



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA CONCERNING
COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

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RECALLING the Canada-India Joint Statement of November 17, 2009 in which both sides recognized education as an area of new momentum, the need to facilitate mutually beneficial linkages in science, technology and innovation, as well as build synergies between institutions of higher learning in Canada and India,

ACKNOWLEDGING the crucial contribution of higher education and training to the development of human resources capable of participating in the global knowledge-based economy,

RECOGNIZING that cooperation in higher education should complement other relevant cooperation initiatives between Canada and India,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION that many active bilateral arrangements are currently in place between Canadian and Indian higher education institutions and associations,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the efforts of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute to promote bilateral education linkages since 1968,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the institutional cooperation established in the Canadian International Development Agency-funded program (*Canada-India Institutional Cooperation Project*) in the area of higher education,

CONSIDERING the full respect for the legislative powers of the provinces and territories of Canada and the full respect for the legislative powers of the Government of the Republic of India and the states and territories of India in the fields of education and training, and the autonomy of the higher education and training institutions,

EXPRESSING their intention to strengthen their relations through cooperative activities, information exchange and coordination of their respective programs,

HAVE COME to the following understanding:

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) complements other bilateral instruments of cooperation, including the *Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of India*, (the “Canada-India Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation”) done at Toronto on 18 November 2005.
2. The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of India will encourage the continued development of contacts and cooperation between the higher education institutions of the two countries, based on their respective academic, scientific and education needs through this MOU and arrangements between educational institutions on both sides.
3. The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of India understand that the activities which may be carried out may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
 - (i) Exchanges of undergraduate, graduate and vocational students, and post-doctoral fellows;
 - (ii) Short-term awards for faculty and graduate student research and curriculum development;
 - (iii) Doctoral studies at Canadian and Indian universities;
 - (iv) Academic mobility in support of the objectives of the Agreement;
 - (v) Joint organization of workshops, seminars or other meetings;
 - (vi) Joint organization of special technical programs;
 - (vii) Specialist training and professional/academic development activities;
 - (viii) Exchange of research materials, publications, educational literature, teaching aids, demonstration material and information;
 - (ix) Twinning arrangements between institutions of higher learning;

- (x) Setting up of education and/or training programmes between institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
 - (xi) Exploration of means to facilitate mutual recognition of educational qualifications;
 - (xii) Promotion of teaching and research in Canada about India and in India about Canada;
 - (xiii) Providing mutual assistance in education in the fields of educational planning and management, social sciences, information technology, computer science, mathematics, science, nanotechnology and bio-technology;
 - (xiv) Reciprocal internship programs in areas of mutual interest, such as in mathematical sciences research;
 - (xv) Policy dialogue in areas of mutual interest;
 - (xvi) Any other activity as mutually determined by both the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of India.
4. (a) The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of India will establish a Joint Working Group to oversee this MOU and its implementation.
- (b) The Government of Canada will designate a representative of its Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to co-chair the Joint Working Group and the Government of the Republic of India will designate a representative of its Ministry of Human Resources Development to co-chair the Joint Working Group on its behalf, with participation by other government ministries, other levels of government and sector organizations as appropriate.
- (c) The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of India understand that the Joint Working Group will meet alternately in Canada and India at least once every two years or as they may otherwise mutually determine.

5. The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of India will implement this MOU according to relevant Canadian and Indian laws.
6. The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of India will resolve any difference in the interpretation and application of this MOU through consultations.
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 - (a) This MOU will take effect upon its signature by the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of India and will remain effective for a period of five years, at which time it will be reviewed for possible renewal for a further five year period.
 - (b) The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of India may modify this MOU upon their mutual consent.
 - (c) Either the Government of Canada or the Government of the Republic of India may terminate this MOU by giving a ninety day written notice to the other side. Any such termination will not affect projects and scholarships already underway, unless otherwise decided by both sides.

SIGNED in duplicate at *Toronto* on this *27th* day of *June* 2010, in the English, French and Hindi languages, each version being equally valid.



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