

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN**



NATIONAL SKILLS UNIVERSITY ISLAMABAD & AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PAKISTAN STUDIES

INTRODUCTION

The American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS), established in the year 1973, is a bi-national research and educational organization with a mission to promote scholarly exchanges between the USA and Pakistani higher education institutions. The AIPS - a consortium of 38, US universities and academic institutes, is supported by the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, Department of State USA and Government of Pakistan (Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training).

The National Skills University (NSU) Islamabad established in the year 2017 with a mission to provide skill-based education and empowering and equipping youth with 21st-century skills. The university has to offer advisory and training services in the realm of global standards for public/private bodies, commercial, and industrial organizations in the country. To achieve its goals, the NSU aspires to collaborate with national and international collaborators, particularly organizations working under the ambit of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the National Skills University (NSU) and the American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) Islamabad is an agreement to cooperate on activities for the promotion of skill-based higher education, training, and research. We are entering into this agreement to better serve the society through skills development programs aligned with the National requirements of Pakistan in different fields. Both institutions agree to conduct the following activities for promoting scholarly cooperation.

Purpose of Cooperative Agreement between AIPS and NSU

- a) To promote cooperation in skill-based higher education in Pakistan.
- b) To focus on faculty training and curriculum development by scholars having an international reputation in skills development disciplines.
- c) To share information and use resources of both institutions more efficiently and effectively to provide increased skill-based education and research to better serve the community through skill and experience of Pakistan and American Scholars and Institutions.

GENERAL TERMS OF EXECUTION

The American Institute of Pakistan Studies and the National Skills University(NSU) Islamabad agree to cooperate on the following:

- I. AIPS will assist NSU in bringing senior US scholars and experts for faculty training, curriculum development and research.
- II. NSU will provide local logistics to AIPS scholars for effective implementation of faculty mentoring workshops and other joint initiatives including curriculum development and pedagogy.
- III. The AIPS and NSU agree to co-organize series of academic programs through visiting US scholars/researchers in their fields in different campuses of the university.
- IV. The AIPS and NSU agree to work towards establishing a Model Skills College on the premises of NSU for imparting skills based education in selected fields. Aligning with the vision of the university, the college will offer certification courses with the help of US scholars for teachers and other graduates on mutually agreed terms between the two institutions.
- V. The AIPS will encourage and facilitate academic partnerships between NSU and AIPS member institutions in the US. This may include, but shall not be limited to, faculty / student exchanges, curriculum development, joint academic certificates and collaborative programs.
- VI. The AIPS will assist NSU in academic placements of its doctoral and post-doctoral scholars at US universities in selected fields.
- VII. Both parties agree to extend cooperation and undertake joint programs related to skills education in other areas of interest.

ANNUAL REVIEWS

In order to assure progress in attaining the goals described in this MoU, it is agreed that AIPS and the NSU will annually review the scope and progress of cooperative activities.

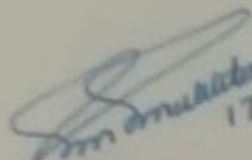
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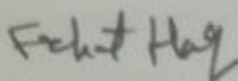
This MoU shall last for an initial period of three (03) years from the date of signing and may be extended by mutual understanding, to be recorded in writing. Either party is free to withdraw at any time by serving written notice, clearly expressing its intention to withdraw, to the other party at least one year prior to the desired/expected cut-off date.

AMENDMENTS

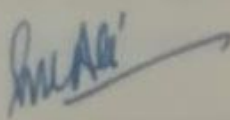
Amendments to this MoU may be proposed by either of the signatories below or their successors or nominees and shall become effective only if agreed by the (signatory/successor/nominee of the) second party, in writing.

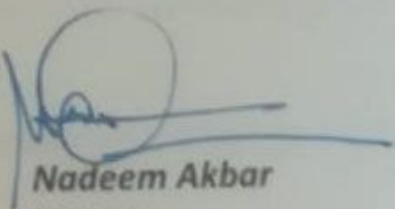
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