



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made on the 14th day of March 2006.

BETWEEN

Universiti Putra Malaysia, a university established under the laws of Malaysia and having its address at 43400 Serdang Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia (hereinafter referred to as "UPM") of the one part;

AND

Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and having its address at Beheshtist , sti, Gorgan, Iran (hereinafter referred to as "GUASNR") of the other part.

WHEREAS:-

- A. UPM and GUASNR have a common interest in endeavoring to increase their cooperation and collaboration in education;
- B. UPM and GUASNR are desirous to foster a relationship that will promote international intellectual exchanges intended to educate students, faculty members and administrators of both parties; and
- C. In an effort to internationalize the life long learning process, both parties are now prepared to participate in a formal exchange program that seeks to promote an academic exchange program and to provide collaboration in research efforts.

NOW, THE PARTIES AGREE TO STATE THEIR INTENTIONS TO COLLABORATE WITH EACH OTHER BY WAY OF FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:

1. Area of Collaboration

UPM and GUASNR intent to collaborate with each other in pursuing academic cooperation and activities, which include:

- a. exchange of teaching and research personnel;
- b. exchange of administrative and other personnel;
- c. exchange of students;
- d. collaboration in research projects;
- e. establishment of joint programs.

2. Principles of Respect

UPM and GUASNR on the principles of respect for each other regulations and system and subject to any other requirements imposed by any laws and relevant government agencies of both countries, agree to carry out the cooperation and activities enumerated in clause 1 through and after mutual consultation in writing.

3. Separate Negotiation

UPM and GUASNR agree that the implementation of any and all exchange programs mentioned in shall be separately negotiated and determined by both parties.

4. Financial and Funding

UPM and GUASNR further understand with each other that each party, in any cooperative activities and collaboration so enumerated herein, will primarily be responsible in funding and supporting financially its own involvement in those activities.

5. Duration of Memorandum of Understanding

This MoU shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of the execution of this MoU and may thereafter be renewed by mutual agreement in writing for another period of 5 years

6. Termination of Memorandum of Understanding

Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 4 above, either party to this MoU may terminate this MoU by giving the other party 90 days notice of its intention to terminate this MoU.

7. Notices

Correspondence and notice under this MoU shall be in writing and sent to:-

If to **UPM**

International Relations Office
Universiti Putra Malaysia
43400 Serdang
Selangor Darul Ehsan
MALAYSIA
(Attn : Head of Department)

Tel : 603- 8946 6007
Fax : 603- 8656 3539
Email : iro@admin.upm.edu.my

If to **GUASNR**

International Relations Office
Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
Beheshti sti
Gorgan Iran
(Attn : Director)

Tel : 00981712224080
Fax : 00981712225989
Email : aTaheri@gov.ac.ir or Tabarsa99@yahoo.com

8. Mutual Trust

- (a) In entering this MoU, the parties recognize that it is impracticable to make provision for every contingency that may arise and that both parties hereby declare it is to be the intention of the parties that this MoU to operate between them with fairness and without detriment to the interest of either party.
- (b) Matters not specifically provided herein shall be decided in good faith through mutual consultation and sincerity between the parties hereto.
- (c) The parties herein agree to use their best endeavour to ensure the success of the MoU in the spirit it is entered into.

9. Miscellaneous

- (a) This MoU shall not be binding on the parties and nothing in this MoU shall be deemed to constitute a partnership between the parties or constitute any party hereto as agent to another for any purpose whatsoever and nothing in this MoU constitute an authorization for GUASNR to enter any transaction behalf of UPM, vice versa.
- (b) Should be any legal dispute, this MoU shall be governed by the laws of Malaysia.
- (c) Neither party may assign this MoU, whether in part or as a whole to a third party.
- (d) This MoU is in English Language only, with a copy of equal validity for each University

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have set their hands the date and year first above written:-

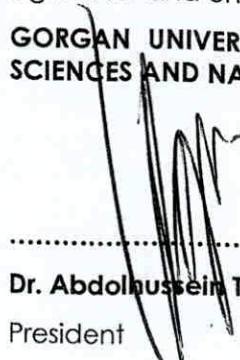
Signed for and on behalf of
UNIVERSITI PUTRA MALAYSIA



Prof. Dr. Nik Mustapha R. Abdullah
Vice Chancellor

Date : 13/3/2006

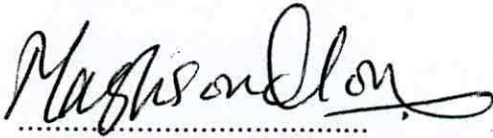
Signed for and on behalf of
**GORGAN UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL
SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES**



Dr. Abdolhussein Taheri
President

Date : 13/3/2006

In the presence of:



(Name: Dr. Yahya Maghsoudlou)

(Designation: Vice Chancellor
for Research &
Technology)

In the presence of:



(Name: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Javadpour Haeiri)

(Designation: Director
INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL ECONOMICS)