

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CYPRUS AND THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE
SULTANATE OF OMAN ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF
SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION**

The Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus and the Ministry of Higher Education of the Sultanate of Oman (hereinafter jointly referred to as "Participants" and separately as "Participant");

Recalling the discussions held between the Cypriot and Omani sides;

Desiring to further develop and promote their friendly and bilateral ties;
and

Desirous of advancing the cooperation between them in the fields of science and higher education on the basis of the principles of equality and mutual benefit.

Have reached the following understanding:

**Paragraph 1
Fields of Cooperation**

The Participants will encourage cooperation between them in the following fields:

1. Exchange of visits between officials of higher education, academic staff, lecturers, researchers and students between higher education institutions in the programs of mutual interest of the Participants.
2. Conducting joint research activities between students or academic staff from recognized higher education institutions by each Participant.
3. Exchange of information about the recognition of academic qualifications, issued by recognized higher education institutions.

4. Exchange of educational and teaching materials, information, research results, software, and other materials, as well as organizing exhibitions and symposiums related to higher education.
5. Exchange of expertise in the fields of science, knowledge and modern technology between recognized higher education institutions of the two States.
6. Granting of scholarships by either Participant for studies at bachelor degree level, subject to the availability of funds, at the recommended higher education institutions of each Participant, provided that the candidates fulfill the specific requirements of the academic program.
7. Exchange of work experience and teaching methods in the fields of science and higher education.
8. Encouraging the signature of agreements between the recognized higher education institutions in the two States to develop academic programs offered in these institutions.

All the cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the applicable laws and regulations of each Participant's State.

Paragraph 2

Visits' Expenses

The Participants will coordinate and agree, through diplomatic channels on the financial costs related to visits and cooperative activities referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Paragraph 3

Non-legally Binding Nature of this Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding will not prejudice the obligations of the Participants under multilateral or bilateral international treaties binding both States, or obligations arising from their membership in international organizations, and for the Republic of Cyprus, from its membership in the EU.

Paragraph 4

Applicable Laws

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any legally binding obligations and/or rights of any kind, under international law and/or the respective national legislation of each State. The Participants will implement this Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in either State.

Paragraph 5

Dispute Settlement

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably by consultations and/or negotiations between the Participants through diplomatic channels.

Paragraph 6

Amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent of the Participants by an exchange of notes through diplomatic channels, with setting the date for the coming into effect of the amendments.

Paragraph 7

Effective Date, Duration and Termination

- 1) This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon its signature.
- 2) This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years, and it shall be renewed automatically for another five (5) year period, unless either Participant notifies the other Participant in writing, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate the Memorandum at least six (6) months prior to the date of termination.
- 3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, ongoing specific projects and programs decided upon under the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding will remain uninterrupted until completion, unless otherwise agreed by the Participants.

Signed at **Muscat** on **7 February 2019 A.D.**, corresponding to **1st Jumadal-Akhirah 1440 A.H.** in two originals in the English language.



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