

PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION

Between

AZAD JAMMU AND KASHMIR UNIVERSITY, MUZAFRABAD, AJK

and

**SHAHEED BENAZIR BHUTTO UNIVERSITY, SHERINGAL DIR UPPER,
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN**

Azad Jammu and Kashmir University, Muzafabad, AJK and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal Dir Upper, Islamic Republic of Pakistan have agreed to sign the following protocol with the purpose of fostering cooperation , mutual understanding and development in the field of education and research.

1. The two universities will engage in scientific and educational cooperation in fields to be agreed upon. Amendments to the protocol(s) can be suggested by either party and added at any time by agreement of the competent authorities and both institutions.
2. The following forms of cooperation are envisaged:
 - 2.1 Short-term visits of senior members of staff for consultations, lecturers and project planning's,
 - 2.2 Long – term visits by research and technical staff for training, post graduate studies or participations in joint research projects,
 - 2.3 Exchange of undergraduate, post graduates and doctoral students for education , practical training and participation in international programmes , and the students to be awarded with an academic recognition of their studies abroad,
 - 2.4 Mutual support in the planning and execution of excursions in the respective countries ,
 - 2.5 Joint research projects and pilot projects,
 - 2.6 Organization of a participation in joint seminars, academics meetings, conferences, Workshops and the like,
 - 2.7 Exchange of academic information, academic publications, text books and periodical lectures between the two universities,
 - 2.8 Cooperation in research and development ,
 - 2.9 Reciprocal exchange of arts exhibitions
3. The protocol, aims to improve the staff and students point of view of the world by showing them different cultures and introducing them to new languages.
4. The following rules must be followed for the exchange of students :
 - 4.1 Admission to study course to be determined by the rules of the host university.
 - 4.2 Exchange students at the host university will have the same status as regular students particularly with regard to the use of university facilities (such as libraries, laboratories etc) and participations in lecture and examinations.

- 4.3 The mutual recognition of the length of study courses and examinations results will be in accordance with the rule of native university.
- 4.4 The number of exchange students will be determined as the need arises
- 4.5 The exchange students will be selected by the home university according to their knowledge of the language needed in the host university, educational and academic results.
- 4.6 The university will cooperate in order to find suitable firms that will accept students for training. The student must apply to the relevant firms themselves. The training will be mutually recognized provided that the guidelines for the training have been met.
- 4.7 Exchange students will be required to pay tuition fees and enrollment fees to the partner university.
5. The present protocol may be supplemented by more detailed working plans (sub agreements between faculties and departments) and prepared periodically as required by current or planned projects. At the end of each planning period, the result will be reported and evaluated by representatives from both sides.
6. Each university will nominate a representative who will be responsible for the working plans, and all matters related to the implementation of the protocol.
7. The protocol will be valid from the date of signing by both parties after the approval of the competent authorities. This protocol may be terminated with written notification by either party. Suggested alterations to the protocol must be submitted in writing.
8. This protocol has been prepared in English, the texts being valid , and each party will retain one original copy

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