

Memorandum of Understanding for Scientific and Educational Cooperation

between

The Ministry of Higher Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

and

The Ministry of Education and Culture in Finland

As a result of a desire on the part of both the Ministry of Higher Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Ministry of Education and Culture in Finland (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) to consolidate the bonds of friendship between the two countries and to raise the level of cooperation in the fields of education and scientific research between Saudi Arabia and Finland, and in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit within the framework of laws and regulations enacted in both countries, and according to available capabilities, we have agreed on the following:

Article 1

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of visits of higher education officials, faculty members and researchers as well as the exchange of scientific and educational delegations in order to strengthen cooperation in all fields of common interest.

Article 2

The Parties shall support and encourage direct scientific and educational relations between academic and scientific research institutions, as well as encourage the exchange and seconding of faculty members and researchers.

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Article 3

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of expertise in the scientific, technical, and administrative areas between higher education institutions, universities and scientific research centers.

Article 4

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the areas of scientific research in general and in applied fields in particular as well as encourage the formation of joint research teams and exchanging research and study findings.

Article 5

The Parties shall encourage providing opportunities for training academic staff in higher education institutions, particularly in the technical, medical and technological areas.

Article 6

The Parties shall promote cooperation between higher education institutions in both countries, particularly in the area of mutual recognition of academic certificates and diplomas, and undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as the exchange of information on educational systems and curricula in accordance with the laws enacted in both countries.



Article 7

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of students through scholarships and study programs according to their capabilities, as well as promote student exchange visits.

Article 8

The Parties shall endeavor to provide opportunities for students to study e.g. medicine and allied medical sciences, technology and pedagogies in higher education institutions, as well as work to overcome difficulties in this area, and to facilitate the acceptance of students for postgraduate studies, in accordance with procedures followed in both countries.

Article 9

The Parties shall encourage the organization of scientific/cultural events in higher education institutions in both countries such as lectures, seminars and exhibitions.

Article 10

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of books, publications, pamphlets, periodicals, documents, computer software, films and all sources related to higher education and scientific research.

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Article 11

The Parties shall encourage participation in both local and international meetings, conferences, symposia, scientific and educational workshops, provided that the other Party is given adequate notice of these events in advance.

Article 12

The Parties shall facilitate access to and use of archives, manuscripts and historical documents at their institutions, as well as exchange of experts in this area.

Article 13

The Parties shall encourage academic cooperation in each others language, literature and history.

Article 14

The Parties shall encourage the translation and publication of each other's distinguished scientific and literary works.

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The Parties agree to consult with each other, if deemed, to establish an implementation program for this Memorandum.

Article 16

The Parties have agreed to use the information they exchange about one another only for the purposes intended as agreed upon between them. Each Party undertakes not to transfer any information exchanged between them to a third party without the written consent of the other Party.

Article 17



This Memorandum will be executed as of the date of the last notification through diplomatic channels confirming finalization of the required legal procedures.

Article 18

The validity of this Memorandum is five years from the date of execution, and is renewed automatically for similar periods, provided that none of the Parties expresses its intention in writing to terminate it at least six months before its expiration. If the Memorandum is terminated, its provisions shall remain in effect for the programs or projects that were accomplished or that have not been completed or the rights that have arisen which have not yet been resolved in accordance with its provisions.



This MOU has been signed in the City of Helsinki on 15th February 2011/ corresponding to 1432 / in two languages: Arabic and English. The two versions are equal; however, upon any discrepancies between the two versions, the English translation prevails and will be considered binding.

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| <p><i>For and on behalf of</i></p> <p><i>The Ministry of Higher Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</i></p>  <p><i>His Excellency, Dr. Khalid Al Ankary</i> <i>Minister of Higher Education</i></p> | <p><i>For and on behalf of</i></p> <p><i>The Ministry of Education and Culture in Finland</i></p>  <p><i>Henna Virkkunen</i> <i>Minister of Education</i></p> |
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