



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
NORTHWESTREN POLYTECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (NPU)
XIAN CHINA
AND
SAMARKAND STATE UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER SHAROF RASHIDOV
(SAMSU) SAMARKAND, UZBEKISTAN**

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as "MoU", is made between **Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU), China** and **Samarkand State University named after Sharof Rashidov (Samsu), Uzbekistan**, hereinafter collectively called "the Parties", Whereas **Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU)** is known as a top research and educational institution in China in the fields of Aeronautics, Astronautics, and Marine Science and Engineering, Material Science and Engineering etc., that aims to explore and harness high technology and the natural sciences and to promote long-term strategic partnerships with top-rated research institutions, reputed global scientific organizations and multinational research and development corporations,

Whereas Samarkand State University named after Sharof Rashidov is a top university in the fields of Engineering and Sciences in Uzbekistan.

Whereas both Parties have recognized and expressed mutual Interest to develop partnership in various mutually agreed fields of science and technology. Now therefore, this MoU is hereby agreed between the Parties as the following:

Objective

This MoU intends to set out the general terms of cooperation between the Parties to promote science and technology and to foster collaboration in relevant fields of education, research and technology on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Modalities of Cooperation

Based on the understanding of the relative strengths of the Parties, this MoU supports a variety of collaborative activities. With the purpose of capacity building in advanced technology acquisition, the Parties agree to cooperate through the following ways:

1. Short term training courses
2. Student Cultivation programs
3. Postdoctoral fellowships
4. Establishment of joint research laboratories.
5. Joint workshops, symposia, seminars, and lectures on matters of mutual interest.



6. Strengthening institutional collaboration.
7. Faculty and student exchange on reciprocal terms, payment and/or gratis basis.
8. Any other areas of collaboration may be added from time to time with the mutual agreement of the Parties on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefits.

The Parties will jointly seek funding opportunities in carrying out the collaborative activities in areas mentioned above. The financial arrangements from various sources on each collaborative activity shall be agreed upon between the Parties on case-by-case basis.

Working Mechanism

1. Research institutions affiliated with the Parties are encouraged to formulate and sign cooperative documents on specific cooperative programs under the framework of this MoU.
2. The research institutions are encouraged to form joint working groups to work out detailed cooperative plans.

Publications and Intellectual Property Rights

The Parties shall respect the intellectual property rights of each other. All such matters that relate to the publication of research findings and intellectual property rights that arise from carrying out any collaborative activity under the MoU shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Parties in conformity with their respective intellectual property rights policies.

Confidentiality

The Parties shall keep confidential all knowledge, information, documents, demonstrations, technical know-how, other commercially valuable information as well as all related information either generated or disclosed by either Party in the process of undertaking any collaborative activity under this MoU. Such confidential information shall not be disclosed to third parties without the prior written consent of the other Party and shall not be used for any purpose not contemplated by this MoU. A party may disclose the said information if required by the applicable law to do so. Further, the said information may only be disclosed to those individuals from the receiving party who need to know the said information in order to perform the activities directly falling under the ambit of this MoU. Such individuals shall be bound by the confidentiality obligations under this MoU. The Parties shall inform the other Party as soon as practicably possible of any breach of the confidentiality clause under the MoU of which it comes to know. Obligations under this clause shall survive the termination and expiration of this MoU.

Dispute Resolution

In case of any dispute or controversy relating to any aspect of this MoU, the Parties shall use their best efforts to settle immediately such dispute or controversy amicably through direct negotiation.



Governing Law

The provisions of this MoU shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Republic of Uzbekistan and the laws of People's Republic of China (PRC).

Amendment

The MoU may be amended with the written mutual consent of the Parties.

Duration and Termination

The Memorandum shall become effective upon the last signature and shall remain in effect for 5 years. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the Memorandum in writing at least six months prior to the beginning of an academic term/year and prior intimation to the other party.

On behalf of Northwestern Polytechnical University, China

On behalf of Samarkand State University named after Sharof Rashidov, Uzbekistan

Dr. Zhang Yanning
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