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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND
ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA as represented by the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia AND THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND as represented by the Department of Education and Skills, Ireland (hereafter referred to singularly as 'the Party' and collectively as 'the Parties'),

DESIRING to strengthen and further develop the friendly relations between the two countries in the field of higher education,

APPRECIATING the importance of higher education as a factor of economic development as well as a means to further cultivate the ties between both countries,

CONVINCED of the necessity of a lasting and effective co-operation in the interest of both countries and

BELIEVING that such co-operation would serve the common interests and contribute to the enhancement of the field of higher education and social development of both countries,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I OBJECTIVE

The Parties, subject to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding and the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force in each country, agree to strengthen, promote and develop co-operation in higher education through exchange of information relating to their respective education systems, including on the equivalence of academic qualifications with a view to studying the possibilities for mutual recognition.

ARTICLE II AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

1. Each party, subject to the laws, rules, regulations, procedures and national policies from time to time in force governing the subject matter in their respective countries endeavour to take necessary steps to promote technical co-operation in the following areas:
 - (a) exchange of academic staff, teachers, trainees, experts and students between institutions of higher learning, in consultation with the Ministry of Higher Education of Malaysia and the Department of Education and Skills of Ireland, on programmes that will be of mutual benefit to both Parties. Such exchange may involve teaching assignments and/or research that may result in a joint report, publication or study visit. The duration and terms with regard to such exchange in the host Ministry shall be decided and agreed by both Parties;

- (b) exchange of information on the system and structure for higher education, reforms and new educational technologies;
- (c) training of educational administrators and teachers including those involved in service training;
- (d) scholarships for further education in recognised institutions of higher learning of both Parties;
- (e) bilateral programmes between recognised institutions of higher learning in technical, vocational and higher education that will mutually benefit both Parties;
- (f) exchange of educational literature, teaching aids, information and demonstration materials as well as the organisation of relevant exhibitions and seminars;
- (g) study the possibility of credit transfers and similar programmes between recognised institutions of higher learning of both Parties and the possibilities for mutual recognition of academic, professional, polytechnic and vocational qualifications;
- (h) support mutual assistance in the areas of information and communications technology, technical and vocational education, mathematics and sciences; and
- (i) any other areas of co-operation in the field of higher education to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE III
DESIGNATED AUTHORITY

The designated authority responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Government of Malaysia shall be the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia and on behalf of the Government of Ireland shall be the Department of Education and Skills of Ireland.

ARTICLE IV
JOINT WORKING GROUP

1. The Parties will establish a Malaysia – Ireland Joint Working Group (hereafter referred to as 'the Joint Working Group') to review the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries.
2. The Joint Working Group will consider ways and means to promote the aforesaid objective and to ensure the proper co-ordination and implementation of its decisions and/or recommendations. The Joint Working Group will also review the progress of the implementation of all understandings concluded between the two countries within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding, and take steps to ensure the active and speedy implementation of the understandings.
3. The Joint Working Group will be chaired on behalf of the Government of Malaysia by a Senior Official of the Ministry of Higher Education of Malaysia and on behalf of the Government of Ireland by a Senior Official of the Department of Education and Skills of Ireland and with participation by other relevant agencies of both countries as appropriate.