MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN

The National Skills University Islamabad
and
FATA University, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan

The National Skills University Islamabad and FATA University, recognizing the benefits to their respective universities from the establishment of national and international links, conclude this MoU.

1) The purpose of this MoU is to develop skill based academic and educational cooperation and to promote mutual understanding between the two Universities.

2) Both Universities agree to develop the following collaborative activities in the academic areas of mutual interest, on a basis of equality and reciprocity:

   a. Education and exchange of faculty and exchange of administrative staff.
   b. Education and exchange of students.
   c. Conducting skill based collaborative research projects.
   d. Conducting and organizing training workshops. conferences, seminars etc.
   e. Exchange of technical, scientific. and academic information and materials.
   f. Identify opportunities for commercialization of art and technology etc.; and
   g. Promoting other such academic cooperation in mutually agreed areas.

3) The development and implementation of specific activity based on this MoU will be separately negotiated and agreed between faculties, departments, scho ols or institutes which carry out the specific projects. Both universities agree to carry out these activities in accordance with laws and regulations or the respective countries/universities after consultation and approval, required under the rules.
4) Under section 2 (a) and 2 (b) of the MOU, due concession in fee will be provided wherever applicable/requested. All such concessions will be negotiated and agreed between the two universities. Both the universities will facilitate faculty and students under their rules.
5) This MoU may be amended or modified by a written agreement signed by the representatives of both universities.
6) This MoU is valid for a period of three years from the date of signing by the representatives of both Universities. This MoU may be renewed after being reviewed and renegotiated by both universities.
7) This MoU may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by any University upon prior notice to the other in writing not less than six months before the termination

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date. The termination of this MOU shall not affect the implementation of the projects or programmes established under it prior to such termination, if otherwise not desired agreed. Such termination shall be without prejudice to any persons already engaged in associated collaborative activity.

8) It is understood that the implementation of any area of cooperation stated in Clause-2 shall depend upon the availability of resources and financial support at the universities concerned.

9) Should the collaborative research activities under this MoU result in any potential for intellectual property, both universities shall seek an equitable and fair understanding as to ownership and other property interests that may arise. The financial arrangement, rights to intellectual property and publication of articles relating to each project agreement and programme of cooperation will be in accordance with the specific agreement and programme of cooperation covering each project. The Universities acknowledge that in the absence of any specific agreement to the contrary, all expenses of salary, travel, living and allied costs will be determined at the discretion, and be the responsibility, of the visiter's home university.

10) Each party shall be responsible for its own costs incurred in connection with this MoU. Where possible, however, the parties shall explore opportunities for external funding of the collaborative activities.

11) This Memorandum of Understanding is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial academic collaboration and nothing contained within shall be construed as creating any legal relationship between the parties.

12) This Memorandum of Understanding does not prejudice the right of either party from establishing similar relationships with any other University.

13) In case of any ambiguity/dispute the matter will be resolved through mutual consultation.

14) The Universities may appoint representatives to manage and oversee the joint management activities. The representatives of the contracting parties can meet as and when necessary to

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review progress in the implementation of the agreed upon arrangements, define new areas and programmes of cooperation as well as discuss other matters related to the MoU.

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Signed:

Date: 19/11/2021

Prof. Muhammad Jahanzeb Khan, PhD
Vice Chancellor
FATA University

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Date: 19th Nov. 2021

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