

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Between ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, THAILAND And JIS GROUP, KOLKATA, INDIA

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is drawn up and agreed upon to establish the cooperation between the Asian Institute of Technology (hereinafter referred to as AIT), located at Km. 42 Paholyothin Highway, Klong Neung, Klong Luang, Pathumthani, Thailand and the JIS Group, Kolkata, located at 7, Sarat Bose Rd, Kolkata, 700020.

The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) is an international institute of higher learning. It is Asia's pioneer institution established in 1959 to help meet the region's growing needs for advanced learning in engineering, science, technology and management, research and capacity building. AIT's mission is to develop highly qualified and committed professionals who will play a leading role in the sustainable development of the region and its integration into the global economy. AIT is based in Thailand and has affiliated centers in other parts of the world.

The JIS Group is the largest educational conglomerate in eastern part of India. JIS Group started its educational initiatives since 2000. Currently JIS Group having 30 institutions including 7 engineering institutions, 2 dental colleges and 1 medical college. JIS Group educational initiatives mission is to advance and enhance the learning possibilities by fostering awareness, developing holistic knowledge acquisition through discovery, innovation, exposure and interaction to build effective human resource. The following engineering and pharmaceutical colleges are under the umbrella of JIS Group:

- 1. JIS College of Engineering.
- 2. Narula Institute of Technology
- 3. Guru Nanak Institute of Technology
- 4. Guru Nanak Institute of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology
- 5. Dr. Sudhir Chandra Sur Degree Engineering College
- 6. Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management
- Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management
- 8. Asansol Engineering College

# ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The purpose of this MoU is to enable cooperation between AIT and JIS Group in pursuit of common interests in teaching, training and research in Engineering, Technology and Management. Besides facilitating interactions between the institutions, the collaboration aims to foster advancement in teaching training, research and cultural understanding as well as international reputation of both the institutions.

## ARTICLE II: SCOPE

The activities under the scope of this MoU are:

- 2.1 Student Exchanges between JIS Group and AIT,
- 2.2 JIS Group Student short term training and workshop in AIT,
- 2.3 Faculty and staff development through short courses or post graduate academic program,
- 2.4 Collaborative training in the areas of mutual interest of JIS Group and AIT.
- 2.5 Submission of joint research proposals to appropriate funding agencies.
- 2.6 Sharing the expertise of invited/visiting faculty of JIS Group and AIT.
- 2.7 Organize joint international conferences and workshops.
- 2.8 Special Scholarships for top/ meritorious students of JIS Group to pursue post graduation at AIT

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# ARTICLE III: DURATION, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

- 3.1 This MoU will be effective from the date of signing by both parties up to a period of five (5) years, and may be subject to extensions by mutual consent of the parties in writing.
- 3.2 The MoU is valid for all the affiliating colleges of JIS Group as mentioned above.
- 3.3 Either party may terminate this MoU by giving six (6) months advance notice in writing to the other party.
- 3.4 The provisions of this MoU may be amended at any time with the mutual consent of the Parties in writing.
- 3.5 The amendment, termination and expiration of this MoU will not affect the terms of activities ongoing at the time of notification of amendment, termination, and expiration unless otherwise agreed upon between the parties.

## ARTICLE IV: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- 4.1 Each party will consult with and take approval of the other party to use the latter's name, the names of the latter's officials/faculty members, and the logo for the activities under this MoU, and dissemination of results, on a case-by-case basis.
- 4.2 Modalities of each type of collaboration, associated activities and financial aspects shall be mutually agreed upon on a case-by-case basis in separate Memorandum of Agreements (MoA).
- 4.3 This MoU shall be governed and construed under the laws of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of India as appropriate depending upon where the activity under this agreement takes place.
- 4.4 The two parties will consult with each other and attempt to resolve disputes or misunderstandings that arise in the administration of this MoU or any subsequent associated agreement informally.

### ARTICLE V : CONTACT PERSONS

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This MoU is prepared in two identical copies. Each party holds one original copy duly signed by the President of AIT and the MD of JIS Group

Signed for and on behalf of:

Asian Institute of Technology

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Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai

President

Date: 16.03.15

Mr. Taranjit Singh

Managing Director

Date: 16.03.15