Memorandum of Understanding

For the establishment and operation of the New Zealand Centre at IIT Delhi between
IIT Delhi
AND
University of Auckland
University of Canterbury
University of Otago
University of Waikato
Victoria University of Wellington
Auckland University of Technology
Lincoln University
Massey University

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Memorandum") is between: IIT Delhi in New Delhi, India
AND
the University of Auckland, the University of Canterbury, the University of Otago, the University of Waikato, Victoria University of Wellington, Auckland University of Technology, Lincoln University and Massey University (referred to collectively in this Memorandum as "the New Zealand Universities")
(together "the Parties")

The Parties hereby commit to working collaboratively towards the continuing operation of the New Zealand Centre at IIT Delhi ("the Centre").
I Purpose

The purpose of the Centre is to promote relationships of understanding and cooperation across diverse fields of academic and other sector engagement between New Zealand and India.

II Objectives

The objectives of the Centre are to:

a) Promote joint research projects among IIT Delhi and New Zealand universities in thematic areas of research important for both countries;

b) Provide a forum for India-New Zealand dialogue among different sectors (government, academia, and business) in education, cultural exchange and cooperation, economic transformation, innovation and national growth strategies, and other topics of mutual interest;

c) Undertake special projects to enhance New Zealand-India understanding and cooperation in research, teaching, publication, patents, and start-up ventures;

III Responsibilities of both parties

The New Zealand Universities will consider providing the following:

a) Provide teaching staff for appropriate undergraduate curriculum for students at IIT Delhi, if requested;

b) Host an annual summer school programme for IIT Delhi students in the New Zealand Universities (May to July);

c) Manage an annual programme for visiting researchers and academics from New Zealand; and a reciprocal programme for visiting researchers and academics from IIT Delhi to New Zealand, in consultation with the NZ Centre Coordinator at IIT Delhi;

d) Undertake to deliver public seminars, conferences or workshops on topics relevant to NZ-India research and policy relationships at the Centre;

e) Occasional guest lecturers to be coordinated in collaboration with Education New Zealand;

f) Facilitate visiting student(s) in coordination with the hosting NZ university.

IIT Delhi will consider providing the following:

a) Provide appropriate space for the Centre and ensure the Centre and its activities are promoted on campus;

b) Host visiting teaching staff to teach undergraduate curriculum to its students as identified by both parties;
c) Work to ensure all faculties within IIT Delhi are aware of the Centre and the opportunity to partner with visiting NZ academics;

d) Assist New Zealand researchers and academics to make contact with the IIT Delhi faculty relevant to their disciplinary interests and manage a reciprocal programme for visiting researchers and academics from IIT Delhi to New Zealand in consultation with the Chair of the New Zealand Advisory Board;

e) Promote seminars from NZ visiting researchers and academics;

f) Liaise as appropriate with other Indian universities, government agencies and relevant sectors to promote the activities of the Centre.

IV Governance

a) The Centre at IIT Delhi will be governed by a Joint Advisory Board, comprised of minimum two members from both sides, and co-chaired by the Director of IIT Delhi or his nominee and co-chair of the NZ Advisory Committee;

b) The NZ Advisory Committee will comprise representatives from the New Zealand Universities, and may include representatives from New Zealand government agencies;

c) The NZ Advisory Committee will oversee alignment between the Centre’s activities and the strategic objectives of New Zealand stakeholders;

d) The Chair of the NZ Advisory Committee ("the Chair") will be appointed for a two-year term by the NZ Advisory Committee members and will co-chair the Joint Advisory Board;

e) The Chair will act as a point of contact between the Centre Coordinator and the NZ Advisory Committee;

f) From time to time, representatives from IIT Delhi and the NZ Advisory Committee will meet to discuss matters of mutual interest in respect of oversight, management, and operations of the Centre.

V Operations

a) The Centre will be located at the IIT Delhi campus;

b) The Centre will endeavour to provide support for visiting New Zealand researchers and academics who may be asked to contribute seminars and guest lectures at IIT Delhi;

c) The New Zealand Universities will provide financial support through the NZ Advisory Committee, as may be agreed with IIT Delhi, towards the operations of the Centre.

d) The Centre Coordinator will liaise with the Chair of the NZ Advisory Committee to create opportunities for Indian researchers to make contact with their counterparts in New Zealand and vice-versa.
VI  Duration

a)  This Memorandum will commence on the date on which it is signed by the Parties, or, if signed on separate days, on the day the last signatory signs the Memorandum, and will continue in force for a period of 5 years from that date;

I.  If either of the Parties, or if any one of the New Zealand Universities wishes to terminate its commitment to this Memorandum during its term, that Party must raise the matter with the other Parties as a matter for discussion under IV (f) of this Memorandum. The Chair of the NZ Advisory Committee will ensure that all members of the NZ Advisory Committee are informed.

b)  All matters of dispute are to be resolved by mutual agreement.

Three months prior to the expiry of this Memorandum, the Parties shall review the terms of this Memorandum. Subject to a satisfactory review by the Parties, which confirms that the Memorandum is achieving the objectives set out above, the Parties may renew the Memorandum for a further term of five years subject to any changes that may be agreed in writing by the Parties.
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