

**Memorandum of understanding between Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, Chennai and Dept. of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, Trivandrum.**

This Memorandum of Understanding (herein referred to as MoU) is made on the third July, Two thousand and six between Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, Chennai on one part and Dept. of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, Trivandrum on the other part as network institutions for improving the academic excellence of the Dept. of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, Trivandrum.

WHEREAS both Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, Chennai and Dept of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, Trivandrum, have agreed to carry out Network Partnership Programme herein referred to as Programme jointly with the diligence and efficiency as desired within this MoU in conformity with appropriate administrative, financial and educational practices and implement all such plans and activities and reforms as required for the Programme.

NOW THEREFORE the Dept. of Civil Engg, IIT Madras, Chennai and Dept. of Civil Engg, College of Engineering, Trivandrum agree to enter into networking between the two Departments. The terms of this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is formulated as follows.

**OBJECTIVES FOR NETWORKING**

The major objectives for which the two parties network with each other are:

- a. To effectively share the facilities and expertise for improving the capabilities for advanced education and research.
- b. To facilitate academic and research interactions among faculty and staff of both Institutes.
- c. To initiate joint research in the frontier areas of Civil Engineering and to establish advanced research facilities in selected areas.

- d. To jointly develop learning resources, teaching aids, experimental set up etc. for educational and research purposes.
- e. To enable the exchange of students from undergraduate, graduate, and research scholars for mutual benefit.
- f. To conduct joint/collaborate research and consultancy.

## **IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING**

For implementing and monitoring of the programme, Dept. of Civil Engineering IIT Madras, Chennai and Dept. of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, Trivandrum, also agree that:

- a. The networking between Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, Chennai and Dept. of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, Trivandrum will be implemented by creating a Networking Coordination Cell both at Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, Chennai and Dept. of Civil Engineering College of Engineering, Trivandrum.
- b. Each such cell will be headed by a faculty nominated by the respective Head of Department who shall be designated as Network Coordinator and whose main responsibility will be to execute and coordinate all activities envisaged under this MoU.
- c. Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, Chennai and Dept. of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, Trivandrum will constitute a Network Coordination Committee (NCC) for regular monitoring of the activities and achieving the set targets. The Committee will meet at least once in six months and review the progress.
- d. If the activities could result in the form of publication/patent then the IPR will be with both the institutes with due percentage share agreed upon.

## **FINANCE**

Regarding the financial arrangements during the Project implementation, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, Chennai and Dept. of Civil Engineering, College of Engineering, Trivandrum further agree to:

- a. Both the institutes will engage services of the existing faculty and staff for networking arrangement and no additional staff will be provided. Such staff will not be provided any honorarium.
- b. Both the institutes will utilize existing infrastructure for networking arrangement.
- c. All expenses in connection with implementation and monitoring such as TA/DA, boarding/lodging and conveyance of students and researchers from College of Engineering Trivandrum, and faculty from both institutions will be borne by College of Engineering, Trivandrum, till the end of the year 2007 which will be met from TEQIP. The funding beyond that will be tapped from other resources.

## **INDEMNITY**

Both parties hereby indemnify and shall keep indemnified and protected the other party and their respective officers and employees from and against any claims or actions arising out of or in any way relating to the provision and implementation of the Programme as per this MoU.


## **DURATION**

This MoU will be active for a period of five years from the date of this MoU.


## **SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

The two parties of this MoU agree to act in good faith and in a spirit of mutual understanding and accommodation to facilitate the achievement of goals set under the Programme.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties here to have caused this MoU to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year.


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