# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN



# FIJI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

And



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR





THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made on .........., 2014 and shall be effective from February ,

### BETWEEN:

FIJI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY created by the Fiji National University Decree, having its head office at Lot DSS 1722, 5½ Miles, Kings Road, Nasinu, Fiji, herein after referred as the "FNU" of the one part;

### AND:

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR, an institute of national importance established by a Parliamentary enactment of the Republic of India and having its principal address at Kalyanpur, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, 208016, India herein after referred as the "IITK" of the other part.

(Hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and singularly as a "Party.")

WHEREAS the Parties agree to jointly promote collaboration, international experience, and advancement of knowledge on the basis of reciprocity, mutual benefit and frequent interactions through student and academic exchanges and a program of academic leadership in Fiji along with other associated activities of mutual interest in accordance with their respective needs and objectives, and shall, by joint agreement, determine the areas and subjects of such collaboration, on the basis of the understanding set out in this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU").

# DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

In this Memorandum of Understanding, except where the context otherwise requires:

- "MOU" means Memorandum of Understanding
- "IITK" means Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
- "FNU" means Fiji National University:
- "Party" means either FNU or IITK; and
- "Parties" mean the IITK and FNU, jointly.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

# 1. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Parties agree to collaborate in the following relevant areas:

1.1 exchange of scientific, academic, and technical manpower, information and appropriate academic materials and other information of mutual interest related

to the domain of academic leadership for which each Party holds intellectual property rights;

- 1.2 identification of opportunities for exchanges and cooperation and joint workshops, seminars, courses, and conferences related to academic leadership and management along with other associated topics of mutual interest and as agreed by the parties;
- 1.3 establishment of Centers of Excellence in Fiji;

# 2. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Each Party can appoint up to two representatives from its teaching/research faculty to manage and oversee the collaborative activities contemplated under this MOU. The Parties' representatives can meet as and when necessary to review progress of the implementation of activities related to the areas of collaboration, define new areas and programs of collaboration as well as discuss matters related to this MOU.

# 3. ARRANGEMENTS AND FUNDING

- 3.1 To implement the collaborative activities envisaged under this MOU, the Parties' representatives may meet periodically to negotiate and conclude specific activities of cooperation, including the terms for their financing, with each other and with third parties provided that neither Party shall have the power to bind the other Party without the other Party's written consent.
- 3.2 The financial arrangement related to each collaborative activity will be in accordance with the specific project agreement and program of cooperation covering each collaborative activity. The Parties agree that in the absence of any specific agreement to the contrary, all expenses, including but not limited to salary, travel, living and allied costs related to each collaborative activity shall be borne by the Party that incurs such expenses.
- 3.3 It is envisaged that any available funds in the name of this MOU will be utilized for funding the activities strictly within this cooperation.

# 4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, INVENTIONS AND INNOVATIONS

- 4.1 The terms with respect to title to and exploitation of intellectual property, inventions and innovations (including but not limited to trademarks and service marks, copyright, patents, know-how, designs and confidential information on the subject of such intellectual property, inventions and innovations) will be negotiated on a project-by-project basis in the specific project agreements and programs of cooperation referred to in Clause 3. Save as aforesaid, nothing in this MOU shall be construed as a license or transfer or an obligation to enter into any further agreement with respect to any intellectual property currently licensed to or belonging to either Party.
- 4.2 All intellectual property held by a Party prior to entering into this MOU or disclosed or introduced in connection with this MOU and all materials in which such intellectual property is held, disclosed or introduced shall remain the property of the Party introducing or disclosing it.

# 5. PUBLICATION OF ARTICLES

Each Party may, with the written consent of the other Party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, publish the findings of the collaborative activities of the Parties in the form of an article in a journal, newspaper or other magazine, provided that where an application for registration of a trademark, service mark or design, or an application for a patent, will be made, such an article shall not be published for a period of up to ninety (90) days for the said application to be made. A copy of the article to be published shall be provided to the Party whose written consent is required hereunder prior to publication of the same for that Party's perusal and written consent.

# 6. REPRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- 6.1 Neither Party shall use the name or logo of the other Party for any purpose whether in relation to any advertisement or other form of publicity without obtaining the prior written consent of the other Party.
- 6.2 Notwithstanding the generality of the above, the Parties may notify third parties of the fact that this MOU is in effect.
- 6.3 All information furnished in relation to this MOU by one Party to the other, which is clearly identified as proprietary or confidential at the time of disclosure, will be kept confidential by the receiving Party, and will not be disclosed to any third party otherwise than to carry out the provisions of this MOU, unless agreed in writing between the Parties. The Project Investigator of respective projects from IITK will receive/disclose such confidential information on behalf of IITK and will be responsible for non disclosure of the confidential information received from FNU.
- 6.4 The provisions of Clause 6.3 above will not apply to: (i) information in the public domain; (ii) information in possession of the receiving Party prior to the disclosure of the information; (iii) information which is independently developed by the receiving Party; (iv) information required to be released by law; and (v) information which is rightfully received by the receiving Party from third parties without any breach of confidentiality obligations.
- 6.5 Clauses 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 will survive the expiry or termination of this MOU for one (1) year from the date of expiry or termination of this MOU.

# 7. AMENDMENTS

This MOU may be amended and supplemented in writing at any time by the mutual consent of the Parties in writing.

# 8. TERM OF MOU

8.1 This MOU shall commence on the date of its signing and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years. Thereafter, it may be renewed for successive periods of five (5) years with written consent of both the Parties. This MOU can be terminated with written notice to the other Party at least six (6) months before the expiry of the MoU.

8.2 The termination of this MOU shall not affect the implementation of the projects or programs established under it prior to such termination.

# 9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any disputes arising under or in connection with this MOU which cannot be resolved by amicable discussions between the Parties shall be referred to the Presidents/Heads of the respective Parties or their nominees for resolution, or may be submitted to such alternative dispute resolution mechanism as may be agreed in writing between the Parties.

# 10. NON-BINDING NATURE OF THIS MOU

Despite the statements and obligations expressed herein and save for Clauses 4, 5, 6 and 8, this MOU is a non-binding expression of the current intentions of the Parties, and neither Party will incur nor be bound to any legal obligations or expense hereunder to the other Party until and unless definitive agreements have been negotiated, approved by the necessary management levels of each Party and executed and delivered by authorized representatives of both Parties. Clauses 4, 5, 6 and 8 shall survive the expiry or termination of this MOU and shall be legally enforceable in accordance with their terms in any court of competent jurisdiction.

# 11. GOVERNING LAW

This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Fiji Islands and the Laws of Republic of India, as the case may be.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF the parties have executed this MOU this ......day of 2014.

SIGNED for and on behalf of FIJI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

SIGNED for and on behalf of INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR

Dr. Ganesh Chand Vice Chancellor

Seal:

Professor Indranil Manna

Director

Seal: