MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM, UK

University of Nottingham
UK CHINA MALAYSIA

and

ANNA UNIVERSITY
CHENNAI, INDIA
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WHEREAS,

Anna University was established on 4th September 1978 as a unitary type of University. It offers higher education in Engineering, Technology, Architecture and Allied Sciences relevant to the current and projected needs of the society. Besides promoting research and disseminating knowledge gained there from, it fosters cooperation between the academic and industrial communities. The University was formed by bringing together and integrating two well-known technical institutions in the city of Madras. College of Engineering, Guindy (CEG) (1794), Madras Institute of Technology, Chromepet (MIT) (1949) and three Technological Departments of the University of Madras, Alagappa College of Technology (ACT) (1944), School of Architecture and Planning (SAP) (1957). From December 2001, the University has become a large, highly renowned University with affiliating status.

WHEREAS,

Nottingham's first civic college was opened in the city centre in 1881, four years after the foundation stone was laid by former Prime Minister, W E Gladstone. An anonymous benefactor had offered £10,000 for a college on condition that a suitable building be erected by the Council and that the college should be provided with £4,000 a year. In 1948, the college was awarded the Royal Charter and became The University of Nottingham, now able to award degrees in its own name. During this period the School of Agriculture was established when the Midland College of Agriculture at Sutton Bonington merged with the University.
The signatories agree:

ARTICLE 1: Common Shared Vision

1.1 Signatories of this agreement share the following common vision: the promotion and enhancement of the dissemination of knowledge in order to provide society with superbly trained professional engineers, and in the creation of knowledge through the scholarly research activities of its faculty, staff and students in order to provide society with the vitally needed highly qualified personnel.

1.2. Signatories of this agreement agree in principle to establish for themselves a preferential Institutional partner status.

ARTICLE 2: Responsible offices

University of Nottingham and Anna University agree to appoint an overall coordinator for the administration. The coordinator will serve as the contact person on campus, being responsible for arrangements associated with visits, ensuring that necessary approvals are in place and the general welfare of the students/faculty.

ARTICLE 3: Commitment of the signatories

University of Nottingham and Anna University commit themselves to work together in a collaborative, collegial relationship of mutual benefit with the contribution of complementary skills and resources towards the common shared vision.

3.1 Student exchange programme

3.1.1. University of Nottingham and Anna University would offer opportunities to undergraduate and postgraduate students from the partner institution to carry out projects in their own laboratories.

3.1.2. University of Nottingham and Anna University would be open to opportunities for the regular engineering curriculum undergraduate and postgraduate students from the partner institution for one semester or one year.

3.1.3. Proposals for students to be agreed separately in advance with sufficient notice to both parties.
3.2 Faculty exchange programme
The agreement also envisions co-operation for faculty exchange through deputation for short term assignments spread over not more than a year in areas mutually identified.

3.3 Other activities
The above-mentioned activities are not exclusive; other may be considered, such as:

- Joint projects,
- Collaborative research activities, including joint supervision of doctoral students,
- Joint academics programs,
- Other areas of mutual interest.

When relevant, the above-mentioned activities will be described in a specific document.

ARTICLE 4: Administrative provisions

4.1 Terms and termination
This agreement will become effective upon signing and shall be effective for three (3) years, or until earlier termination by either party in keeping with the terms of this Agreement. This agreement shall be renewed if both the parties agrees at the end of the three-year-term.

4.2 Modification
If any exchanges in the above clauses or a modification are intended then it can be carried out by mutual consent of both the parties.
ARTICLE 5: Legal Effect

This MoU is not intended to impose any legal obligation whatsoever on either parties, but not limited to an obligation to bargain in good faith. The parties do not intend to be bound by any agreement until both agree to and sign a definitive written contract. Neither party can rely on any promises inconsistent to this paragraph. This paragraph supersedes all other conflicting terms.

For and on behalf of
Anna University, India

Prof. M. K. Surappa
Vice-Chancellor

For and on behalf of
University of Nottingham, UK

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Pro Vice Chancellor
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Registrar

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