

Memorandum of Understanding

between

Sheki Regional Scientific Center of the National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan Republic and Universitas Riau Indonesia

The Sheki Regional Science Center of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Seki RSC) and Universitas Riau (UNRI), Indonesia, believe that mutual benefits can be achieved by linking the two universities and establishing closer relations by bringing together their academics, students, and staff. Both universities believe that mutual understanding between people can be achieved through the establishment of academic links. Therefore, both universities agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Article I: Principle of Cooperation

Seki REM and UNRI agree to develop their academic links 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 an undergraduate degree, master's degree, Ph.D. degree, training courses, and professional academic programs,
- (3) to promote links in teaching, research, projects, and cultural activities,
- (4) to provide opportunities for both staff and student exchanges,
- (5) to develop and to encourage joint research, seminars, conferences, workshops (on-line and off-line or hybrid),
- (6) to develop when opportunities avail, 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 benefit.

Article III: Areas of Cooperation

Areas of cooperation can include any academic or other programs offered by Seki REM 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 amendments (in condition of invitation), the host university may consider paying a supplemental salary (including visa, medical insurance, 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 can in finding reasonable accommodation for participating students.
- (4) Student mobilization will apply to undergraduate and graduate/postgraduate 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 for covering 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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