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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
Between

DON BOSCO COLLEGE,
DHARMMAPURI
And
SACRED HEART COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS),
TIRUPATTUR

This Agreement is made on the day of Month Year between Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur District, represented by its Principal Rev. Dr. D. Maria Antony Raj SDB, as the first party (hereinafter referred to as "SHIC") and Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri, represented by Principal Rev. Dr. J. Angelo Joseph SDB, (hereinafter referred to as "DBC") as the second party.


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PURPOSE


Whereas

- a) SHC Sacred Heart College (Autonomous) (SHC) is an affiliated First Grade College of Thiruvalluvar University. As the motto of the College acclaims "*ad omne opus bonum instructi*" (Ready for every good work), this noble institution began its good work from its inception in 1951 in reaching out and imparting quality education to the rural community of students, first generation learners and the economically and socially deprived learners. Founded by a Spanish missionary, Rev. Fr. Joseph Carreno, SDB, the college then functioned with only 10 teachers and 81 students. Now as it approaches its seventh decade in existence it offers 15 Under Graduate (UG) programmes, 14 Post Graduate (PG) programmes and 7 Post Graduate Diploma programmes. It also offers 12 M.Phil. programmes and 12 Ph.D. programmes, catering towards producing professionals with high level of ethical and moral conduct, and excellence in their academic pursuit.
- b) SHC is desirous to associate with DBC on various areas as discussed in the Purview of this MoU, which will be mutually beneficial to both organizations.

Whereas


- c) Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri, a constituent of an Educational Network of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Chennai Province, Tamil Nadu, was founded in 2007 on Adhiyaman Bypass Road, Sogathur, by Rev. Fr. Johnson Antonysamy, SDB, Rector and Rev. Dr. C. M. Varghese, SDB, the first Principal. It is the first and only minority institution, established in Dharmapuri to train and equip the young minds for a challenging and fulfilling career under Periyar University, Salem. Built in a serene and calm environment, the College provides a holistic ambient for the growth of the rural students.

The academic journey of the College commenced with 5 Undergraduate courses, 9 teaching faculty, 3 support staff and 258 students. In the past 12 years, the College has grown in various dimensions and has been tirelessly proceeding to achieve its goal. At present, the College has 2,523 students, 107 teaching faculty and 32 support staff, with 11 Undergraduate courses, 8 Postgraduate courses and 4 M.Phil. courses. The vast majority of our students hail from Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts, while students from other parts of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Andamans and North East also are accommodated. The College takes pride in educating numerous first general graduates. The medium of instruction and evaluation is English.


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In the past few years, the College has grown considerably as the result of collective efforts of many, including Salesians, staff and well-wishers. A number of significant additions have been made to the infrastructure with an open auditorium, garden at the front yard of the College, compound wall with gates, state of the art computer and science laboratories, a well-furnished library with a reading hall, a Bosco Bicentenary Hall and a modern canteen. As well, we provide separate hostel facility for girls and excellent transport services to the remote villages.

Don Bosco College stands head and shoulders above others in winning trophies in games and sports in Periyar University, Salem, besides forming University gold medallists every year. Last year, 2 University gold medallists and 18 University rank holders added feathers to the cap in the academic journey of the College. The primary objectives of the College are for the public benefit, to advance education, experiencing religion, learning and research and the conduct of divine service in the College, to strengthen the College's access and outreach programme, to enrich the teaching capabilities of the College, and to continue to improve academic performance in the examinations.

d) DBC is desirous to associate with SHC on various areas as discussed in the Purview of this MoU, which will be mutually beneficial to both organizations. That, relying on the principle of good faith, by virtue of which they will carry out all the possible actions for their due fulfillment. And relying also on their common bonds and concerns, they state their interest in strengthening their relationships through academic cooperation, and for this end they are of one accord in entering this MoU.


NOW THEREFORE THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSES
AS FOLLOWS

1. OBJECTIVE:


e) The parties agree that the objective of the present MoU is to establish a cooperation program in order to collaborate towards the formation of students, academics and researchers for the promotion and development of their respective areas of interest.

2. METHOD FOR ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES:

f) In order to achieve the aforementioned objectives, both parties, in mutual agreement, shall develop cooperation programs and projects that will specify the commitments each of them is to make for the performance of said programs


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3. AREAS OF CO-OPERATION:

- g) Whereas, SHC and DBC recognize that the academic collaboration would be of mutual benefit and would provide strengths in research and education and their mutual interest in engaging themselves in academic cooperation. As per the purpose of the said agreement, the two parties shall:
- i. Research Collaborations: Faculty / Researchers / Students of SHC and DBC can collaborate in future research projects that either involve working cooperatively with partner institutions and / or cover a research topic with an international component. Activities include, but are not limited to, efforts toward developing proposals for collaborative research, co-authoring publication, conducting joint research projects, or establishing joint research centers etc.
 - ii. Faculty Exchange with Partner Universities: Faculty members of SHC and DBC can travel between to participate in activities that can enhance their international / national experience and knowledge and also to foster relations between the parties. Activities include, but are not limited to, delivering lectures, teaching a course, taking a sabbatical, acquiring skills for institutional governance and developing collaborative research etc.
 - iii. Student Exchange with Partner Universities: Students can be given an opportunity to travel among parties to participate in activities / events that will enhance their international / intercultural experience and knowledge.
 - iv. Promotion of integrated studies for related studies: The parties can look at integrating an international / intercultural dimension into their teaching, research, and service functions of the university which would enable the students understanding on a global perspective.
 - v. Cooperate in the exchange of information relating to their activities in teaching and research in fields of mutual interests; sharing best practices adopted by each parties; sharing of e-content between the parties; access to library and repository services, if possible.
 - vi. Conduct cultural projects, study tours, as mutually agreed in writing between the parties prior to commencement of this activity.
- ❖ To promote and enhance academic, research interest between SHC & DBC.
 - ❖ To provide summer training for UG and PG students during their course and providing professional manpower to support the programme.
 - ❖ Provide academic interaction by delivering special lecturers at SHC & DBC on topics of relevance to current research trends.

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- ❖ Organizing and participating in joint Symposia/Conferences/Workshop/Short term refresher courses.
- ❖ Exchange of faculty for guest lectures.
- ❖ This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid from the date of signing of the same.

4. FUNDING:


- h) Expenses for airfare, transportation, room and board and personal expenses of exchange students, teachers or officers shall be covered by each individual. Students will pay their registration, courses or professional practices at their home university, so that they can be recognized afterwards.
- i) Students, interns and officers shall be responsible for requesting and obtaining lodging by inquiring with the university, which shall provide every help necessary for them to obtain safe, convenient lodging arrangements.
- j) Financial expenses for (term visits) internships of professors and researchers, which will be arranged at the parties' request, as well as travel expenses, shall be covered by the requesting institution. No fees will be paid, as the assumption is that the professors /researchers remain in their positions at their home institution, which will continue to pay their salaries.
- k) Students, professors and officers must acquire a medical insurance policy. The universities may offer them advice in seeking appropriate insurance.

5. NO EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP:

- l) The parties agree that this Agreement shall not be construed in any manner as establishing any kind of partnership or bond of a labor nature between them. Thus, in all activities stemming from the present MoU and from subsequent specific action plans, the parties are in the understanding that, in all cases, employment relationships shall remain in force between the employing institution and its respective personnel.

6. CREDITS/ACCREDITATION:

- m) Credits and grades shall be awarded in accordance with the academic achievement policies in force at the Institution / Host University / Government. However, the home university / Institution reserves the right to accept or reject any accreditation leading to an academic degree.
- n) The Host University / Institution shall issue a certification recognizing the grades obtained, as well as the hours invested or projects/papers completed by the students.


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7. RIGHTS AND DUTIES:

- o) The host university / Institution is committed to counseling and supporting exchange students through advice on academic and administrative procedures, as well as to foster their integration, inviting and encouraging guest students to become involved in student life.
- p) The institutions shall act as facilitators, but they will have no obligation whatsoever in terms of the actions, behaviors or financial aspects of the students / participants involved in the exchange.
- q) The students / participants shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as regular students / faculty, and shall observe the norms and rules of the Host University / Institution and in the host country. Any violation of the laws of the receiving country and / or the rules of the Host University / Institution by an exchange participant shall be grounds for the immediate termination of the privileges in the context of this Agreement.
- r) The host institution agrees to assist to provide boarding, lodging and necessities and to provide work space, library and laboratory facilities as appropriate.

8. AUTONOMY:


- s) This agreement is a statement of intentions and does not involve, in any instance whatsoever, any financial obligations between the subscribing institutions.

9. TERM:


- t) This MOU shall be effective for a period of five (5) years from the date of execution of this agreement, and shall be automatically renewed thereafter for another five (5) years unless a written notice to terminate or amend this agreement is given to the other party six (6) months in advance.
- u) It is expressly agreed that neither party shall be liable for damages that they might cause each other as a result of a forceful suspension of a collaboration program. Causes for forceful suspension must be explicitly set forth in the action plans.

10. CONFLICT RESOLUTION:

- v) Any dispute resulting from the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled through direct negotiation and common agreement by the persons delegated to such end by each university / Institution. Either party may propose to the other a modification of the Agreement at any time in writing.


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11. ACTION PLANS:

- w) Every work program or specific activity that is agreed upon between both institutions shall be defined through an action plan, which shall be under the responsibility of two individuals, appointed respectively by each university / Institution, and which shall define the following aspects:
- i. Foundations or considerations that warrant the plan for inter-institutional collaboration;
 - ii. Objective of the action plan for inter-institutional collaboration;
 - iii. General conditions of the plan;
 - iv. Academic conditions of the plan;
 - v. Administrative and organizational conditions of the plan;
 - vi. Duration of the protocol;
 - vii. Intellectual property;
 - viii. Differences between the parties;
 - ix. Development of the collaboration project;
 - x. Project and/or program to be carried out;
 - xi. Financial budget;
 - xii. Reference to the subject of medical insurance and information.

12. CONFIDENTIALITY:


- x) Each of the parties accepts and declares that every information from the other party is of a confidential nature, is the exclusive property of the latter and has been or will be disclosed to the former solely with the purpose of enabling the full accomplishment of the present Agreement. For this reason, every piece of information provided by one party to the other before signing this Agreement and/or during its performance must be kept confidential and therefore may not be disclosed to any third parties.

13. AMENDMENTS:

- x) The parties may amend or amplify this Agreement through agreements in writing to that effect. Said amendments or additions will be binding on the signatories as of the date of their signature. The parties may not assign, in whole or in part, the performance of the present MoU to any third party, except through prior and express authorization in writing by both of them.

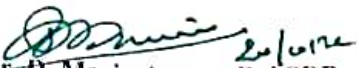

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And since both parties are in agreement regarding the content of the present document, and as a token of conformity, we sign it in two counterparts, both of which will be considered originals.

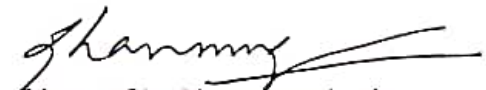

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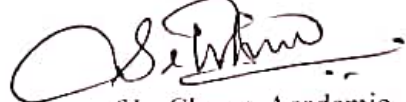
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