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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH
AND
ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY, USA

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between North South University, Bangladesh (hereinafter called "NSU") and Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama, USA (hereinafter called "AAMU").

Whereas NSU and AAMU acknowledge a desire to establish certain co-operative programs beneficial to their respective educational institutions and to promote the development of exchange programs, joint studies, research and training activities, and other educational programs of mutual interest.

NOW THEREFORE, THIS MOU WITNESSES AS FOLLOWS:

AGREEMENT

That in contemplation of the relationship to be established, the parties herein agree as follows:

- I. This agreement is not to be considered a contract creating legal and financial obligations between NSU and AAMU. It is designated to facilitate and develop genuine and mutually beneficial study programs, research relationship, and exchange programs. The universities will promote each other's non-competing academic programs.
- II. **It is agreed that NSU and AAMU will work together to promote the following:**
 - A. Student Exchange
 - B. Faculty and Staff exchanges
 - C. Exchange of teaching, research, and administrative materials.
 - D. Collaborative faculty research in any field of interest of both universities.
 - E. Creation and organization of conferences, seminars, and workshops.
 - F. Any other activity mutually agreed between the parties including student recruitment for non-competing academic programs.
- III. **Benefits and Advantages**
 - A. Waive non-resident fees for up to 4 new students annually.
 - B. Preferential application review by staff members from the Office of Graduate Studies.
 - C. Priority consideration for one graduate assistantship annually for the academic periods 2014-2015, and 2015-2016.

- IV. This agreement, when executed by the parties, shall become effective on October 1, 2014, and shall continue for a period of five years ending December 31, 2019.
- V. Facilitate the admission of qualified North South University, Bangladesh graduates into Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University graduate programs.
- VI. **Requirements and Terms**
- Students must have an undergraduate degree and a cumulative GPA of at least 2.8 at the time of application to the graduate program.
 - Students must complete the admission application for Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University
 - Students must meet the academic requirements for admission as outlined in the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University Catalog
 - Students will provide Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University with a final transcript listing degree posted and cumulative GPA for the bachelor's degree.
- VII. Resources for implementation of this agreement may come from either party, depending upon budgetary availability. Neither party is obligated to expend any resources in connection with this agreement. No implementation of any portion of this agreement or commencement of any specific projects may be initiated prior to the written assurance of adequate budgetary resources.
- VIII. This agreement shall not be constructed as creating a relationship of partners, brokers, employees, servants, joint ventures or agents as between the parties. The parties to this agreement are acting as independent participants. With respect to employee compensation for services provided in connection with this agreements, each party shall be responsible for its own employees' withholding taxes, workers' compensation, and other employment related taxes.
- IX. The parties shall cooperate mutually to resolve any dispute or misunderstanding through collaboration and discussion.
- X. Either party shall have absolute right to terminate this agreement with or without cause upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. Such termination shall not affect students of faculty already enrolled and participating in a program at the host institution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representative(s) of North South University and Alabama A&M University have executed two (2) copies of this agreement on this.

(Date of signature) 1st day of September 2014

Alabama A & M University and

Alabama Agricultural and
Mechanical University, USA

Dr. Andrew Hugine, President
Alabama A&M University

Date July 30, 2014

North South University
North South University
Bangladesh

Dr. Amin Sakar, President Vice Chancellor
North South University - Bangladesh

Date August 12, 2014