MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

The Government of Australia and the Government of Brunei Darussalam (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

Recognising the importance of education and training in national development,

Mindful of each other's achievements in this field,

Desiring to strengthen ties established by mutual membership of SEAMEO and Commonwealth education fora,

Desiring to strengthen and broaden co-operation and mutual assistance in the provision of education and training at all levels in their respective countries,

Have reached the following understanding:

1. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The Parties will encourage

(a) Co-operation in primary and secondary education; technical and vocational training; and tertiary education, particularly between tertiary institutions such as universities, institutes of technology, colleges of advanced education, teacher training institutions and colleges of technical and further education.

(b) Exchange of information and teaching materials in written and audio-visual form.

(c) Exchange of teachers, staff of tertiary institutions and students.
(d) Co-operation in designing and establishing curricula for educational and training programmes, including educational programmes for specialist needs such as training and education of the physically and mentally handicapped and the intellectually gifted.

(e) Co-operation in the establishment and development of teacher training in primary, secondary, technical, vocational and specialist needs.

(f) Co-operation in the provision of advice and assistance in establishing practices for educational administration and accreditation.

(g) Interaction between professional and technical bodies to encourage communication and continuing professional education and the recognition of awards.

2. METHODS

In order to pursue the above objectives the Parties may:

(a) Identify fields of study of relevance to both countries among which may be:

1. English and Malay languages.
2. Natural sciences - chemistry, physics, mathematics, biology, geology.
3. Economics, law and business administration.
4. Computing, information technology and communications.
5. Engineering in all its aspects.
6. Medicine, dentistry, nursing and related health sciences such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.
7. Architecture, drafting, interior design and related services.
8. Agriculture, veterinary science, forestry and related environmental and animal science.
9. Teacher training.
10. Technical and vocational training in such areas as secretarial skills, housing and construction and automotive maintenance and repairs.

(b) Develop appropriate levels bridging courses to facilitate entry by nationals of one country to institutions in the other.

(c) Facilitate individual links between Australian institutions and the institutions of Brunei Darussalam and encourage communication and interaction between them.

(d) Seek to establish where possible arrangements for the recognition of awards from tertiary and technical institutions of the Parties in accordance with the entry requirements of the authorities, institutions and professional and technical associations in the countries of the Parties.

3. EXECUTING AUTHORITIES

The Executing Authority for the Government of Australia will be the Department of Employment, Education and Training, and the Executing Authority for the Government of Brunei Darussalam will be the Ministry of Education.

4. IMPLEMENTATION

(a) The Executing Authorities will work on the details and implementation of the above-mentioned activities.

(b) Representatives of the Executing Authorities will meet once every two years or as they may otherwise mutually determine to review the operation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

5. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved by the consultation between the Parties.

6. AMENDMENT AND REVIEW

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by written mutual consent of the Parties. The Parties may mutually consent to its review at any time.
7. COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature. It will remain in effect for an initial period of three years after which said period it will remain in effect until either party terminates it by giving written notice to the other of its intention to terminate it, in which case it will terminate six months after the date of receipt of the said notice.

SIGNED at Canberra, on the 15th day of October, 1990.

For the Government of Australia

For the Government of Brunei Darussalam