Memorandum of Understanding for Academic Cooperation Between National Institute of Technology Delhi and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

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

Therefore, NITD and IITD 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). NITD and IITD agree:

(a) to exchange information on teaching, learning materials and other literature relevant to their research and education programmes,
(b) to jointly organize seminars, conferences, workshops and/or short-term continuing education programmes on topics of mutual interest and jointly propose and engage in research and/or training programmes sponsored by the funding agencies (both government and private) and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein,
(c) to exchange, on a reciprocal basis, faculty and students for limited period of time for purpose of education and/or research,
(d) to jointly guide research candidates registered in either of the institutions for doctoral or post-graduate programmes.
(e) to cooperate on any such other activities that may be identified on a consensual basis as and when such an opportunity arises.

NITD and IITD 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.
National Institute of Technology Delhi (NITD) and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD) agree to undertake joint supervision of doctoral and post-graduate students, registered in either of the institutions for doctoral or post-graduate programmes, in accordance with terms and conditions set forth hereinafter:

a. The institution where a student has registered for the Doctoral/Post Graduate program, and from where she/he is expected to graduate shall be called the home institution. The institution that receives the student for a brief period of time to undertake a predetermined part of the course work / project work and where the student has a co-supervisor, shall be referred to as the partner institution.

b. The doctoral/post-graduate students registered at either of the two institutions can complete theory/lab course at partnering institute. The credits for the same shall be transferable to the home institution.

c. Candidate should have a supervisor / co-supervisor in the home institution.

d. Co-supervisor from the partner institution shall be identified through the consensus of the home institution and the partner institution.

e. A student at the partner institution will be treated as an exchange student and approval to carry out part of his/her project work and access the resources like laboratories, library, and online materials will be agreed to on a case to case basis.

f. Doctoral/Post-graduate programme regulations, as the case may be, of the home institution as amended from time to time shall be binding on the student and the student will pay tuition and other fees and continue to be treated as a registered student at his/her home institution.

g. The exchange will be for a period normally ranging from six months to one year. The exchange can take place at any time of the research programme.

h. As host institution NITD and IITD will make every effort to arrange for subsidized housing for exchange student.

NITD and IITD agree to respect each other's right to intellectual property. Further, the intellectual property rights that arise as a result of any collaborative research or activity under this MoU will be worked out on a case-to-case basis, and will be consistent with officially laid down IPR policies of the two institutions.

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

Should there be a dispute relating to any aspect of academic cooperation, Director, NITD and Director, IITD 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.

Signed by

Prof. Ajay K. Sharma
Director
National Institute of Technology Delhi
New Delhi
Date: 17.08.15

Signed by

Prof. Kshitij Gupta
Officiating Director
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
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Date: 14.08.15