



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE PARIS-LODRON UNIVERSITY OF SALZBURG, AUSTRIA AND THE UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA, SRI LANKA

This Academic Cooperation Agreement is entered into by the University of Peradeniya and the University of Salzburg. The two parties agree to collaborate on the matter of international exchange programs to promote the joint exchange of scholars, students, academic information and materials in the belief that the research and educational processes between the two institutions would be enhanced, thereby benefiting their respective scholars and students. The agreement includes all departments and programs established at either of the two universities with a special emphasis, initially, on the Department of Geography, University of Peradeniya and the Department of Geography and Geology, University of Salzburg.

- 1) Both parties agree to encourage and facilitate the following activities between the two departments:
 - a) Exchange of faculty staff and research scholars.
 - b) Exchange of students (subject to the prevailing governmental travel regulations)
 - c) Exchange of educational and research materials, publications and academic information
 - d) Collaborative research and networking for education and research.
 - e) Provide academic guidance, assistance and / or facilities for research, as required by personnel from the two departments
 - f) Creation and exchange of electronic instruction media and other teaching aids.
- 2) The implementation of each activity based on this Agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both parties.
- 3) Both parties will consider the possibility of transferring course credits pertaining to stipulated courses in degree and diploma programs of the two universities.

- 4) This Agreement is not a contract creating legal and financial relationship between the parties. It is specifically intended to facilitate and develop a genuine, mutually beneficial exchange process / research relationship, and so forth.
- 5) This Agreement shall become effective on the date it is signed by both parties, and shall be in force for five (5) years. Revision and modification of the Agreement may be implemented by the mutual agreement of both signatories, subject to a six-month minimum notification period prior to the expiration of the existing Agreement. Either party may terminate this Agreement at any time with a minimum of 120 days written notice. Activities in progress at the time termination of this Agreement shall be permitted to conclude as planned unless otherwise agreed. Renewals of this Agreement shall be discussed by both parties no less than six months prior to the date of expiration.
- 6) This Agreement should be reviewed every five years in order to evaluate the progress and the success of the collaboration. The Agreement may be extended for additional five-year periods upon the written consent of both parties. If the Agreement is not renewed by mutual consent, the Agreement will be terminated at the end of the specified time period, or after activities in progress have been completed.
- 7) Both institutions subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, height, weight, marital or familial status, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability.
- 8) Each party shall designate a person to serve as liaison for implementing this Agreement.
- 9) Specific details pertaining to the implementation of all aspects of this Agreement shall be negotiated and agreed upon by representative of the two parties.

Signing for University of Salzburg

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Prof. Dr. Sonja Puntscher-Riekmann Vice Rector for International Relations

University Salzburg

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Date: 2 8. JAN. 2011

Signing for the Peradeniya University

Prof. S.B.S Abayakoon Vice Chancellor

University of Peradeniya

Sri Lanka.

Date: 15, Feb 2011