

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
And
Ministry of Education, Royal Government of Bhutan

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as “MoU” is executed on March 28, 2009 by the following two parties to the MoU:

1. **The Ministry of Education**, on behalf of Royal Government of Bhutan herein after referred to as the “MoE” which shall include its legal nominees and permitted assignees
And
2. **The University of Peradeniya**, Sri Lanka herein after referred to as “University” which shall include its legal nominees and permitted assigns.

WHEREAS, the Royal Government intends to avail facilities for undergraduate studies in medicine at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka:

And

WHEREAS, the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka has agreed to admit Bhutanese candidates to pursue study programme in the above discipline, based on competency and qualification.

Now the two parties agree to enter into an MoU on the terms and conditions given hereunder:

I. Obligations of the Royal Government of Bhutan

- a) The MoE shall, on behalf of the Royal Government, identify and select suitable medical candidates for admission to the University.
- b) The MoE shall forward the bio-data of the selected candidates together with the academic transcripts and other relevant documents to the University by the stipulated dates.
- c) The Royal Government shall bear all cost pertaining to the studies of the selected candidates. This shall include fees, stipend, cost of books and health insurance and travel costs to and from Sri Lanka.
- d) The MoE shall release the agreed institutional cost (tuition fees) on an annual basis based on the progress reports and recommendations of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

- e) In case students fail to complete the course in the prescribed period, the Royal Government shall advise the University whether or not to continue his/her studies and shall bear the costs, accordingly.
- f) The MoE would request the University to consider accepting the Bhutanese students for admission into the MBBS course in the same year of nomination itself by the Royal Government when ever possible without having to wait for a year and thus avoid loss of time.
- g) The MoE appoints the Director, Department of Adult & Higher Education as the legal point of contact being supported by the Chief, Scholarship Division of the same Department.

II. **Obligations of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.**

- a) The University shall advise the MoE on the admission requirements on time and the dates for submissions of the nominations.
- b) The University shall provide a **minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 seats** each year for the candidates selected by the Royal Government of Bhutan. The University reserves the final right regarding the suitability of a given student for admission to the degree programme.
- c) The University shall in principle support any application by a Bhutanese student made to the Sri Lanka Medical Council and the Ministry of Health of the Government of Sri Lanka to undergo the one year internship on successfully completing the degree of MBBS. The University gives no guarantee that such internship shall be available to them.
- d) The University shall offer a special concession of an institutional fee of US\$ 5000 per annum for each Bhutanese student for the entire duration of his/her MBBS course.
- e) The University shall refund the fees on a pro-rata basis in case of dropout of students due to unavoidable circumstances or in the events of death.
- f) The Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya shall whenever possible assist in finding accommodation for Bhutanese students.
- g) The Dean shall also be the first point of contact for the Ministry of Education and for the students in matters concerning their studies and general wellbeing.
- h) The University shall send end semester progress reports of Bhutanese students to the MoE.
- i) The University would accept the Bhutanese students for admission into MBBS course in the same year of nomination itself by the Royal Government when ever possible without delays.
- j) The Bhutanese students shall be governed by all the normal and existing academic and disciplinary regulations of the University.

III. Liability

Neither party shall be liable for indirect or consequential damages.

IV. Channel of Communication

All communications shall be direct between the Director/Chief, Department of Adult & Higher Education or the Secretary, Ministry of Education, Royal Government of Bhutan and its counter part, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya or routed through the diplomatic channels.

V. Amendment

Any amendment desired by a party shall be communicated to the other party in writing and shall be incorporated on mutual agreement basis. A letter confirming the agreement by the other party shall be considered as a part of the MoU.

VI. Termination of the MOU

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid for **FIVE YEARS** from the date of signing. Either party intending to terminate the MoU shall inform the other party of the said intention at least six months in advance. Termination of the MoU shall however, not affect the ongoing MBBS students and placement of those candidates already nominated by Bhutan.

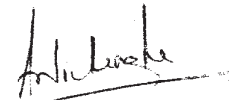
VII. This MoU shall be submitted to the Senate and the governing council of the University for approval and therefore provision is left to incorporate any amendment proposed by these two bodies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the two parties mentioned above have hereunder append their respective signatures to this present arrangement in two original copies.

Signed on this day the 28th of March 2009 in Peradeniya, Sri Lanka



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Ministry of Education, Royal
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