



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Government College Women University, Sialkot

And

Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad



This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Govt College Women University Sialkot, Pakistan (hereinafter referred to as “GCWUS”) and Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, (hereinafter referred to as “PIDE”). Both GCWUS and PIDE shall hereinafter be referred to collectively as “Parties” and individually as “Party” sets forth the Understanding between the parties for collaboration in mutually agreed areas of cooperation between the two organisations, inter alia named below:

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

1. Government College Women University Sialkot

Government College Women University Sialkot (GCWUS) is a major public sector university in Punjab, started its journey in 1951 with the establishment of Govt. College for Women Sialkot, and was awarded the University Charter in 2013. The university offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programmes in various academic disciplines. The University has 18 departments, one institute, around 8,200 students and 194+ faculty members including 89+ PhDs assisted by 200+ administrative staff. The university offers quality education to undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students in almost all the important disciplines. The university plays a pivotal role in women's empowerment and the socio-economic development of Sialkot city and Punjab Province.

2. Pakistan Institute of Development Economics

The Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) was established at Karachi in 1957 and in 1964 accorded the status of an autonomous research organization by the Government of Pakistan. It is devoted to theoretical and empirical research in development economics in general and Pakistan-related economic issues in particular. In addition to providing a firm academic basis to economic policy-making, its research also provides a window through which the outside world can view the nature and direction of economic research in Pakistan. Other social sciences, such as demography and anthropology and interdisciplinary studies increasingly define the widening scope of research that must be undertaken for proper economic policy and development to have sound underpinnings. Over the past 67 years, PIDE has earned an international reputation and recognition for its research.

In November 2006, PIDE was granted the degree awarding status and hence our top priority now is to provide quality education in economics, econometrics, business economics, environmental economics, development studies and management sciences which is affordable but of world-class standard in this region along with a truly stimulating learning environment. Our faculty is rich and our advisory committee consists of world-renowned economists such as Nobel Laureate Robert A. Mundell. The advice of PIDE's International Advisory Board is also sought on various aspects of the Institute's academic activities. The Board comprises outstanding scholars (including Nobel Laureates) in Economics, Demography and Anthropology. PIDE is located at the Quaid-i-Azam University Campus in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan.

ARTICLE – I

Respective Areas and Methods / Nature of Cooperation

The proposed collaboration will encompass the following:

- i) To achieve the United Nations's SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) 2030.
- ii) Facilitation of the students and faculty regarding research and teaching collaboration and hostel facilities of either university, as and where available, for their capacity building.
- iii) To organize joint lectures/seminars/workshops/conferences.
- iv) To develop a bilateral culture of research and innovation.
- v) To provide opportunities for internships to students in departments.
- vi) To facilitate the mutual student and faculty exchange programs between both parties.
- vii) To collaborate to access the respective industries.

1. Objectives

The objectives of this MoU, between both universities, are to establish and strengthen collaboration to promote research quality and education through the exchange of expertise, and the holding of seminars and conferences, as per the rules and regulations of the two institutions. On agreeing to undertake joint activity/activities of mutual interest, the two parties would develop specific terms of the contract for the agreed activity/activities based on this understanding. A liaison between these two institutions will strengthen economic research cooperation and foster a collaborative working relationship, aiding in identifying and developing initiatives and projects that will benefit both parties. The MoU is developed to attain the following objectives.

1.1 Collaboration in Research Projects and Joint Thesis Supervision

Under this arrangement, both parties shall explore the possibilities of conducting joint research projects on a collaborative basis, to promote the image of both institutions as disseminators of state-of-the-art knowledge in the relevant research fields.

1.2 Conference, Seminars, Workshops

Both parties shall arrange mutually agreed joint conferences, workshops, seminars, webinars and similar events regularly.

1.3 Access to Research Facilities

The parties shall make their research facilities accessible to faculty and postgraduate students on a mutual basis, when and where possible.

1.3.1. Sharing facilities and access to data for collaborative research projects/ activities, between the participating institutions, keeping to availability without disturbing the routine activities of each of the institutions.

1.3.2. The relevant details shall be mutually agreed upon in a separate protocol on a case-to-case basis.

1.4. Sharing of Academic Data, Publications, and Information

Under this arrangement, both institutions shall endeavour to share teaching materials, such as lecture notes and case studies, research reports, working papers, audio-visual materials, and software among the faculty of both universities in a mutually beneficial manner.

1.4.1. Such exchange and use of the materials shall not violate intellectual property rights.

1.4.2. Confidentiality of the data shared will be strictly maintained by both parties.

1.5. Sharing of Facilities for Mutual Benefits

Under this MOU, both institutions shall support each other by providing their facilities like seminar halls, conference rooms, auditoriums, guest houses etc. on special discounted rates not exceeding the actual cost of 50% or less depending upon the availability and prior information.

1.6. Exposure of Relevant Industries

Both parties will support each other for the access and exposure of the relevant industries in their respective cities.

1.7. Other Areas of Mutual Interest

Under this arrangement, both parties shall explore the feasibility of working together on other projects, deemed to be mutually beneficial and viable for both Institutions.

ARTICLE – II

Terms of Cooperation

2. Confidentiality

During the term of this MoU, each party shall treat as confidential and shall not disclose to any person the terms of this MoU or any information or materials supplied or made available in connection herewith without the prior written consent of the other party provided, however, the party may disclose such information as required by law or to its professional advisers. This provision shall survive the termination or expiration of this MoU.

3. Duration / Validity, Termination and Renewal of the MOU

This MoU shall become effective upon getting the documents signed by the Vice Chancellor of the Government College Women's University Sialkot (GCWUS) or his/her nominee, and the Acting Vice Chancellor of the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), or his/her nominee, and shall continue to be in force for ten (10) years, from the date of signing of the MoU by both parties, unless terminated earlier by clause 05 (termination). This MoU will be extendable if agreed between the two parties.

3.1 This MoU may be amended in writing through the exchange of letters between Government College Women University Sialkot (GCWUS) and the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE). The letters exchanged to this effect shall become an integral part of the MoU.

3.2 Any changes to this MoU shall be subject to the written consent of both parties.

3.3 This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding relationship between the parties and nothing in this MOU shall be construed to create any legal right of either party or any third party.

3.4 This MOU may be renewed upon the mutual MOU of both Parties.

4. Intellectual Property Rights

4.1 Neither party anticipates a situation arising from this partnership, which will require the transfer, exchange, or use of the other's intellectual property rights. On that basis, nothing in this MoU transfers or purports to transfer any intellectual property rights between the parties. If any situation requiring the transfer of intellectual property rights arises, the parties will mutually consult to agree (by amendment to this MoU) at that time to deal with that situation.

4.2 Neither party will use any posters, labels, packaging, photographs, marketing or educational or educational materials, or any other documents bearing the logo of the other Party, in individual advertisements or similar other campaigns, even after the termination of this MoU.

5. Dispute Resolution

Any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or concerning this MoU or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof, shall be settled amicably through dialogue by the signatories of this MoU.

6. Termination

Either party may terminate this MoU at any time by providing at least 3 months' notice of termination, in writing to the other party, save that either party may terminate this MoU, in writing, with immediate effect, if one party in its absolute discretion determines that its association with the other party will adversely affect the status, reputation or neutrality of the first party.

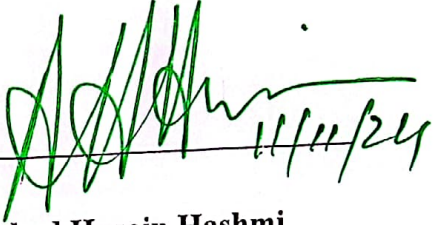
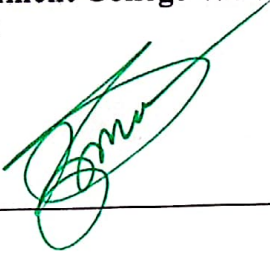
In the event of the expiry of the MoU, the activities hereunder shall be brought to a prompt and orderly conclusion. Each Party shall immediately cease use of the other Party's name, logo, or trademarks.

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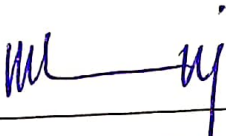
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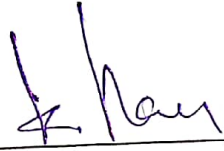
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Witnesses:




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Director External Linkages, GCWUS



Dr. Karim Khan
Director ORIC, PIDE

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Dr. Muhammad Umair Ashraf
Director ORIC, GCWUS

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