MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(Virginia Tech)
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

AND

ASIA NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND
BIORESOURCES (ANSAB)
KATHMANDU, NEPAL

The Asia Network for Sustainable Agriculture and Bioresources (ANSAB) and the College of Natural Resources at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) agree to implement this memorandum of understanding signed on August 4, 2006.

This agreement is based on the principle of reciprocity and expresses the interest of both parties in exchanging scholars, students, academic information and materials in the belief that the research and educational process at both the institutions will be enhanced and that mutual understanding between their respective scholars and students will be increased by the establishment of such exchange programs. This agreement will build on the existing collaboration between ANSAB and individual Virginia Tech faculty, as well current projects conducted by the College of Natural Resources or its Conservation Management Institute (CMI) in Asia.

1. The College of Natural Resources and ANSAB agree to work together to seek development projects in Nepal and Asia, and develop programs including the following depending on their respective needs and interests:

   - Organization of joint research and technical assistance programs
   - Organization and implementation of short and long-term education programs
   - Organization of joint technical and management training programs

2. The parties recognize that the implementation of any program will depend upon the interests and expertise of individual faculty members and staff members of ANSAB, and upon the availability of financial and other resources. Accordingly, the implementation of each program based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both parties.

3. This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Nothing therefore
shall diminish the full autonomy of either organization, nor will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the agreement.

4. The agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both organizations affix their signatures and seals, will be in force for a period of 5 years, and is subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. It is also understood that either party may terminate the agreement at any time, although is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other party.

5. For Virginia Tech A. L. Hammett, and for ANSAB Bhishma Subedi shall serve as liaison officers for this agreement.

J. Michael Kelly, Dean
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Date

9/5/2006

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