

INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
between
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KARNATAKA (NITK),
MANGALORE, INDIA
and
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, CHONNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (CNU),
GWANGJU, KOREA

Preamble

National Institute of Technology, Karnataka (NITK), Mangalore and Chonnam National University (CNU) have expressed interest to create a long-term institutional partnership in technical education and research. The primary objective is to promote contact and collaboration between faculty, staff and students, carry out joint research programmes and exchange experiences in education and research. The partnership also aims at enhancing the technological, social and cultural relations of both countries/states/regions. This document presents a general framework for such a partnership. It also includes some specifically identified areas of cooperation, which shall be updated from time to time.

Participation and Coordination

The partnership shall initially be between the following:

- For CNU :
 - School of Mechanical Systems Engineering
 - Department of Geosystem Engineering
(Deals with Mining engineering, Energy and Resources engineering)
- For NITK-Mangalore :
 - Department of Mechanical Engineering
 - Department of Mining Engineering
 - Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering

Professor Hyung Sik YANG, Chairman of Department of Geosystem Engineering, Professor Hyung-koo PARK, Chairman of School of Mechanical Systems Engineering, and Professor Woo Nam JUHNG, Dean of College of Engineering, shall be the coordinators from CNU and Prof. Sandeep Sancheti, Director, NITK and Dr. M. Govinda Raj, Registrar, shall be the coordinators from NITK, Mangalore. The participants and coordinators may change from time to time as decided by competent authority of the respective institutions.

Areas of Cooperation

The following have been identified as possible starting points of the partnership. The areas of cooperation can be further increased by the mutual consent. In many cases specific programmes will require other agreements to be separately detailed out and documented.

- (i) **Exchange of information and experience:** Representatives of both partners shall arrange joint meetings at least once per year to exchange experiences in education and research and to prepare joint projects. A joint Seminar/Workshop may be held once in two years to present the results of this partnership.
- (ii) **Faculty and student exchange programmes:** The partners will examine the possibility of creating one or two Visiting Faculty positions at respective institutions for faculty exchange. A Student Exchange Programme will be formulated both for short term (like summer/winter training or short certificate courses) as well as for semester-wise registration. A detailed document on this (including credit transfer issues) will be examined and prepared. This has to be ratified by the highest academic bodies of the two institutions before this programme starts.
- (iii) **Cooperative Research Projects:** The two partners will define joint collaborative research projects between faculty and/or research groups. Collaborating faculty will approach various funding agencies to submit joint project proposals. Focus will be given to industry-funded projects and those funded by international agencies.
- (iv) **The Graduate Degree programme:** A joint integrated MS/PhD programme with stress on research in areas of mutual interest will be explored and formulated. A detailed document on this will be prepared and ratified by the highest academic bodies of the two institutions before this programme starts.
- (v) **Continuing and Distance education:** NITK, Mangalore and CNU shall explore the possibility of offering a joint distance education programme based on the expertise available in both institutions. They will also share and carry out joint research in technology for distance and computer-based learning.

Intellectual Property

Each institution will adhere to the intellectual property laws of their respective nations. Intellectual property developed during the visit of an exchange student will be governed by the rules of the host institute unless otherwise specified by an alternate agreement. The two institutions shall jointly own results of clearly defined collaborative projects. Whenever one institution receives any information from the partner under a clearly defined non-disclosure agreement, necessary steps will be taken to protect the intellectual property received.

Financing

The two institutions will develop a funding pool from various sources to carry out this partnership. They will not only try to arrange some funding from their own resources, but also vigorously approach their own governments, international funding agencies and industries. Special attention will be given to obtain funded projects from industry to support this collaboration. Funding from alumni will also be solicited for some of the programmes.

Both institutes will provide tuition and service fee waivers to the exchange students. The host institute will arrange for free accommodation and food at reasonable cost to exchange students and faculty. Travel costs are the responsibility of the exchange student. However, various funding sources shall be approached to secure funding for this activity. The institutions shall try to set up endowment funds for Visiting Faculty positions.

Validity

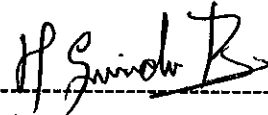
This agreement is valid for an initial period of five years and becomes effective from the date it is signed by the partners. The partnership period may be extended by mutual consent. In case one partner wishes to cancel the contract, intimation will have to be sent by June of that year. In that case the agreement will terminate at the end of year i.e. 31st December.



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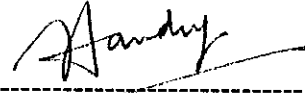
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