

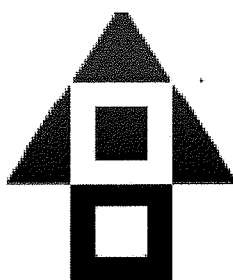
Memorandum of Understanding

Between



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Assessment (ONESQA)**

And



**The Higher Education Evaluation & Accreditation
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The Office of National Education Standards and Quality Assessment (ONESQA) and the Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council (HEEACT), hereinafter referred to as "the Parties," agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Higher Education Evaluation, in order to formalize a cooperative relationship.

The Parties have reached the following understanding:

Article 1: Purposes

The Parties recognize that the practices in national higher education evaluation system can be improved effectively with the development of international collaborations and cooperation. The main purpose of the MOU is to facilitate academic research as well as information exchange in higher education evaluation between both the Parties through the collaborative development. The Parties will share and learn from each other with respect to quality assurance standards, procedures and protocols for ongoing improvement and the ranking of universities.

Article 2: Activities

The Parties agree to pursue, through the MOU, the following activities:

(1) Information Exchanges

The Parties' Chairmen, President, Directors, Coordinators, and other representatives agree to meet regularly. The Parties will exchange documents relating to assessment and ranking in higher education.

The Parties will share and exchange information by forwarding the copies of the publications, including books, journals, newsletters, reports, and other printed or electronic publications that would be of interest to each Party.

(2) Seminars, Workshops, and Conferences

One of the major purposes of the MOU is to exchange knowledge and information in higher education evaluation. Seminars, workshops, and conferences will be arranged to improve a closer academic relationship between the Parties.

Article 3: Co-ordination and Implementation

(1) Implementing Official

Responsibility for coordinating activities and communication concerning this MOU will be with the President, the Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council, and to the Director of the Office of National Education Standards and Quality Assessment.

(2) Coordinators

Each Party will designate a faculty or staff member to coordinate the related activities including seminars, workshops or conferences in the area of higher education evaluation.

(3) Staff Exchanges

The Parties will exchange faculty and staff in order to facilitate academic research in higher education assessment. Arrangements for faculty and staff exchanges will be made between the Parties on an individual basis.

Article 4: Costs

All costs of travel and living expenses will be the responsibility of the Parties. Unless otherwise agreed between the Parties, each Party participating in co-operative activities and initiatives will be responsible for all costs of its participation at conferences and other joint meetings. The host Party shall provide non-financial assistance in accommodation and appointment arrangements for the visiting representatives.

Article 5: Liability

These principles of cooperation are intended as an informal set of guidelines without the force of contract or law. They represent the desire of two Parties to engage in

cooperative exchanges of staff and ideas for the purpose of academic research and self-improvement.

Article 6: General

The MOU shall come into force on the date of the last signature by both Parties and shall remain in effect for a period of three years. This MOU may be extended or amended with the written consent of both Parties.

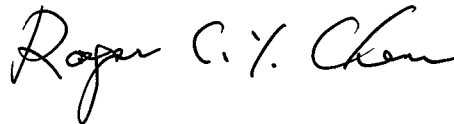
This MOU may be terminated by either Party at any time, upon 30 days' written notice being given to the other Party. The termination of the MOU shall not affect the validity or duration of activities agreed upon hereunder and initiated prior to such termination, unless the Parties otherwise agree.

Signatures as follows:



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