

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
NATIONAL YUNLIN UNIVERSITY
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND
UNIVERSITY OF BELIZE**

The National Yunlin University of Science and Technology in Taiwan, Republic of China and University of Belize located in Belmopan, Belize, Central America, wishing to establish relations between the two institutions, agree to cooperate with each other as follows:

Scope of Cooperation

Subject to mutual consent, the areas of cooperation will include any program offered at either university as felt desirable on either side and that both sides feel contribute to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between the two universities.

In general terms, cooperation shall be carried out through such activities as:

- a. exchange of faculty and/or staff;
- b. exchange of undergraduate and graduate students;
- c. joint research activities and publications;
- d. participation in seminars and academic meetings;
- e. exchange of academic materials and other information;
- f. special short-term academic programs;
- g. opportunities for graduate study;
- h. study abroad programs;
- i. institutional strengthening;
- j. capacity building and short-term training;

Teaching and Research Personnel

The two universities will endeavor to cooperate in education and research in areas of mutual interest, and to encourage direct contact and cooperation between faculty members, departments and research institutions under provisions of this agreement.

Both institutions agree to consult on the possibilities of exchange of teaching and research personnel. Exchanges may be of any branch of learning of mutual interest to both institutions, and may last from one week to a year.

In the case of UB, prospective UB exchanges must comply with UB's Research Policy (including the guidelines for accessing available research funding) and its Human Resource Development policy.

"In the event of an exchange, each university should try to seek a third party to provide board and lodging, or a stipend sufficient to cover these items for exchange faculty and staff during the exchange period, with specific details for each exchange to be worked out. The agreement does not cover health insurance costs, but the host university can establish

programs for such individual cases. In addition, the host university will provide study and research privileges comparable to those available to resident faculty and staff.”

In the event of an exchange, each university will be responsible for the round trip expenses of its faculty and staff from the home institution to the host institution. Additionally, each university will be responsible for its own faculty and staff salaries while these individuals are participating in the exchange.

The exchange faculty and staff are expected to study and work according to their plan for professional involvement, and research as endorsed by the host institution. Specific agreements for special facilities, laboratories and the like will be agreed upon by the two universities or their designated sub-units in advance of the exchange.

Student Exchange and Study Abroad

In general, both universities agree to consult on the possibilities for student exchanges at all appropriate levels. It is understood that each student exchange will stay at the host university for a period of not less than one academic term/semester/ or academic year, and a period not to exceed one year, with specific times to be determined by both universities.

In the event of an exchange of students, board and lodging and health insurance, should be the responsibility of each participant. Participants will continue to pay tuition to their home institution. In matters of other and fees, such will be covered by special arrangement to be agreed upon by both universities. Local and international travel shall be the responsibility of each participant unless otherwise agreed to by both universities.

In the event of a future exchange of graduate students, each university will submit a list of graduate student nominees, brief biographical accounts, certificates of language competency, and the planned course of study at the host university for its approval. If the graduate student nominees expect to earn degree credit at the host university, the nominee must complete all relevant application forms and be acceptable to the host university degree program.

Both universities will exchange information on the exchange possibilities for undergraduate and graduate students at least six months in advance prior to the start of the host institution's academic year.

Yunlin further agrees to explore the possibility of setting up **Study Abroad Programs** for Belize whereby its students may participate in short-term, semester/quarter and/or year long Study Abroad Programs and International Service Learning Programs at the University of Belize.

Research, Institutional Strengthening and Informational Exchange

Both universities will attempt to develop programs promoting institutional strengthening and an exchange of appropriate books and reference materials including teaching programs, guidance materials, university materials and the like, published in each of the

universities. Both universities will explore the possibilities for exchanging books and reference materials published in their respective countries.

Both universities will encourage their respective faculties to collaborate on research projects of mutual interest. These will be jointly developed and funded. Published results will give credit to the collaborative faculty of both institutions.

Themes of any joint activities and the conditions for utilizing results achieved and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges and other forms of cooperation will be developed mutually for each specific case.

Capacity Building and Short-term Training

In the case of National Yunlin University of Science and Technology, Yunlin, recognizing that the University of Belize is working towards developing its capacity to expand its programs agrees to assist UB in its short-term training objectives. Particular emphasis will first be placed on **E-Government** and thereafter other areas of interest will be explored.

Other Related Articles

Both parties understand that all financial agreements will depend on the availability of funds at each institution. Moreover, nothing in this agreement shall be construed as creating any legal or financial relationships between parties.

Exchange personnel must abide by the laws of the host country and the policies and regulations of the host university.

Any articles in this agreement may be amended or revised by the universities after consultation and mutual agreement. Any issues not mentioned in this agreement may be resolved through mutual agreement.

This agreement becomes effective when signed by the representatives of the two universities. This agreement shall remain in effect for five years or until one of the universities notifies the other of its wish to terminate the agreement at least ninety days before the end of the academic year.

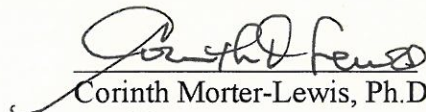
**ON BEHALF OF
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