



Memorandum of Understanding

between

Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry under the Science and Education Ministry of Azerbaijan Republic and Universitas Riau

Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry under the Science and Education Ministry of Azerbaijan Republic (SEM), and Universitas Riau, (UNRI), Indonesia, believe that mutual benefits can be derived by bridging their two universities, achieving a closer relationship by linking their scholars, students, and personnel. Both universities share the strong conviction that mutual understanding among people can be promoted through the establishment of academic links. Therefore, both universities agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Article I: Principle of Cooperation

SEM and UNRI agree to develop their academic link under the principle of mutual understanding, mutual benefits, common interests, and mutually complementary activities.

Article II: Objectives of Cooperation

- (1) to promote individual contacts among scholars, students, and personnel of both organizations,
- (2) to obtain undergraduate degree, Master Degree, PhD Degree, training courses, and professional academic programs,
- (3) to promote links in teaching, researches, projects, and cultural activities,
- (4) to provide opportunities for both staff and students exchange,
- (5) to develop and to encourage joint research, seminars, conferences, workshop (on-line and off line hybrid),
- (6) to develop, when opportunities avails, joint study programs,
- (7) to support the exchange of academic materials, and supervisors,
- (8) to share research experiences and expertise (investigation) concerning university administration and management,
- (9) to encourage any other activities that both universities agree to be of mutual benefits.

Article III: Areas of Cooperation

Areas of cooperation can include any academic or other programs offered by SEM and UNRI.

Article IV: Implementation

It is understood and agreed that:

- (1) Proposals for collaborative projects under this MOU will be submitted through the Chief Executive Officer of each organization, and it is recommended that reports should be submitted to each Chief Executive Officer at the completion of each project.
- (2) Each organization will continue to pay the regular in-country salary of its staff members on exchange or visiting programs. However, under specific contracts or second amazements (in condition of invitation), the host university may consider paying a supplemental salary (including visa, medical insurances, travel expenses, and accommodation) to visiting scholars during the period of their assignment.
- (3) To encourage student mobilization, the host organization will assist in every way it could in finding reasonable accommodation for participating students.
- (4) Student mobilization will apply to undergraduate and graduate/post graduate students at both organizations, and may include practical or industrial attachments.
- (5) Financial arrangements for collaborative research, seminars, workshops, conferences, congresses, symposiums, and other such activities will be negotiated separately and will be subject to the availability of funds.
- (6) The host organization is not responsible to cover the costs of medical treatment or hospitalization for visiting scholars or students, and it is recommended that visitors obtain overseas health insurance coverage from their home country.

Article V: Duration and Termination of the Agreement

- (1) This MOU is effective as of the date of signature by the Chief Executive Officer of each participating university and remains in effect for five (5) years.
- (2) This MOU is subject to an automatic renewal for a period of five (5) years in the event that there are no requests for termination or revision.
- (3) This MOU may be amended at any time as indicated by written mutual consent.
- (4) This MOU may be terminated by either organization by the provision of a written notice of termination not less than six (6) months prior to the desired termination date. However, both organizations agree that all continuing obligations to students, staff, funding bodies, or other entities are met in full subsequent to the notice of termination.

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