

Memorandum of Understanding

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences & Health Services, whose address of correspondence is at Shahid Chamran Highway, Eeven, Tehran 19395, Islamic Republic of Iran,

And

Open University Malaysia, whose address of correspondence is at Block B, OUM Campus, Jalan Tun Ismail, 50480 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into this day of 25th day of January 2008 by and between **Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences & Health Services** and **Open University Malaysia**.

WHEREAS **Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences & Health Services** and **Open University Malaysia** agree to mutually establish affiliation and cooperation in specific areas mutually beneficial and agreeable by both parties in the near future.

WHEREAS the collaboration between these institutions of higher learning proposed to enhance the material, physical and intellectual development of the students, faculty, and staff of both institutions.

NOW THEREFORE **Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences & Health Services** and **Open University Malaysia** wish to establish the following Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which shall lead to the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) subsequently containing matters, but not limited to, the following :

Article 1

Both institutions resolve to exercise reasonable efforts to:

- (a) Promote academic program collaboration at the Master of Business Administration degree in the specialization of Health Management to **Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences & Health Services** and **Open University Malaysia**;

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- (b) Promote cooperation of materials development and resources for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Health Communications and Master of Science (MSc.) in Medical Informatics programs;
- (c) Promote exchange of academic personnel for teaching, research, or both in areas mutually beneficial;
- (d) Promote exchange of visiting scholars from each of the institution party in areas mutually agreeable by both parties;
- (e) Consider organizing joint seminars and or conferences in areas mutually agreeable;
- (f) Promote joint research and publication in specific areas mutually beneficial; and
- (g) Promote other forms of cooperation mutually agreeable by both parties from time to time.

Article 2

Nature of cooperation:

This cooperation encompasses the areas in academic programs, academic administration, teaching, research and the development of program contents in the areas identified mutually by both parties. The areas preliminarily identified are the Master of Business Administration (Health Management). This collaboration shall be facilitated through I.M.N Hub Iran-Malaysia Network, whose role shall be specified in the forthcoming Memorandum of Agreement.

Article 3

Curriculum:

Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences & Health Services and **Open University Malaysia** will work together in developing the academic curriculum and the content for learning resources in the areas of Master of Science (MSc.) in Medical Informatics and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Health Communications, to be detailed in the Memorandum of Agreement.

Article 4

Faculty:

Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences & Health Services and **Open University Malaysia** will promote and conduct exchange of academic and related personnel taking into consideration the specific needs of either party and mutually agreed by both parties.

Article 5

Academic Programs:

Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences & Health Services and **Open University Malaysia** shall design, develop and deliver academic programs at the bachelor and master's degree level in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran and subsequently in other locations to be mutually identified by the parties. However, amendments and customizations necessary to meet regulatory compliance shall be done with mutual consent of both parties.

Article 6

Finance:

Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences & Health Services and **Open University Malaysia** shall specify the financial implications (tuition fees, et cetera) of the collaboration or cooperation in the Memorandum of Agreement to be executed by both parties.

Article 7

Other matters:

Any other matters not contained in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually discussed and agreed by both parties in the Memorandum of Agreement.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective upon the date of signature by the appropriate representatives of both institutions and shall be in force for one year from the date hereof. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be terminated by either party by giving a one month notice in writing or shall be superseded by the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement in pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto by representatives duly authorized has executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the day, month and year first above written.

*For Shahid Beheshti
University of Medical Sciences
& Health Services*



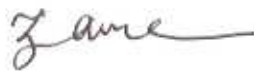
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DR. ALI HAERI
Dean, Faculty of Medicine

For Open University Malaysia



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PROF DR ROSLI HAMIR
Vice-President

Witnessed by,



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DR HOOSHANG ZAEEM KOHAN
Senior Advisor to the Minister of Health,
Ministry of Health and Medical Education,
Islamic Republic of Iran

Witnessed by,



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REPIN IBRAHIM
Senior General Manager,
Open University Malaysia