# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

#### BETWEEN

KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY (KU), DHULIKHEL, KAVRE

AND

MANMOHAN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (MTU), BUDHUGANGA, MORANG

### BACKGROUND

Kathmandu University (KU), Dhulikhel, Kavre was established to provide higher education and research in different disciplines through the Schools of Engineering, Arts, Law, Science, Management, Medicine, and Education. Established in 1991, KU has already completed its Silver Jubilee in 2016. Further, it has acquired high recognition within the country and across the globe through its excellence in research, teaching, and collaborative activities.

Launched initially as a polytechnic institute, Manmohan Technical University (MTU), Budhiganga, Morang was established as a technical university on 3 October 2019 to enhance technical education by producing quality human resources in Engineering, Applied Science & Technology and Medicine & Allied Health Science areas. It has already launched diploma programs such as Electronics, Electrical, Mechanical and Civil Engineering in 2008, and added Architecture and Electrical & Electronics Engineering programs in 2020.

#### THE PURPOSE OF COLLABORATION

By keeping the national interest at center stage, the primary purpose of the collaboration is to strengthen Nepal's science and engineering education, thereby playing the catalytic role as the implementers of Nepal's national priorities in science and engineering education in Nepal. Therefore, both the universities have decided to help, support, and strengthen each other as mentioned below:

#### CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT:

- KU and MTU will support each other with the sole aim of nurturing, developing and consolidating all aspects of science and engineering education in Nepal.
- KU and MTU will extend full cooperation in the training of each other's students in postgraduate programs. Specifically, tuition fee waivers for at least 1 (one) Masters-by-Research and 1 (one) PhD candidates will be provided by KU to MTU each year in different areas of science and engineering.







#### **EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS AND FACULTIES:**

- KU and MTU will provide opportunities for short/longer-term deputations of their respective faculty/staff members to each other as per their needs. The deputed faculty/staff members shall abide by the rules and regulations of the universities where their original postings are.
- · KU and MTU will engage in the exchanges of students and faculty members to strengthen teaching, research, and innovation.

## TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER:

- KU and MTU will consider conducting joint research in mutual interests and disseminate the outcomes within and outside the country.
- KU and MTU will share their laboratories to enhance research, teaching, and innovation.

#### MOU DURATION:

- The MOU will be effective immediately on the day it is signed for 5 (five) years. The . MOU can be extended after five years if both sides agree.
- Any changes, revisions, and modifications will be considered by mutual agreement.

## TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

This agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement or if one or both parties are in breach of the agreed terms of the MOU. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving the other party one month prior notice in writing of the intention to do so if either party doesn't fulfill their responsibilities as stated above.

On behalf of Manmohan Technical University

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Witness:

Signed on: 15 July 2021

On behalf of Kathmandu University

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