

VMRF(DU) Salem and INTI International University Malaysia signs New Academic Partnership

Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University) (VMRF(DU)) in Salem, India, and INTI International University in Malaysia have signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at fostering academic collaboration and promoting mutual growth in research and education. The virtual signing ceremony, held on 18th June 2024, marks a significant step towards strengthening educational ties between India and Malaysia. Key officials from both institutions participated in the MoU signing ceremony, including VMRF's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. P.K. Sudhir; Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. J. Sabarinathan; Registrar, Prof. Dr. Nagappan and Vice Principal (Academics), AVIT Dr. S. P. Sangeetha, as well as INTI International University's Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Goh Khang Wen; Regional Head, Dr. Kumerasan Krishnasamy and International Relations and Collaborations Centre representatives.

The MoU focuses on several key areas:

1. Student Mobility and Visiting Scholar Programs

o The agreement outlines plans for student and faculty exchange programs, providing participants with international exposure and diverse academic environments. These exchanges aim to enhance educational experiences and foster cross-cultural understanding.

2. Joint Publication and Research Activities

 Both institutions are committed to collaborative research projects. This collaboration leverages the strengths and expertise of both universities to achieve innovative research outcomes.

3. Scholarly Activities

 Regular workshops, seminars, trainings, conferences, and symposiums will be organized to facilitate knowledge sharing and professional development for students and faculty members from both institutions.

4. Exchange of Academic Materials and Information

o The MoU places significant emphasis on the exchange of academic materials and information, recognizing the pivotal role of digital learning in contemporary education. Both institutions are committed to enhancing their online education platforms and e-learning resources. This initiative aims to make quality education more accessible to a wider audience, ensuring that students and faculty members can benefit from the wealth of knowledge and resources available at both universities.

5. Other Mutually Agreed Activities and Programs

- o Prof. Dr. J. Sabarinathan, Pro Vice Chancellor of VMRF, expressed his enthusiasm about the partnership, stating, "This MoU signifies a new era of academic excellence and international cooperation. By combining our resources and expertise, we aim to create a robust educational framework that benefits students and faculty alike."
- o Professor Dr. Goh Khang Wen, Pro Vice Chancellor of INTI International University, said, "We are excited to embark on this collaborative journey with VMRF. This partnership aligns with our commitment to providing our students with global opportunities and enhancing our research capabilities through international collaborations."

The signing of this MoU marks the beginning of a dynamic partnership that promises to enrich the academic landscapes of both VMRF Salem and INTI University Malaysia. The initiatives outlined in the agreement are set to commence in the upcoming academic year, with both institutions eager to explore the full potential of this collaboration. As VMRF and INTI University embark on this venture, the academic communities and stakeholders eagerly anticipate the innovative opportunities and advancements that will arise from this partnership.

