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The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University,

Piparia, Vadodara, Gujarat State, India (Herein after referred to as SVDU)

And

Lincoln University,

Wisma Lincoln, No. 12-18, Jalan SS 6/12, 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia. (Herein after referred to as LU)

For the

Collaborative Academic / Educational professional programs, Research & Innovation Projects, Teaching Faculty & Student Exchange program, Faculty & Student development programs, other academic programs etc., for mutual benefit.

1. Preamble:

About SVDU:

Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University was established on 17th January 2007 under section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956, through Gazette notification of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Department of Higher Education Government of India, through vide notification No.F.9-46/2004-U.3 dated 17th January 2007, as "Deemed to be University" under *de novo category*. It is one of the premier private Institution of higher education mainly focusing on Healthcare education, and is committed mentor the students in achieving their potential in education, research and employment. The Institution is Member of the 'Association of Indian Universities (AIU)'. The main focus of the Institution is student-directed.

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The Institution is conferred Category - I Deemed to be University status by UGC, and is accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) at A++ Grade with CGPA of 3.61 at Four point scale in Second cycle. The Institution has below mentioned constituent Institutes, which are undertaking programs approved / recognized by respective Statutory Regulatory Authorities and Government of India:

- 1. Smt. B. K. Shah Medical Institute & Research Centre
- 2. K. M. Shah Dental College & Hospital
- 3. Department of Pharmacy
- 4. Sumandeep Nursing College
- 5. College of Physiotherapy
- 6. Department of Management
- 7. Department of Audiology & Speech Language Pathology
- 8. Sumandeep Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital
- 9. Sumandeep Ayurved Medical College and Hospital
- 10. Department of Prosthetics and Orthotics
- 11. Department of Paramedical Sciences

Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University imparts quality Healthcare Education and Training, and provides affordable scientific and Evidence-based health care, inculcating ethical and moral values in the students. The Institution emphasizes on Evidence Based and Community based Research. The Institution focuses on imparting knowledge through clinical and simulation based skill learning. The Institution has constituent institutes which offers Diploma, Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Doctoral (Ph.D.), Post-Doctoral Fellowship and Interdisciplinary programs, in the disciplines of Health such as Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Healthcare Management, Paramedical Sciences, Audiology & Speech Language Pathology, Prosthetics & Orthotics and AYUSH.

The Institution has numerous research thematic areas such as Oral Cancer, Oral Diseases, Diabetes, Neurological Disorders, Mental / Psychiatric health & Disorders, Dermatological Disorders, Immunological Disorders, Sickle Cell Anemia, Tuberculosis, Parasitic Infestation, Maternal & Child Health, General Rehabilitation, Drug Discovery, Targeted Drug Delivery, Cell / Molecular Biology etc.

The Institution has multi-super-speciality 1400 bedded General Hospital, which caters to the need of local population and is the major source of Clinical Research. The hospital is enriched with



enriched with patients with different types of diseases and anomalies. The Institution also has well equipped Dental, Ayurved, Homoeopathy and Physiotherapy Hospital.

State of the Art Central Research Laboratory:

The Institution has state of the art Central Research Laboratory to facilitate research in the areas of Basic Molecular, Genetics, Translational and Cell culture, and has highly qualified and experienced researchers. The Laboratory has high end modern equipment like - RTPCR, PCR, FTIR, HPLC, UV- Visible Spectrophotometer, Nano-spectrophotometer, Inverted fluorescence microscope, CO2 Incubator, Biosafety Cabinet, Western Blotting, Thermo-shaker, Gel Electrophoresis and Gel documentation, Freeze dryer, Vacuum Oven, Brookfield Viscometer, Rotary evaporator with chiller and vacuum pump, High Speed Centrifuge, High Speed Homogenizer, Refrigerated Centrifuge, Stability Chamber, Photostability Chamber, Deep Freezer (-20 &-80°C), Dissolution test apparatus, Rotary Tablet Machine, Franz Diffusion Cell Apparatus, BioPak, Melting point apparatus, Trinocular Microscope, Rotary Tome Microscope, Student's Physiograph, Paleothermometer, Moisture Balance, Sensitive Balance and Precision balance, etc. are available.

About LU:

Lincoln University (LU) is located at Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, and was established in the year 2011. It is one of the premier private institution of higher education approved by the Ministry of Higher Education and Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA- National Accreditation Board). The University College is also crowned with 5 Star ranking by the Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia Consecutively in 2017 and 2019. Lincoln University is listed among the Top Nine Malaysian universities according to the Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings 2019 (2021). LU is also an ISO 9001:2015 certified academic institution. Lincoln University is also the associate member of the 'Association of Indian Universities (AIU)', Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), London and a member of 'International Association of Universities (IAU)', Paris.

The University is committed to help the students in achieving their potential in education, research and employment. The main focus of Lincoln University is student-centric and student-directed.

2. Scope of the Collaboration:

The present MoU will be jointly conducted between SVDU and LU with defined areas, but not limited to the following. The core objectives comprise of:



- 1. Collaborative research by sharing the research facilities and writing collaborative research projects in the field of health sciences etc. for Government funding.
- Teaching faculty and Student exchange programmes in order to gain knowledge in all the areas including Medical Technology.
- 3. To organize National and International conferences, seminars, workshops etc. at either of the places to disseminate the relevant knowledge to the participants and stakeholders, significantly in the area of healthcare sciences.
- 4. To collaborate for conduction of in-house trainings on various clinical diseases, drug delivery system, clinical management, instrumentation and related activities in health area, for the teaching faculties, scholars and students.
- 5. Collaborative publication of the research outcome and general areas in peer reviewed journals.
- 6. To jointly register for Intellectual Property Rights at National or International level.
- 7. Collaborative submission of high end research projects to various Government / Non Government funding agencies, at National and International level.
- 8. To undertake educational programs / courses prescribed and permitted by University Grants Commission, India or any other statutory body, but not limited to Twinning, Joint Degree, Dual Degrees etc.
- 9. To facilitate research work related to Doctoral and Post Doctoral programs.
- 10. To facilitate the enrollment of candidates for degree programs (Diploma, Bachelors, Masters, Ph.D., Post Doctoral etc.)

3. General Areas of Cooperation:

Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University and Lincoln University shall encourage interactions among Scientists, Clinicians, faculty members, Research fellows and students through the following arrangements (but not limited to the same):

- Organize and deploy short term certified training programs on new approaches and Medical Technology,
- 2. Work on mutually acceptable projects including but not limited to field activities, organizing seminars and workshops on cutting-edge research,
- 3. Propose research concepts / ideas to any national / international agencies for financial assistance / development of innovative devices / products,
- 4. Exchange of personnel through deputation as per the rules of the respective Institute, as mutually agreed upon,
- 5. Research supervisors from both the Parties will be the corresponding authors in any



publication resulting from the collaborative work.

- 6. All the efforts put by the student/s as a part of this MoU will be accounted for by way of reporting the work in thesis and/or paper publication except the part for which IPR needs be claimed. Neither party will publish the work carried out under this MoU without acknowledging each other.
- 7. The Student Exchange program will be by mutual consent, between both the parties. The student may be provided with Hostel accommodation, if available. The travel expenses or any other expenses incurred by the student / visiting Institute during the exchange program, will not be borne by the host Institute.

4. Intellectual Property Rights:

Ownership of any intellectual property (including but not limited to confidential information, know-how, patents, copyrights, design rights, rights relating to computer software, and any other industrial or intellectual property rights) developed jointly during the course of this MOU shall be vested in both parties to this Memorandum. Both parties shall have the joint right to determine the commercial exploitation and disposition of such intellectual property, and both parties shall make joint applications for the registration of the same. Before any registration or commercialization of any intellectual property takes place, the parties agree to reach a separate agreement covering issues such as exploitation rights and revenue sharing. Any publication regarding such intellectual property shall only be possible with the prior written consent of both parties, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

5. Amendments / Modifications:

This MoU may be amended or modified by a written agreement signed by the representatives of both parties.

6. Adherence to Laws:

Participating faculties, staff and students involved in any activities under this Memorandum must adhere to the directives, regulations, guidelines etc. of the host Institute.

7. Commencement and Tenure of MOU:

The present MoU shall become effective from the date of signing – 26th November 2022 and may be renewed as per the requirement. The present MOU shall remain valid for the period of 10 (Ten) years (25th November 2032). The MOU may be amended/ terminated with mutual consultations and written agreement.



8. Jurisdiction:

If any disputes arise from any of the party, it will be decided by an arbitrator who will be appointed by mutual consent from both the parties. The jurisdiction of resolving the dispute will be Vadodara / Waghodia, INDIA.

Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University and Lincoln University welcomes the establishment of this Memorandum for cooperation and jointly agree to the provisions as set out above.

This MoU is signed between Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University, Vadodara, and Lincoln University on Saturday 26th November 2022, at Piparia, Vadodara, Gujarat State.

For Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University

Signature: Maraney

Name: Dr. Rajesh P. Bharaney Designation: Vice Chancellor, SVDU,

Piparia, Vadodara, Gujarat State, INDIA.

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Signature:

For Lincoln University

Name: Prof. Dr. Amiya Bhaumik

Designation: Founder President & Vice Chancellor, Lincoln University, Petaling Jaya,

Malaysia.

Seal:

Witness:

Signature:

Name: Dr. Chandramani B. More

Designation: Registrar, SVDU, Piparia, Vadodara, Gujarat State, INDIA.

Seal:

Witness:

Signature:

Name: Dr. B. Abdul Rafeeq

Designation: Executive Director, Lincoln

University, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

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Attested CTC

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