Memorandum of Understanding for academic cooperation between Indian Institute of Technology Delhi and Universiteit Gent

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD) and Universiteit Gent recognize their strengths in research and education in one or more disciplines of science, engineering and management and their mutual interest in engaging themselves in academic cooperation.

Therefore, IITD and Universiteit Gent agree to establish a programme for academic cooperation in areas of mutual interest, and in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in this memorandum of understanding (MoU). IITD and Universiteit Gent agree:

a) to exchange information on research and educational programmes,
b) to exchange information on teaching, learning material and other literature relevant to their educational and research programmes,
c) to jointly organize short-term continuing education programmes on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein,
d) to jointly organize seminars, conferences, or workshops on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein,
e) to jointly propose and engage in research or training programmes sponsored by funding agencies, and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein,
f) to exchange, on a reciprocal basis, faculty and students for limited periods of time for purpose of education and/or research.

IITD and Universiteit Gent agree that detailed terms and conditions that guide each activity identified above, if required, will be separately agreed upon by the two institutions by signing the implementing agreement for each activity. These terms shall include a description of proposed activity and financial arrangements.

Each Party will ensure appropriate protection of Intellectual Property Rights generated from cooperation pursuant to MoU, consistent with their respective laws, rules and regulations and international agreements to which both parties are committed. In case of joint publication, the use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of the participants on any publication, document and/or paper will require prior permission of both the participants. Further, the Parties shall not assign any rights and obligations arising out of any jointly owned or
controlled IPR generated from activities jointly carried out by the parties under the MoU to any third Party without consent of the other party. Commercialization of such jointly owned or controlled IPR shall be done jointly through a separate agreement. All Confidential Information shall remain the exclusive property of the disclosing party.

Each institution shall appoint one member of its teaching/research faculty to coordinate the programme on its behalf. The coordinator, thus appointed, will periodically review and identify ways to strengthen cooperation between the two institutions.

This MoU will take effect from the date it is signed by representatives of the two institutions. It will remain valid for five years, and may be continued thereafter after suitable review and agreement. Either institution may terminate the MoU by giving written notice to the other institution six months in advance. Once terminated, neither IITD nor Universiteit Gent will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise, which the other institutions may suffer. However, IITD and Universiteit Gent will ensure that all activities in progress are allowed to complete successfully.

The parties ensure that they shall respect human rights. Each of the parties may terminate this agreement with immediate effect if the other party is involved in a serious violation of human rights.

Should there be a dispute relating to any aspect of academic cooperation, Director, IITD and Vice Chancellor /President, Rector will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

This MoU is signed subject to approval of the respective academic/administrative bodies.

On behalf of Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
Signed by
(Prof. Naveen Garg)
Dean, Alumni Affairs & International Programmes
Date: 30 Sept 2020

On behalf of Universiteit Gent
Signed by
(Rik Van de Walle)
Rector
Date: 7 Nov 2020