AGREEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

between

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, U.S.A

and the

BANGLADESH UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY
DHAKA, BANGLADESH

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI & SU) and the Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET) agree to cooperate on international exchange programs based on the principle of reciprocity.

This agreement expresses the interest of both parties in exchanging scholars, students, academic information and materials in the belief that the research and educational processes at both universities would be enhanced and that mutual understanding between their respective scholars and students would be increased by the establishment of such exchange programs.

1. The universities agree to encourage the development of the following exchange programs on their respective academic and educational needs.

- Exchange of scholars (professors, lecturers, or researchers).
- Exchange of students (including both undergraduate and graduate students).
- Joint supervision of MS. and Ph.D. students.
- Exchange of academic information and materials.
- Exchange of periodicals and other publications.
- Organization of joint research programs.
- Organization of joint conferences.
- Other academic exchanges agreeable to both universities.

2. The parties recognize that the implementation of any exchange program will depend upon the academic interests and expertise of individual departments and faculty members and upon the availability of financial resources. Accordingly, the implementation of each exchange program based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both universities.
3. This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and suggest the guidelines of such cooperation. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor will any constrains be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the agreement.

4. This agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both universities affix their signatures, will be in force five years, and is subject to revision or modification by mutual agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement at any time, although it is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to other institution.

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