

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Kathmandu University (KU)
And
Global Academy of Tourism & Hospitality Education (GATE)

Having realized the urgent need to promote and deliver world-class higher education in hospitality management and tourism based on globally recognized quality, skills and competency, Kathmandu University (hereafter referred to as KU) and the Global Academy of Tourism & Hospitality Education (hereafter referred to as GATE), both building on their history of academic excellence, and recognizing the potential to re-energize and re-invent, are willing to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as MoU) for collaboration to create an innovative educational program to produce world-class human resource in the hospitality and tourism industry

PURPOSE

The objective of this collaboration is to make hospitality and tourism education accessible to students especially coming from marginalized socio-economic background whilst accommodating international students for a global education experience. The innovative world-class hospitality education program will champion KU's initiatives of quality, innovation, equity, identity, impact and global engagement. The students enrolled will *learn-while-they-earn* and *earn-while-they-learn* to cover their tuition fees. Other characteristic of this collaborative constituent program will be, close partnership with industry to enhance real-world learning, globally accredited programs, placements of students in the best hotels during the study duration and internship, involvement of international students, tailor-made learning for students with competency-based evaluation criteria, and promote indigenous elements of Nepali culture in the curriculum.

KU and GATE hereby agree to

1. Launch a collaborative constituent **KU-GATE Hospitality Management Program** starting from 2021 intake leading to Bachelors and Masters level degrees in Hospitality Management and allied programs under **Kathmandu University School of Management (KU SOM)**.
2. Run KU-GATE Hospitality Management Program under the auspiciousness and governance of **KU GATE Governing Board**. **KU GATE Hospitality Management Program** will be an autonomous constituent program operating under the rules and regulations of Kathmandu University.
3. This collaboration is intended to setup an autonomous KU-GATE Foundation with the integration of existing hospitality outreach centers (Bandipur, Pokhara) and other Centers of GATE.

This MoU confirms the intent of both parties to explore and facilitate innovative academic and research collaboration in hospitality education and industry. Each specific activity shall comply with separate agreement to ensure efficient and legal implementation of the activity.



This MoU shall be effective from the date of signature by the representatives of both parties and, shall remain in valid for six years from the date of signature. It is subject to renewal by mutual consents of the parties,

After the expiry of the initial period either party, if so chooses, may terminate the agreement giving notice six months in advance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this MOU to be signed.

DONE at Kathmandu, Nepal on this **Monday, 2nd November, 2020** in two (2) originals, both copies being equally authentic.

FOR KU

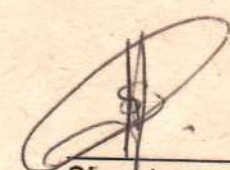


Signature

Prof. Dr. Ram Kantha Makaju Shrestha, MD
Vice-Chancellor

Date:

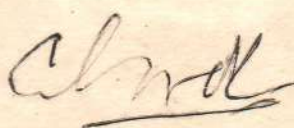
FOR GATE



Signature

Khem R. Lakai, CHE
Founder/CEO

Date:



Witness Signature

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Designation: *REGISTRAR*



Witness Signature

Name: *BHARAT K. LAKAI*

Designation: *BOARD OF DIRECTOR*