



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

And

SRI SATHYA SAI KARUNA NILAYAM FOUNDATION (SSSKNF)

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into by and between the Eastern University, Sri Lanka, herein after called "EUSL" and the Sri Sathya Sai Karuna Nilayam Foundation (SSSKNF) Sri Lanka herein after called SSSKNF. EUSL and SSSKNF are referred to collectively as 'parties' or individually as 'party'.

1. Whereas **EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA** is a multi-disciplinary University which was established as the Batticaloa University College on 1st August 1981 with two faculties: the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Agriculture. On 1st October 1986, the University College was elevated to the status of a full-fledged university under the name of Eastern University, Sri Lanka. The Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies was adjoined with the Eastern University, Sri Lanka as its institute in 2002. At present the Eastern University, Sri Lanka has expanded its activities with six faculties and two faculties at Trincomalee Campus in Trincomalee. Altogether over 9,500 students from different communities are pursuing their higher education in the University. The Faculty of Health-Care Sciences (FHCS), currently located in Pillayaradi Batticaloa is one of the six faculties in Batticaloa. This Faculty is unique in incorporating current innovative trends in the health professions education to cater for the future health care needs of the society. Essential health sciences disciplines have been combined into six administrative departments namely Human Biology, Pathophysiology, Primary Health Care, Clinical Sciences, Medical Education & Research and Supplementary Health Sciences.
2. Whereas the hospitals of **SRI SATHYA SAI KARUNA NILAYAM FOUNDATION (SSSKNF)** Sri Lanka was incorporated in February 2016 as a Company limited by Guarantee under Section 34 of the Companies Act No.07 of 2007 of Sri Lanka (bearing Registration No. GA 3149), to promote charitable objectives. It is also registered as a charitable institution with the National Secretariat for Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), and its objectives place

(NGO), and its objectives place emphasis on extending free Medical and health education programs to serve the underprivileged in society.

Further, SSSKNF serves the needy in Sri Lanka based on three key elements to a better society: Medicare, Educare, and Community Development. SSSKNF of Sri Lanka is opened to provide free cardiothoracic surgeries to the children of Sri Lanka through Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Super Specialty Hospital, Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. In August 2022 the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Super specialty hospital was inaugurated. The first medical mission to serve children born with CHD was carried out on the 15th and 16th of September 2022. With the assistance and support of the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital Nava Raipur, one of four hospitals in India performing free heart surgeries the first mission in Sri Lanka was carried out. Sanjeevani hospitals are also established in Fiji, Nigeria, and Clarksdale in the USA. All services are done free of cost.

3. This proposed collaboration between SSSKNF and the Eastern University, Sri Lanka aims to jointly:
 - a) Design and Implement Socio-care Initiatives in the region
 - b) Enhance academic and research opportunities for the staff of the Foundation and staff and students of the University
 - c) Develop Public Health & Nutrition programs aimed at improving Regional Health Indicators, with a focus on Maternal & Child Health, Non-communicable diseases, Integrative Medicine
 - d) Collaboration with Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Super Specialty Hospital, Kirankulam, Batticaloa for preventive, curative, and educative care in the concerned specialties.

4. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:

The parties recognize the benefits to be derived from mutual collaboration, cooperation and interaction towards cultural exchange and providing education and life skills to students, staff and society. Hence, the parties desire to work together with the following objectives.

- 4.1 To organize training, conferences, seminars and workshops for enhancing the Education and Teaching skills and character development.
- 4.2 To share and exchange both faculty and students for a common concern for the development of higher education and health and pursuit of excellence in higher education and healthcare.
- 4.3 To do research and field analysis.
- 4.4 To encourage the Faculty Members to participate and contribute as resource persons in students' programmes.

- 4.5 To strengthen the health and educational relationships between the SSSKNF and EUSL for the welfare of the society

5. DISCRETION:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is subject to the following:

- 5.1 That the final authority regarding its implementation and coordination of its activities shall rest with Vice-Chancellor of Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence and Vice-Chancellor of Eastern University, Sri Lanka. There shall not be absolutely any financial commitment on the part of the SSSKNF and Eastern University, Sri Lanka under any circumstances.
- 5.2 The Memorandum of Understanding will come into operation on the date of signing of this Memorandum and operate for five years in the first instance subject to a mid-term review after three years and an end-of-term review after five years. It may be extended or terminated by mutual consent.
- 5.3 That the Memorandum of Understanding will remain valid for five (5) years from the date of signing with the possibility of further renewal, and such renewal is subject to evaluation and subsequent agreement on the part of both the parties.

6. GENERAL:

The broad general areas of cooperation envisaged in the Memorandum of Understanding will include:

- 6.1 Participation of Faculty members and the students of both Undergraduate & Post-graduate programmes of study conducted in SSSKNF and Field exposure conducted by Eastern University, Sri Lanka as would be appropriate, with no financial commitments on the part of the University.
- 6.2 Exchange of staff and students including research scholars on collaborative teaching, research and other academic assignments in accordance with their respective mission.
- 6.3 Mutual Participation in academic/social community activities like seminars, conferences, workshops, library exchanges, language programmes and so on in curriculum planning and evaluation, educational psychology value education, pedagogical sciences, educational technology and educational planning and administration.
- 6.4 Guidance, advice and training of Staff Development and Career Guidance of Students and other stakeholders.

- 6.5 Facilities: The authorities of both parties will support the activities to be carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding by providing necessary facilities. .
- 6.6 The SSSKNF and EUSL agree that this Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual agreement and that each may unilaterally withdraw after three months' notice to the other party.
- 6.7 The functionaries shall meet at least once in three months for planning and implementation of the programmes.
- 6.8 The SSSKNF and EUSL shall not bind any sort of financial commitment during sharing of any infrastructural facilities in respect of any of the activities envisaged in the MOU.
- 6.9 The SSSKNF and EUSL agree to use their name, logo, official emblem only for the activities prescribed by this MOU

7. CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The sequential procedure that is to be followed to resolve the dispute as follows,

- 7.1 If a dispute arises, the aggrieved party shall give written notice to the breaching party requiring that to the said dispute be resolved in good faith, within thirty (30) days of the breaching party receiving the notice of dispute from the aggrieved party.
- 7.2 If the dispute is not resolved by negotiation as aforesaid, the aggrieved party may seek legal redress under the laws of respective Governments.

This Memorandum of Understanding is executed on **25th October 2022** by the designated authorities of both the parties in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



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Witnesses



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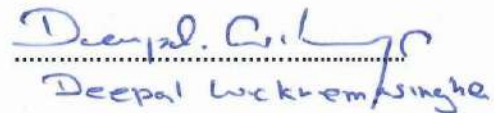


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