

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

**On Permanent Academic Partnership, Strategic Tie-up, Friendship,
Mutual Cooperation and International Dual Degree Program**

Signed Between

MANIPUR INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (MIU)

India

AND

EVROPSKI UNIVERZITET BRCKO DISTRICT (EUBD)

Signed at Belgrade, Serbia on 6th of December 2019

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This Memorandum of Agreement is entered on 6th of December, 2019 at Belgrade, Serbia,
Between the

Manipur International University (MIU) having its registered Office at MIU Palace, Airport Road, Ghari, Imphal, Imphal West, Manipur, India - 795140 represented by its Chancellor, Dr. Harikumar Pallathadka, (hereinafter to be called as 'MIU')

And

Evropski Univerzitet Brcko district, having its registered office at Bijeljinska 72-74, Brcko 76100, Bosnia and Herzegovina represented by its Rector, Academician Professor Dr. Nedeljko Stanković, hereinafter to be called as 'EUBD').

Whereas the First Party, the Manipur International University (MIU) is an Autonomous State International University established, recognised and accredited by the State Government of Manipur. It is Established by an Act (MIU Act, 2018) of the Manipur State Legislature. It is recognised and listed by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Ministry of HRD, Government of India. It is also declared as an "International University of Excellence" and an "Institution of State Importance" by the State.

Whereas the Second Party, Evropski Univerzitet Brcko Distrikt (European University Brcko District) (EUBD) is a non-profit Private University institution located in Brcko, Brcko District which is recognised and accredited by the Odjeljenje za obrazovanje, Brcko distrikta (Department of Education, Brcko District), Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Both the parties hereunto decided to enter into a joint Memorandum of Agreement on Permanent Academic Partnership, Strategic Tie-up, Friendship, Mutual Cooperation and International Dual Degree Program.

The general objective of this Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) is to stimulate and facilitate the development of collaborative and mutually beneficial programs which serve to enhance the intellectual life and cultural development on both campuses, and to contribution to

increased international cooperation. Thus, both parties have agreed that in support of their mutual interests in the field of education and research;

Whereas similarities in our structures and missions indicate there are many other arenas in which our two institutions can work together for mutual benefit and for the good of our surrounding communities, and

Whereas strong university partnerships have a critical role to play in building the international networks, dialogue, and understandings vital to life in the 21st century;

MIU and EUBD hereby dedicate themselves to developing a special, long-term and comprehensive collaboration based on principles of sustained reciprocity and mutual benefit and known as a Strategic Partnership.

I. Now, therefore, the Parties hereto agree as follows;

- 1) Both shall be Permanent Academic and Strategic Partners and Friends for life. Both shall extend mutual cooperation for life in all the areas including extensive research;
- 2) MIU shall be the Official Overseas Constituent Campus, Recognised Teaching Center and Official Study Center of the EUBD;
- 3) MIU shall be exclusive Academic Partner of the EUBD in India;
- 4) All the courses of MIU shall be recognised and shall be granted 100 percent credit equivalency and the same status from EUBD. Any student completing studies in MIU shall be eligible and shall have the option to apply through MIU and receive a second degree (International Dual/Twin Degree Arrangement) from EUBD with full ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) applied transcript and Degree for the that course. However, the student has to pay a nominal additional fee to EUBD through MIU. Such fee shall mutually be decided by the both the parties from time to time;
- 5) All the students of MIU shall also be treated as the students of EUBD and EUBD hereby confers the same status, rights and privileges of its regular student/s to all the present and future students of MIU;
- 6) Both parties agree that the Language of Instruction and Language of Course Delivery by the MIU shall be English.
- 7) The EUBD shall also issue Honorary Doctorate Degrees to Distinguished Individual/s upon receiving recommendation from MIU and against a nominal donation payable by MIU to EUBD;
- 8) The MIU shall recommend the name of EUBD for the Founding Institutional Membership of "Confederation of International Universities" – a new international federation of Universities established under the MIU Act, 2018 as passed and recognised by the State Government of Manipur;

- 9) Both shall promote, support and defend and mutually cooperate to each other;
- 10) Both shall cooperate in the exchange of information relating to their activities in teaching and research in fields of mutual interests;
- 11) Both shall promote appropriate joint research projects and joint courses of study;
- 12) Both Institutions shall endeavour to encourage students and staff to spend periods of time in the host University (Facilitation of Student/Faculty Exchange). The exchange of students and staff shall be on mutually agreeable terms as mutually decided from time to time;
- 13) Both shall conduct and promote cultural projects, cultural exchange and conduct study tours to mutual locations;
- 14) Shall together conduct and promote inter-university cultural competitions for the benefit of their faculty and students;
- 15) Both the Universities shall mutually recognise each other, and all the certificates and degrees issued by each other shall be accepted and recognised by each party;
- 16) Both the parties agree to assist in the seeking of appropriate housing, and to supply workspace, share library and technical facilities, infrastructural support, extend visa assistance and invitations whenever required for the faculty/ staff/ student exchange programmes;
- 17) Both the parties shall provide all the possible moral and technical support, cooperation, assistance, guidance and recognition to each other;
- 18) The MIU shall coordinate, support, promote and provide assistance to the EUBD in India and whereas the EUBD shall support and provide all the assistance to MIU within the European Union, Europe and especially in the South-eastern Europe;
- 19) Both shall cooperate in the exchange of information relating to their activities in teaching and research in fields of mutual interests;
- 20) Both shall jointly support and promote appropriate joint research projects and joint courses of study;
- 21) Both the parties shall cooperate and provide all the possible support and assistance to each other in all the Academic Projects of both the parties;
- 22) Both parties shall explore different areas where the two institutions can fruitfully share resources and make joint faculty appointments;

23) Both parties shall conduct joint research and international exploration/s whenever possible. Both shall promote joint seminars, workshops, conferences, and symposia that advance the collaboration;

24) Both shall assist each other and shall jointly develop and conduct courses, workshops, lectures, videoconferences, symposia and film series on topics of mutual interest that will enable students, faculty, staff, and the local community to develop a deep understanding of the other country;

25) Both shall pursue joint grants and other sources of external funding to support collaborative activities;

26) Both shall exchange of research materials, teaching materials, and other scientific and technological literature;

27) Both parties shall also develop and conduct joint courses and joint programs under mutual agreeable terms as decided from time to time.

II. Modification:

The parties may change or modify the terms of this Agreement only by written amendment signed by both the parties.

III. Non-discrimination:

The parties agree that no person is excluded from participation under the terms of this agreement on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, or creed.

IV. Validity and Termination for Convenience:

A) This agreement will take effect from the date of its signing and shall be valid for an unlimited period from that date unless sooner terminated, revoked or modified by mutual written agreement between the Parties, and may be extended by mutual written agreement.

B) This Agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason or no reason, whether or not extended beyond the initial term, by giving the other party written notice of at least one year in advance. However, in any case, currently enrolled students whose study extends beyond the Termination Date of a Dual Degree agreement shall be allowed to complete his or her program of study irrespective of the reason for termination.

V. Mutual Indemnification and dispute resolution:

Both parties shall indemnify any loss suffered that is caused, whether directly or indirectly by the other party. Each party hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the other party harmless and in the event of any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this MoA, the parties shall seek an amicable settlement of the same.

VI. Commencement:

This MoU shall come into force on the day of obtaining institutional accreditation of EUBD.

VII. Confidentiality:

The parties shall not at any time divulge to any person, any confidential information including but not limited to any personal data/mobile Numbers obtained from or on behalf of either party, any information relating to the accounts, finance, Contractual arrangement, products, Business, or affairs of the parties unless the said information comes in public domain without breach of the terms by either Parties. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Memorandum, no party shall be precluded from disclosing any information to the extent required in the legal proceedings.

VIII. Final Provisions:

The foregoing represents the understanding reached between the parties on matters referred to, in this MoU and supersedes all prior written or oral negotiations, commitments or memoranda between the parties.

IX. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned who are duly authorised representatives of the parties have signed this Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) in the English Language, each party hereto retaining copies in original.

The Parties to this Memorandum of Agreement hereby confirm their agreement to its terms by the following:

For and On Behalf of
Manipur International University (MIU)

Harikumar Pallathadka
6/12/19

Chancellor
Manipur International
University
Imphal, Manipur

Name: Dr. Harikumar Pallathadka
Designation: Chancellor
Date:

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For and On Behalf of
Evropski Univerzitet Brcko District (EUBD)

Nedeljko Stanković

Name: Academician Prof. Dr. Nedeljko Stanković
Designation: Acting rector
Date:



OFFICIAL SEAL OF EUBD



ANNEX 1

POINT OF CONTACT OF BOTH THE PARTIES

<u>MIU</u>	<u>EUBD</u>
Name: Designation:	Name: Designation:
Telephone:	Telephone:
Official Email: Personal Email: Website: miu.ac	Official Email: Personal Email: Website:
Alternative Contact Person: Name: Designation: Email:	Alternative Contact Person: Name: Designation: Email:

ANNEX II

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The Additional Fee Payable towards EUBD from MIU for the initial 3 years for issuance of equivalent ECTS complied Degree/Transcript shall be:

Any Bachelor Degree or Equivalent: Two Thousand (2000) Euros or equivalent

Any Master Degree or Equivalent: Two Thousand Five Hundred (2500) Euros or Equivalent

Any Doctoral Degree (PhD) or Equivalent: Three Thousand and Five Hundred (3500) Euros or Equivalent.

The nominal donation towards EUBD for each Honorary Doctorate would be: Two Thousand Five Hundred (2500) Euros or Equivalent.

The MIU gives a minimum business guarantee or moral commitment to provide a minimum business of worth One Hundred Fifty Thousand (150, 000) Euros during the time period.

