



In The Name of God

Memorandum of Understanding

between

KURDISTAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT (KRG)

and

TEHRAN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (TUMS)

Motivated by the emphasis of His Excellency Prime Minister of Kurdistan Regional Government, Iraq, and following the negotiations with the His Excellency Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and His Excellency Minister of Health, and recognizing the existence of specific bilateral interests and cooperation in academic education, medical sciences, public health and environmental sciences, health promotion, new technologies and other topics of mutual interest, and in order to establish and further promote the bilateral educational and academic collaboration, Kurdistan Regional Government (henceforth KRG) and Tehran University of Medical Sciences (henceforth TUMS), referred to hereinafter as “the Parties”, hereby agree upon the following terms and conditions as set forth in this Agreement:

Article I: General Principles

The aim of this Agreement is to establish and expand academic cooperation between KRG and TUMS. Cooperation under this Agreement is meant to support and improve relations between the Parties and will in no way limit such relationships. The Parties will make every effort to identify areas of cooperation that are mutually advantageous.

Article II: Areas and Forms of Cooperation

- A. The Parties will increase cooperation in a broad range of medical and public health sciences, directing their efforts at increasing collaboration in areas of mutual interest thereupon TUMS undertakes to educate qualified students nominated by KRG (henceforth KRG students) in its International Campus at all the levels and disciplines offered by TUMS in accordance with the highest educational standards. The number of students admitted in the first round of admissions at TUMS will be up to 500.
- B. As part of their cooperation, KRG and TUMS will take steps, when possible and when appropriate, to foster direct contacts between the students and academic staff of both Parties. Either Party agrees to inform the other Party about the conferences, scientific meetings, academic gatherings and seminars organized by the Party, and will exchange documents and publications resulting from their activities. According to each country's regulations, the Parties will facilitate students', lecturers' and researchers' participation in courses, conferences, seminars and conferences they organize.
- C. Other areas of cooperation, inter alia, may include:
 - a. Joint degree programs
 - b. Exchange of faculty members, research scholars and students
 - c. Exchange of scientific, educational and scholarly materials
 - d. Joint research activities
 - e. Exchange of information and participation in seminars and academic meetings
 - f. Special short-term academic programs and training activities

- g. Organization of events such as seminars, workshops, symposia and conferences congruent with the objectives of the programs underway in both institutions

Article III: Financing

The financing of Paragraph A from Article A will be mutually agreed.

Article IV: Entry into Force, Modifications and Termination

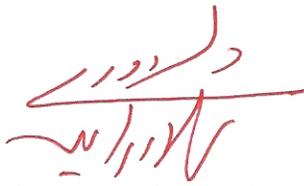
The present Agreement will take effect on the date of its signature and will continue until the consent of both parties.

The cooperation referred to under the present Agreement will not affect the rights and obligations acquired by the Parties under other national or international agreements entered into by either Party or its government.

The present Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of both Parties, formalized in written form specifying the date on which such amendments are to take effect.

The present document is formulated and signed in two originals in English. One original will remain in possession of KRG and the other will be kept by TUMS and both will have the same legal validity.

We, the undersigned, agree to the conditions stated in this MoU. Our signatures affirm the validity of the institutional agreement which takes effect on the date signed



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