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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LGED AND BUET

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") dated 30 January 2006 between the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) through its Directorate of Continuing Education (hereinafter referred to as the "DCE") and the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) under Local Government Division of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives (hereinafter referred to as the "LGED")

WHEREAS

(A) the LGED implements small scale water resources development projects / subprojects (up to 1000 ha) in which planning, design, implementation, operation and management activities are involved;

(B) hundreds of engineers are working in the LGED and they need to be professionally trained in planning and management of small scale water resources management subprojects, construction practices and quality control of hydraulic structures, operation and maintenance practices of water resources management infrastructure;

(C) the DCE organizes short courses, workshops, seminars, symposia etc for all disciplines of engineering, science and technology;

(D) the BUET has an excellent set of highly qualified teachers having knowledge of the latest developments in the various fields of engineering and technology supporting the DCE;

(E) the BUET also has a number of linkage and bilateral programs with various foreign universities to facilitate the cooperation of foreign expertise in the process of dissemination of knowledge for capacity building including water resources management by developing post academic training programmes for practicing researchers and the academic professional engineers of Bangladesh;

(F) both the DCE and the LGED understand that improved cooperation between the two organizations will enhance effective integration and the sharing of experiences in planning, designing, implementation and management of water resources projects will enhance knowledge of professionals; and

(G) these two organizations will be mutually benefited through exchange of knowledge and experience, data and information, technical know how and technology through participation in short courses, seminars and workshops organized by the DCE.

NOW, THEREFORE, both the organizations hereto agree as follows:

1.0 SCOPE OF THE CO-OPERATION

The scope of co-operation and collaboration between the DCE and the LGED shall include the following:

- 1.1 Exchange of views, sharing of ideas and dissemination of knowledge for the development and management of water resources of the country in an integrated manner by supporting each other's program of activities.



- 1.2 Enhance cooperation between the two organizations in respect of water resources development plans and programs and sharing of related information.
- 1.4 Mutual participation in seminars and workshops to facilitate sharing knowledge, technical know-how and experiences and to build better understandings.
- 1.5 Development, organization and management of short courses tailored to the needs of the professionals of the LGED as and when needed.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF DCE/BUET

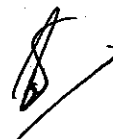
- 2.1 The DCE will develop, organize and manage the required courses in discussion and cooperation with LGED.
- 2.2 The DCE will provide appropriately qualified resource persons from its own faculty or from other organizations, as it thinks appropriate.
- 2.3 The DCE will conduct the courses in its own venue and provide reasonable facilities to the participants and resource persons.
- 2.4 The DCE will invite participants from the LGED to attend short courses, lectures, seminars and workshops when those are appropriate for the professionals of LGED..
- 2.5 The DCE will not be liable for travel, living, health-care or other expenses incurred by the participants during the courses, seminars and workshops.
- 2.6 The courses will normally be organized during weekdays and when unavoidable may extend over weekends.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF LGED

- 3.1 The LGED will select the participants for attending the courses from its engineers/employees.
- 3.2 The LGED will inform the DCE at least 3 months ahead the course to allow sufficient time for developing the course materials.
- 3.3 The LGED will cooperate with the DCE by providing resource persons from its professionals, if requested.
- 3.4 The LGED will invite participants from the DCE/BUET to attend to appropriate seminars and workshops organized by LGED.
- 3.5 The charges for the development, conduct and management of courses will be paid by the LGED according to the rules of the DCE

4.0 COMMON RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 Requirement of short, tailored courses for the professionals of the LGED will be decided by mutual discussion between DCE and LGED.
- 4.2 The number of courses to be developed/organized for LGED in a period of time will be determined by mutual agreement between LGED and DCE.
- 4.3 The required qualification of participants to attend a particular course will be decided by mutual discussion.



4.4 Each organization will appoint a contact person to facilitate implementation of a course. The contact person will monitor the program and be responsible for promoting, advertising and overseeing smooth running of the course.

5.0 EFFECTIVE DATE AND THE TERM

This MOU will take effect from the date of its signing and shall remain effective until it is terminated. Either party to the agreement may terminate the MOU, when expressly considered necessary, by giving written notice to that effect to the other party. The MOU however shall remain effective for 60 (sixty) calendar days from the date of issue of the notice and shall become ineffective and void after the above 60th calendar day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, both Organizations hereto have affixed their signature on the date first written above.

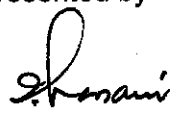
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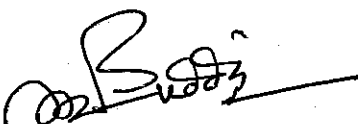

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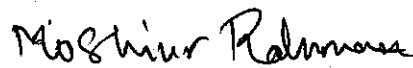
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