



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
HARBIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
AND
NATIONAL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS

Based on the common interest for the development of education and research at both universities and the endeavour to broaden the cooperation between the universities, the **Harbin Institute of Technology**, represented by the Vice President, Professor Liang ZHEN, and the **National Technical University of Athens**, represented by the Rector, Professor Ioannis Chatjigeorgiou, hereby conclude the following agreement of cooperation.

Article 1 - Purpose

The Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT) in China and the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA) in Greece determine and regulate with this agreement the areas and issues of mutual cooperation as well as the framework of its implementation. This Agreement represents the parties' intent to work in good faith to develop statements of work as may be appropriate to implement the terms of this Memorandum. This Agreement is also intended to encourage and facilitate discussions regarding specific collaborative activities.

Article 2 - Activities

This Agreement of Cooperation envisages the implementation of the following activities:

- Collaborative learning and teaching activities to improve teaching and learning performance
- Collaborative research and innovation to promote and develop new technologies
- Academic networking to enhance institutional capacities
- Skills intelligence initiatives to improve competences
- Exchange of faculty members and research scholars for teaching, learning and research activities

- Exchange of students (undergraduate, postgraduate, PhD candidates, international) for studies (study programs, thesis elaboration)
- Exchange of administrative staff to improve digitalization, modernization and internationalisation
- Library exchange of publications
- Training and youth work
- Summer schools, colloquia and symposia
- Lifelong learning programs and vocational learning programs
- Micro-credentials as (i) complementing to full degrees, (ii) part of lifelong learning
- Blended / hybrid academic activities
- Synergies to pursue scholarships and create fellowships schemes
- Other mutually-agreed educational or research programs

Before implementing these activities, the parties will discuss the opportunities and challenges presented and will thereafter enter into specific activity agreements based on the mutually agreed objectives and outcomes.

Article 3 - Coordination of activities

Both partners believe that it is in their best interests to encourage direct contact and cooperation between their faculty members, departments, institutes and other research centers in fields of teaching and research to be agreed upon and subject to the availability of funding and to the development of specific statements of work.

Signatory parties will appoint the Coordinators for implementation of this Cooperation Agreement. The Coordinators from both parties will define the type, scope and principles of implementation in Annexes to this Agreement. All such implementation plans annexed to this Agreement will be signed by the authorized representatives of both parties prior to the initiation of the planned activities. At least once in the year, the Coordinators will analyze the implementation of the Cooperation Agreement and plan further activities.

Article 4 – Resources and regulations

The implementation of this Agreement of Cooperation is subject to the availability of funds and resources for joint activities. All commitments and obligations shall be in accordance with each institution's normal practices and policies and budgetary appropriations, the specific terms and conditions of the funding agencies, and all applicable national laws, rules and regulations.

Article 5 – Duration and amendments

The cooperation between the Harbin Institute of Technology and the National Technical University of Athens shall be carried out on the basis of a five-year period program of cooperation.

This Agreement may be terminated or revised by either party giving six months' prior written notice to the other party.

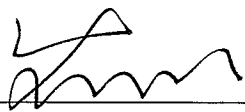
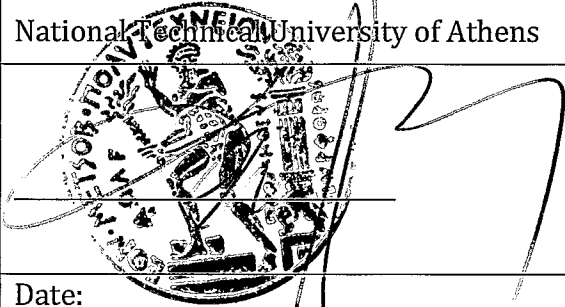
Possible amendments and additions to this Agreement shall be conducted in writing and signed by each party's authorized representatives and annexed to this Agreement.

Article 6 – Dispute Resolution

Both parties shall make every effort to resolve amicably, by direct informal negotiation and consultation, any dispute arising between them in connection with this Agreement.

Article 7 – Effectiveness

This Agreement of Cooperation puts in the effect upon the date of signature by the representatives of the two universities and shall be reviewed after five years, unless notice of termination or amendment is introduced by either party. It is signed in two copies, from which each signatory party retains one copy.

Prof. Liang Zhen Vice President Harbin Institute of Technology	Prof. Ioannis K. Chatjigeorgiou Rector National Technical University of Athens
	
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