall be valid for a period of five (5) years unless otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions set forth in this MOU.
- E. This MOU may be renewed by either Party by giving to the other Party no less than three (3) months a written notice before its expiration date.
- F. The provision of this MOU may be modified or amended by mutual agreement in writing by the Parties and may be terminated by either Party by giving three (3) months' prior written notice to the other Party. However, any program or activity that has been approved and in progress at the time of termination of this MOU shall continue to be carried out until its schedule completion, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by both Parties.
- G. The Parties shall at all times keep confidential and shall not disclose to any third party, person or individual any confidential information acquired or discovered by either Party in connection with the performance of this MOU unless otherwise authorized in advance in writing by either Party.
- H. This MOU shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, agency, joint venture, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any liability attributable to such a relationship upon either Party.
- I. The Parties hereby agree that this MOU is not conclusive and/or exhaustive and shall not bind the Parties hereto. Instead this MOU outlines the general understanding and framework for mutual cooperation between the parties and is intended to pave the way for entry into formal Agreement/Agreements when the time is deemed to be proper.

For and on behalf of Mekelle University

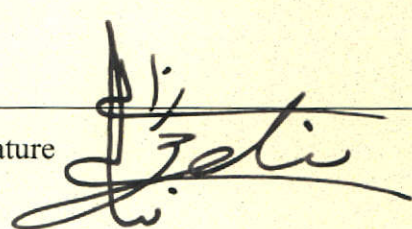
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President

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For and on behalf of The Faculty of
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