

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
HIGHER EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND RESEARCH
CO-OPERATION

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Guided by the desire to enhance the bilateral relations between the Government of Australia and the Government of the United Arab Emirates in the field of higher education, vocational education and training and research, appreciating the importance of higher education, vocational education and training and research as a means to further cultivate ties between the two Governments, and based on the outcomes of meetings between officials responsible for higher education, vocational education and training and research cooperation in both countries, the Government of Australia, represented by the Department of Education and the Department of Industry of Australia; and the Government of the United Arab Emirates, represented by the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (hereinafter referred to singularly as "the Participant", and collectively, as "the Participants") have agreed on the following:

Paragraph 1: Objective

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "Memorandum") provides a framework within which activities of co-operation in higher education, vocational education and training and research can be jointly considered and undertaken between the Participants on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Paragraph 2: Fields and Forms of Co-operation

Under the auspices of the relevant authorities of each country, the Participants will encourage cooperation between government, higher education, vocational education and training and research institutions. The forms of cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding may include, but are not limited to:

- i. the development of co-operation between government agencies, and other government organisations in the area of higher education, vocational education and training and research through regular consultation between officials to discuss activities of mutual interest related to co-operation in higher education, vocational education and training and research.
- ii. facilitating linkages between higher education, vocational education and training and research institutions in both countries through:
 - a. interactions, such as meetings, conferences and symposia;
 - b. the exchange of students, academics and researchers as mutually determined by the Participants; and
 - c. collaborative programmes.

- iii. the exchange of information in areas of mutual interest, including:
 - a. higher education, vocational education and training and research systems and standards in both countries;
 - b. teaching and curriculum materials;
 - c. standards, accreditation systems and nomenclature of awards to assist in the interpretation and evaluation of degrees, diplomas and certificates;
 - d. policy developments in relation to higher education, vocational education and training and research in both countries;
 - e. study opportunities in each country for nationals of the other; and
 - f. the development and benchmarking of occupational standards.
- iv. facilitating improved recognition of qualifications and enhanced credit transfer arrangements between institutions of both countries.
- v. identifying opportunities to develop further co-operation.

Paragraph 3: Costs

The cost of cooperative activities will be funded as mutually determined. All cooperative activities under this Memorandum will be subject to the availability of funds. Each Participant will bear its own costs, unless otherwise arranged between the Participants.

Paragraph 4: Liability

In implementing the collaborative activities under this Memorandum, each Participant will be responsible only for its acts and the results thereof and will not be responsible for the acts and outcomes of the other Participant. In the event of a joint activity in which it is not possible to allocate responsibility for a particular act or outcome, the Participants will be jointly responsible for such acts and the results thereof.

Paragraph 5: Intellectual Property Rights

This Memorandum does not affect intellectual property rights of the Participants. Where it is foreseeable that issues relating to intellectual property rights might arise in the proposed cooperative activities, the Participants, in accordance with their national laws and any international agreements they have entered into, will jointly determine in advance the effective protection and allocation of those intellectual property rights.

In this paragraph "Intellectual Property" will have the meaning provided for in Article 2 of the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organisation, done at Stockholm on 14 July 1967, as amended on 28 September 1979.

Paragraph 6: Commencement, Amendment and Termination

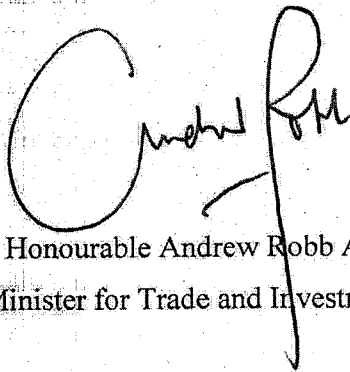
This Memorandum will take effect on the date of signature by both Participants and will remain in effect for a period of five years. This Memorandum may be extended for a further period or amended as mutually determined in writing by both Participants.

This Memorandum may be terminated by either Participant, at any time, by providing written notice of the intent to terminate to the other Participant. The termination will take effect one month after such notice is given. The termination of this Memorandum will not affect the validity or duration of activities initiated prior to such termination, unless the Participants otherwise jointly determine.

In Witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorised have signed this Memorandum; duplicated in English and Arabic. In the event of ambiguity the English language version will prevail.

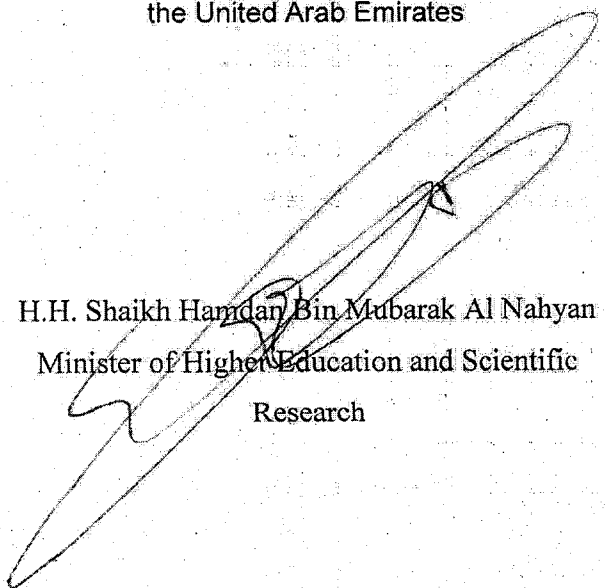
The said Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 14 Jumada Al Akhira 1435 A.H. corresponding to 14/4/2014 A.D.

For the Government of
Australia



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