

CONFIDENTIAL
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

by

The School of Metallurgy and Materials Engineering, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran
and

The Mining Institute, Ministry of Education and Sciences of Georgia
concerning cooperation in engineering education and research programs

The School of Metallurgy and Materials Engineering at the University of Tehran, Iran (hereafter, UT) and the Mining Institute, Ministry of Education and Sciences of Georgia (hereafter MI), both together referred to hereafter as the Parties, considering their common interest in promoting mutual cooperation in engineering, pursuant to the prevailing bylaws, regulations and policies of their respective institutions, as well as to the laws, procedures and policies of their respective countries on international cooperation, agree as follows:

Article I: Objectives

The Parties declare their intent to engage in scientific cooperation in engineering in the future. This cooperation is meant to promote the development of education and research programs in engineering and to foster mutual understanding and cultural exchange.

Article II: Scope of Activities

The scope of activities under this MOU shall include:

- exchange of faculty and students
- faculty and students collaboration on joint research projects on topics of mutual interest
- conduct of joint workshops and seminars on themes of mutual interest
- developing curricular programs of mutual interest, potentially leading to establishment and implementation of multi-institutional degree programs

Article III: Implementation

The implementation of this MOU into concrete programs of cooperation to the Mining Institute, Ministry of Education and Sciences of Georgia and to the UT Office of International Relations for final review and approval before they become active to ensure that such plans are designed and carried out according to the text and spirit of this MOU. In the event of an implementation plan involving the exchange of students, such an exchange shall comply with the current requirements of both Parties.

Exchanges may be of any specified academic discipline, and the length of the term at the host university can range from one month to one academic year. The focus and length of all exchanges shall be agreed upon by the Parties in advance.

In the event of an exchange, specific arrangements for payment of related expenses, including round-trip travel, board, lodging, tuition and health insurance, shall be agreed upon by the Parties in advance.

In the event of an exchange, the host university shall provide study and research privileges to resident faculty, students and staff that are equivalent to their counterparts at the host university.

The exchange faculty, students and staff are expected to study and work according to their own plan for professional improvement and research. Specific arrangements for special facilities, laboratories and the like shall be agreed upon by the Parties in advance and all programs are subject to departmental approval at the host university.

Article IV: Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute or dissent as to the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

Article V: Amendments, Duration and Termination

Any amendments to this MOU shall be made after consultation and by mutual consent of the Parties, and shall be documented in writing.

This MOU shall be in effect from the date of its signing for a period of five (5) years. It will be automatically renewed on an annual basis thereafter unless terminated or replaced by a new MOU.

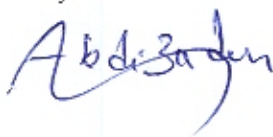
Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing a six-month written notice to the other Party.

In witness hereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized representatives of UT School of Metallurgy and Materials Engineering and Mining Institute, Ministry of Education and Sciences of Georgia agree to the text and spirit of this MOU.

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