

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(GUANGZHOU), CHINA
AND
UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS
Patras, GREECE**

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), China, and University of Patras, recognizing the mutual benefits of academic exchange and cooperation, enter into this Memorandum of Understanding effective October 4th, 2024 in order to work together in the pursuit of the objectives set out herein.

Objectives

This MoU establishes the framework through which the parties can foster and develop a cooperative relationship between them through such activities as:

- Mobility of faculty and/or staff;
- Mobility of graduate and/or undergraduate students;
- Joint research activities and publications;
- Participation in seminars and academic meetings;
- Exchange of academic materials and other information; and
- Special short-term academic programs.

The terms of co-operation for each specific activity implemented under this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of that activity and will be the subject of separate agreements. In addition, in this Memorandum of Understanding partner organisations mutually accept their respective criteria and procedures for quality assurance, assessment, validation and recognition of knowledge, skills and competence for the purpose of transferring credit.

Financial Terms

The cooperation decided by this Memorandum of Understanding is primarily based on the principle of non-exchange of funds, apart from a separate agreement to define financial commitments in the areas of activity of the Memorandum.

All activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum shall be subject to the availability of resources of the Parties.

Names and Logos

Any use of the names or logos of “*University of Patras*” or “*The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou)*”, including any of its constituent schools, departments, programmes, relating in any way to the activities described in this MoU, shall be subject to prior written approval.

Intellectual Property

All intellectual property rights embodied in documents or related to information exchanged between the two Parties belongs to their original owner (Party) and extend to all kinds of intellectual property in which the above information may be incorporated, upon legislation (national) or (European) framework and/or modifications of the Parties.

The management of intellectual property rights developed by partnerships within the framework of this memorandum of cooperation, determined between the Parties through mutual consultation and separate written agreements as the case may be.

Confidentiality

The Parties agree that there is no intention to disclose confidential or proprietary information in any collaboration under this MOU. If either Party wishes to disclose to the other Party any information it considers confidential or proprietary, then the Parties shall enter into a written non-disclosure agreement.

Personal Data

The Parties recognize the importance of protecting personnel data character of natural persons, their lawful and correct processing. In that meaning, the parties comply with the basic principles of personal data processing, respect the rights of natural persons, agree, ratify and implement the Personal Data Protection Act, [Regulation 679/2016 (EU)] for the protection of natural persons against of the processing of personal data. The obligation to comply with the Regulation will remain in force even after the expiry of this Memorandum.

Term and Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective as of the Effective Date and will remain in force for an initial period of three years. It may be renewed upon mutual written agreement of both institutions. The Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party provided a one-month written notice is given by either party.

The administration of this MoU will be the responsibility of **Prof. Dionissios Mantzavinos**, Vice Rector at the *University of Patras* and **Mr. Jing Fu**, Head of Global Affairs Department at *The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou)*.

The work of the partnership will be evaluated and reviewed by the coordinators above by the end of the first year after signing this MoU.

Any termination of this MOU will not affect programs and activities undertaken prior to its termination, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

Coordinators

Any notice given pursuant to this MoU must be sent in writing to the following listed contact:

HKUST (GZ)

Mr. Jing Fu, Head of Global Affairs Department
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou)
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University of Patras

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This MOU expresses the parties' intent to cooperate with each other with respect to the mutually agreed upon goals set forth herein. This MOU shall not obligate either party to take any action, enter into any agreement or pay any amount to any party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the Effective Date.

**For The Hong Kong University of Science
and Technology (Guangzhou)**



Lionel Ming-Shuan NI
President

Place.....

Date....5/11/2024

For University of Patras



Prof. Christos I. Bouras
Rector

Place.....

Date...22/10/2024