

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Madhya Pradesh Private University Regulatory Commission

And

AMITY University, Gwalior, (M.P.), India

And

Cambridge Assessment English (part of University of Cambridge, UK)

16th July 2019

AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered and executed on **16th July 2019** at **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.**

BY AND BETWEEN

Madhya Pradesh Private University Regulatory Commission (hereinafter Called "**MPPURC**"), a Regulatory Commission, established for the purpose of providing a regulatory mechanism in the State of Madhya Pradesh and working as an interface between the State Government and the central regulatory bodies for the purpose of ensuring appropriate standards of teaching, examination, research, extension programme, protection of interest of the students and reasonable service conditions of the employees, represented by its Chairman, having its office at Gyan Watika, Walmi Road, Kaliasot Dam, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh which expression shall, where the context so admits, be deemed to include its successors, executors and administrators of the **First PART**

AND

AMITY University, Gwalior is concerned to improve the English language standards of its students and English teaching standards of its teachers. It also intends to encourage and help the faculty and the students of other group institutions who are under Ritnand Balved Education Foundation. To this end the AMITY University, Gwalior intends to use the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages ("CEFR") supported by Cambridge Assessment English as a benchmark for English language skills. (herein after called "the University") **SECOND PART**

AND

The Chancellor, Master and Scholars of the University of Cambridge through its departments, the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate and Cambridge Assessment English, of Syndicate Buildings, 1 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB1 2EU, UK, (herein after called "Cambridge English") **THIRD PART**

Registrar
Amity University Madhya Pradesh
Gwalior

Cambridge Assessment English which is the world's leading authority on English language testing for all learners of English and qualifications for English language teachers. Cambridge Assessment English tests are globally recognised as high-quality assessments, which have a positive impact on the learning of English. Cambridge Assessment English works with partners in India to promote the use of standardised international assessments as benchmark levels to improve the learning and teaching of English, and is keen to work with MPPURC to give the teachers and students of the universities approved by it, access to international English qualifications.

In consideration of discussions between the parties and mutual promises and conditions in this MoU, the parties agree as follows:

Except as described herein, the terms of this MoU are intended as indications of interest only and are non-binding; although it is the intent of the parties that their collaborative project discussions proceed based on this MoU, the obligations of the parties to agree to any project and the terms thereof shall be subject to the negotiation, execution, and delivery of project agreements.

WHEREAS, MPPURC, the first party is tasked with regulating all the Private Universities in the state of Madhya Pradesh and is keen to leverage its infrastructure to help Private Universities in Madhya Pradesh to develop graduates with holistic skills and knowledge;

WHEREAS, all these collaborating agencies have complementing roles and responsibilities and core competencies. Combined effort of these agencies will help in a holistic and sustainable development of MPPURC regulated Universities, which in turn contributes towards progress of the nation;

AND WHEREAS, all the parties have held discussions and have agreed for collaboration for synergising their mutual strengths in public interest and to deliver a larger good for the society at large.

Scope of Global Collaboration

The parties agree to discuss in good faith the following projects:

1. The main objectives for MPPURC are:

- a. to introduce a standardized international learning and assessment system for English across MPPURC regulated Universities which are aligned to the CEFR
- b. to offer opportunity for students of MPPURC regulated Universities to gain proficiency in English which is internationally recognised
- c. to give teachers in MPPURC regulated Universities an opportunity for professional development
- d. To offer relevant credits to the Universities offering the Cambridge English programmes for ranking and accreditation.
- e. Provide support where necessary for inclusion of additional fees for delivering Cambridge Assessments & Certifications

2. The main aims for the University are :

1. to improve of the quality of teaching and learning English in AMITY University
2. to motivate the students of AMITY University to develop English language skills across the year by introducing various language development programmes
3. to incorporate Cambridge English programmes (as applicable) into the syllabus for the benefit of the students and faculty of AMITY University.
4. to offer relevant course credits to students taking up the Cambridge programmes as per the university policy.
5. to recommend specific courses proposed by Cambridge Assessment English for the students and staff of MPPURC regulated institutions.
6. to organize joint conferences, workshops, seminars and short term training programmes related to English language teaching
7. to encourage faculty to take up Cambridge Teacher certification to raise the standards of teaching as per AICTE recommendations

3. Scope of enabling services provided by Cambridge Assessment English to be availed by the University:

- a. Guidance on effectively using the CEFR, including alignment of curriculum and assessments with CEFR to that of recommended employability levels as well as higher education overseas.
- b. Support to map various English language learning courses of AMITY University with that of Cambridge Assessment English Business Certificates/ Linguaskill at CEFR levels B1/ B2
- c. Supporting the development of a cascade training model in Madhya Pradesh to enable Faculty to offer ongoing English language programmes
- d. Offer digital learning assistance to the students of AMITY University to enhance their language skills
- e. To offer blended learning programs and certifications on language and pedagogy enhancement to the faculty of MPPURC regulated institutions
- f. To offer insights on current language levels as well as mapping the progress of the students and establishing the impact of the Cambridge English programmes through detailed studies in the state of Madhya Pradesh
- g. To develop AMITY University as a Cambridge Assessment English authorised centre to deliver the relevant qualifications, they need to qualify the criteria for being an authorised centre.

3. The University may:

- a. Mandate the following Cambridge Assessment English examinations for students and teachers as appropriate:
 - Business Preliminary for all Engineering students
 - Business Vantage for all MBA students
 - Lingua Skill for students of general science streams
 - Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT) for all Teachers
- b. Will register candidates for Cambridge Assessments & certifications for students and faculty in the 1st academic year.
- c. The university is at liberty to charge additional fees from the students and faculty for delivering Cambridge Assessments & Certifications subject to review by authorities of MPPURC

No Confidentiality:

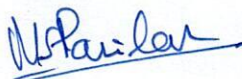
1. The parties agree that neither shall disclose to any person, other than their own employees, officers, directors or agents having a reasonable need to know same (and those of their affiliated companies), any Confidential Information that has been disclosed to it by the other party, directly or indirectly, nor use same in any way either during the term of this MoU or at any time thereafter without the express written authority of the other party, and to promptly return all Confidential Information upon termination of this MoU and written request by the other party.
2. For purposes of this Agreement, "Confidential Information" shall mean information that is proprietary as to the Party hereto which discloses same and is not generally known to the public or cannot be obtained other than through the Party disclosing same. This includes, but is not limited to, financial information regarding either Party, strategic business plans, marketing strategies, trade secrets consisting of programs, methods, formulae, processes, patterns, devices and compilations of information, records and specifications which have been developed or are owned by the disclosing Party. Confidential Information that subsequently becomes public information as a result of the actions of the disclosing Party shall thereupon no longer be considered confidential for purposes of this MoU.
3. The parties will pay all their own costs related to the intentions and terms of this MoU, except as otherwise stated in any project agreement between the parties. Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, a contract of employment, the relationship of supplier and purchaser or a relationship of principal and agent between the parties. Neither party shall disclose the terms of this MoU nor make any announcement relating to this MoU or its subject matter without the prior written approval of the other party. This MoU may be executed in one or more counterparts each of which when executed and delivered electronically or in hardcopy shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same document.


4. **MPPURC will not be precluded from entering into agreement with any other agency for any such program for the benefit of the teachers and students of technical institutes.**
5. Effective Date: This MoU shall be effective from the date it is signed by all the parties and will be valid for a period of two years until determined, suspended or terminated earlier.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, each acting under due and proper authority, have executed this mutually binding Memorandum of Understanding as on the date first written above.

For MPPURC:

For Cambridge Assessment English:

Signature: 
 Name: Dr. Mordhwaj Singh Parihar
 Prof. Mordhwaj S. Parihar
 Ph.D. (MCA), FPA (USA)
 Title: Chairman, MPPURC
 M.P. Private University Regulatory Commission, Chopal

Signature: 
 Name: Mr. TK Arunachalam
 Title: Regional Director
 Cambridge Assessment English



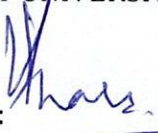
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For AMITY UNIVERSITY, Gwalior:


Signature: 
 Name: Lt. Gen. V.K. Sharma, AVSM
 Title: Vice Chancellor




Date: 16/07/2019

Seal of Office: Lt. Gen. VK Sharma (Retd)
 Vice Chancellor
 Amity University Madhya Pradesh
 Gwalior

Witnessed by:

1. Signature: 
 Name: Dr. Arun Pandey
 Date: 16/7/2019

2. Signature: 
 Name: Dr. N.K. Thapak
 Date: 16/7/19