



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

and

**SIAS UNIVERSITY**

This MoU is executed by and between the **EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY** and the **SIAS UNIVERSITY** (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties"), with the objective of strengthening cooperative relations and fostering academic and cultural exchanges. The Parties mutually express their intent to collaborate in areas of instruction, research, technology development, commercialization of science, and the transfer, customization, and localization of technology.

Pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations of their respective countries, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

### **Article 1. Scope of cooperation**

The cooperation under this MoU may include, subject to mutual consent, any program or activity offered by either Party that is deemed desirable and feasible for enhancing and advancing the collaborative relationship between the Parties.

### **Article 2. Methods of cooperation**

#### **2.1 Joint Activities**

Subject to the availability of funds and the internal approval of each institution, the parties may engage in the following activities:

1. Joint research programs and academic collaborations
2. Exchange of faculty members, students, and academic materials
3. Joint supervision of Master's and Ph.D. theses
4. Establishment of double-degree programs
5. Participation in seminars, workshops, and academic meetings
6. Provision of scholarship opportunities
7. Organization of summer/winter schools and internship program
8. Sharing of educational and research resources

## **2.2 Supplementary Agreements**

When necessary for the implementation of specific cooperative activities, separate agreements shall be executed. Such agreements will detail the respective investments, terms of cooperation, ownership arrangements, financing, roles and responsibilities, and the management of intellectual property rights and any commercial outcomes. This MoU does **not** impose any financial or legal obligations upon either Party.

## **2.3 Joint Working Group**

To oversee the implementation of this MoU, a Joint Working Group comprising of representatives from both institutions shall be established. This group will convene at least once every four (4) months to monitor progress and submit performance reports aligned with the objectives of this MoU.

## **2.4 Nomination of Representatives**

Each party shall designate its representatives to the Joint Working Group within thirty (30) days following the signing of this MoU.

## **Article 3. Intellectual Property**

All intellectual property and associated rights arising from collaborative research and academic projects shall be governed by the terms outlined in separate agreements concluded between the Parties. These agreements shall define ownership, right of use, and attribution of results.

## **Article 4. Principles**

The Parties affirm that participants in programs under this MoU shall be selected based on merit, without regard to race, nationality, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, marital status, or any other form of discrimination. Each institution shall treat participants introduced by the other Party equitably, subject to meeting the academic and professional standards and institutional policies of the host institution.

## **Article 5. Non-Binding Nature**

This MoU is non-binding. The Parties acknowledge that this document does not create any legally enforceable rights or obligations.

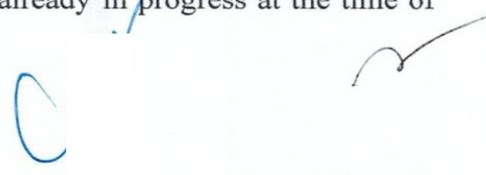
## **Article 7. Amendments**

Any amendment or modification to this MoU shall be made in writing and must be mutually agreed upon by both Parties. The amended MoU shall take effect upon the date of signature by the authorized representatives of both institutions.

## **Article 8. Confidentiality**

All documents and information shared under this MoU shall be treated as confidential. Neither Party shall disclose such information to any third party without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party, unless required by law.

## **Article 9. Duration and Termination**

1. This MoU shall remain valid for a period of three (3) years from the date of its final execution.
  2. Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the other Party.
  3. Termination of this MoU shall not affect ongoing activities or projects already in progress at the time of termination.
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**Article 9. Execution**

This MoU is executed in English and consists of an introductory section and nine (9) articles. Three (3) original copies shall be provided to each Party. All language versions shall be considered equally authentic; however, in case of discrepancies in interpretation, the English version shall prevail.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereunto set their hands on \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of their respective institutions.

**EASTERN VISAYAS STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

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