#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COOPERATION BETWEEN KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY AND

Information Technology Professional Forum (ITPF) Nepal

Considering their common interest in promoting the mutual cooperation in the area of research, and academics, both parties wish to expand the basis for friendship and cooperative educational exchange and have set forth the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

#### ARTICLE I **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MOU is to develop research and academic cooperation and to promote relations and mutual understanding between both parties.

#### ARTICLE II SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

Both parties undertake to promote and develop research and academic cooperation in the following ways:

- 1. Share the technical expertise and resources for the promotion of research activities.
- 2. Cooperation in computer graphics design laboratory development relevant to the expansion of research facilities and academic studies in the country.
- 3. Exchange of technical staffs and students.
- 4. Cooperation in research and the presentation of its results.
- 5. Exchange of academic materials, publications and other scientific information.
- 6. Other educational and academic exchanges to which both the parties agree.

#### ARTICLE III FINANCIAL ARRANGEMEMT

- 1. Both parties agree that all specific arrangements and plans for activities are to be negotiated and are dependent on the availability of funds.
- 2. Both parties agree to seek financial support from national and international organizations for the joint activities to be undertaken as stated under the terms of this MOU.

#### ARTICLE IV AGREEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION

A detailed description of the scope of activities shall be defined in an agreement of implementation, which constitutes an integral part of this MOU.

An agreement of implementation will include such items as:

- 1. Elaboration of the responsibilities of each institution for the agreed upon activity.
- Schedules for the specific activity.
   Budgets and sources of financing for each activity.
- 4. Any other items deemed necessary for the efficient management of the activity.



## ARTICLE V INTELLECTUAL PROPERY RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION

- Both parties will share all data and research findings, patent rights, copyrights and other intellectual property rights to any discoveries, inventions and products resulting from this MOU.
- 2. Detailed management of the intellectual property rights and publication shall be defined in the agreement of implementation of each activity.

#### ARTICLE VI SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

The differing viewpoints and interpretations of this MOU shall be settled amicably by mutual consultation or negotiation

## ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS; DURATION AND TERMINATION

- 1. Amendments to this MOU can only be written by mutual consent of the two parties.
- 2. This MOU shall be in effect from the date of its signing and be valid for the duration of three years from that date and will be automatically renewed on an annual basis thereafter, unless terminated or replaced with a new MOU.
- 3. This MOU may be terminated by either party by written notice at least 6(six) months in advance. In case the MOU ceases to be in effect of account of termination thereof, the provisions of the plan of operation shall be continued to apply to the extent necessary to secure the implementation of existing activities as agreed upon in the agreement of implementation.

This MOU is written in English in 2(two) copies, both are authentic. As witness to their consent to this MOU, the appropriate authorities hereunto provide their signatures.

Mr. Lochan Lal Amatya

President

Information Technology Professional Forum (ITPF)

December 25, 2007

Dr. Bhola Thapa

Acting Dean,

School of Engineering, KU

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December 25, 2007

#### Addendum Of

# MOU between School of Engineering, Kathmandu University & Information Technology Professional Forum (ITPF)

The primary focus of MoU between SOE (KU) and ITPF is to strengthen the collaborative relation between academia and professional forum in general and Department of Computer Engineering at particular. This addendum elaborates the possible course of actions that takes place immediately as the execution of MoU.

- 1. A taskforce will be established between ITPF and Department of Computer science and Engineering (KU), which plans, monitors and controls the execution of MoU.
- 2. Both parties will explore for possibility of utilization of IT Park for the development and promotion of IT related activities. Both parties will work together for:
  - a. Promote Business Incubation activities
  - b. Establish company with involvement of institutions and professionals interested in IT for initiating activities in IT Park
  - c. Running high end carrier camp for graduates
  - d. High-end training services with export potential
  - e. Innovation promotion initiatives
- 3. Active participation of ITPF associates and members in providing expert service in academic activities at KU or participation of KU ICT, entrepreneurship & management faculties to ICT industrial activities in Nepal
- 4. Facilitate for 3 months Internship for 4<sup>th</sup> Year Computer Science and Engineering students of KU in ITPF Associate Companies.

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### KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY

**School of Engineering** 

December 25, 2007

To Registrar Kathmandu University

Respected sir

Kindly find the original copy of MOU between School of Engineering, Kathmandu University and Information Technology Professional Forum, Nepal. This MOU is signed by Dean of School of Engineering and President ITPF on December 25, 2007 at Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel. Mr Suresh Regmi former president of ITPF and Chairman of Subject Committee of Computer Engineering had initiated and coordinated for this MOU.

Dr. Bhupendra Bimal Chhetri, Dr. Bim Prasad Shrestha, Mr. Anup Baskota and Mr. Purushotam Kharel were present in the occasion from Kathmandu University side and Mr. Sashi Bhattarai, Mr. Jyoti Tandukar were present from Information Technology Professional Forum (ITPF) side. Both the parties had open discussion to make the MOU successful and utilize the resources available in both the organization for the benefit of society.

Two main interest of this MOU is utilization of IT Park and establishment of Incubation Center.

I request for endorsement of this MOU.

We assure you that we will make this MOU active and effective.

Sincerely

Dr. Bhola Thapa Acting Dean

School of Engineering

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Vice Chancellor, Kathmandu University