

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

AZARBAIJAN SHAHID MADANI UNIVERSITY (TABRIZ, IRAN) And GEBZE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (KOCAELI, TURKEY)

1. Preamble

- 1.1 Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University, Iran and Gebze Technical University, Turkey are willing to enter into closer cooperation in the development of education services to their students and formally establish this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MOU).
- 1.2 The purpose of this MOU is to promote and expand international understanding, development, and friendship as well as stimulate and support educational, professional and intercultural activities and projects among students and staff of the two institutions and the respective communities which support these institutions. Furthermore, this MOU sets forth and describes some general and specific aspects of the agreement, with the understanding that on the basis of a regular review of activities, the document in both its general and specific content may be revised with the mutual consent of Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University, Iran *and* Gebze Technical University, Turkey.
- 1.3 Identified general activity areas of mutual interest and concern may include but are not limited to the following:
- student exchange programs
 - faculty/staff exchange programs
 - cultural exchange programs
 - “visiting scholars/tutors”
 - cooperative/collaborative research projects
 - cooperative (joint and double) degree programs
 - short term training programs/projects/ and service-learning programs
 - cooperative and exchange lecturing plans and lecture content, conferences and seminars
- 1.4 The term “host” institution refers to the university a student or staff member plans to visit. The term “home” institution refers to the university where a student is a full-time, degree-seeking student or, in the case of staff members, the university where the staff member is regularly employed.

2. Term and Termination of the MOU

The term of this MOU shall be five academic years beginning from January 2016. The MOU may be renewed for additional periods by written agreement of the institutions, signed by the authorities of each of them, prior to the end of the initial five year term (or any subsequent extension of the MOU). During the initial five year term (and subsequent extensions, if any), the parties shall consult at least annually to discuss the cooperation programs, any problems that have arisen, and opportunities for improvement. Either party may terminate this MOU at any time (during the initial five year period or any extension period) by giving written notice prior to January 31 of any year, with the termination taking effect at the end of the period specified in the notice.

3. Contact Person

Because of the desirability of implementing MOU activities in a systematic manner Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University and Gebze Technical University will designate a contact person assigned with the responsibility of coordinating MOU activities in general terms. For Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University this will be Dr. Farzad Salahshour, the Head of International Academic Relations Office, and for Gebze Technical University, this will be Mevlüdiye GÜZEL, the Coordinator of International Relations Office.

4. Student/Faculty/Staff Exchange

- 4.1. Both Parties are committed to establishing the student exchange on *bachelor, master and Ph.D student level*. Such exchanges may be for short specific courses or longer periods of up to one academic year. The Parties agree to sign a separate annual student and staff exchange plan.
- 4.2. The faculty/staff of an institution under the terms of the MOU may participate in a variety of activities at the other institution.
- 4.3. Such activities may include faculty exchange for instructional and/or research activities for short term or extended periods of time; conducting conferences, seminars and/or lecture series; providing professional expertise as consultants on special projects within the institutions; exchange of short term visits for exploration of further development activities between the two institutions; developing activities within mutually interesting education and research areas and related subjects in the community in which the institutions are located; and other activities as may be identified during the term of the MOU.

4.4 In general, faculty exchange activities are also implemented through a request/review/approval process involving the two institutions.

4.5 The undersigned institutions are also committed to consider their partnership for any further exchange projects supported by their respective national governments and EU authorities.

Signed & sealed:
H. Valizadeh



Prof. Hassan Valizadeh
The Chancellor
Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University

11.04.2016

Date



Prof. Dr. Haluk GÖRGÜN
Rector
Gebze Technical University

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