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LETTER OF INTENT

**FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES,
UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SABAH**

AND

**ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE MANGALORE,
KARNATAKA INDIA**

The **Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Universiti Malaysia Sabah** of Jalan UMS, 88400 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah and **ST Aloysius College Mangalore** of Light House Hill Road, Hampankatta, Mangalore, Karnataka 575003, India hereinafter referred to as "THE PARTIES";

Desiring to promote mutual cooperation and strong relationship in field **academic, research and community engagement** between **Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Universiti Malaysia Sabah** and **ST Aloysius College Mangalore**;

Recognizing the importance of the principle of equity and mutual respect and benefits;

Pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulation of the Government of THE PARTIES;

Do hereby declare their intention to cooperate in the field of;

1. Share expertise mutually on areas of research in Bioinformatics, Molecular biology, Biotechnology, Medicinal chemistry and other life sciences such as microbiology, biochemistry, nutraceuticals etc.,
2. Organizing international joint conferences and online lectures, educational talks of mutual benefits to researchers and students
3. Joint Research – Research collaboration, analyze practicality/workability of specific areas - look for funding
4. Joint research journal and jointly authored books
5. Faculty exchange – start with the recommendation and of review faculty profile and CVs
6. Community service/development programs - Rural exposure - other social extensions, lifestyle and heritage, culture and ecosystem.
7. Curriculum related - medical electives for both institutions and student exchange for electives.
8. Research in medicinal plants – Herbal research, Ethnomedicine
9. Capacity building – PhD supervision and mentoring
10. Research unique to the geographical positioning of each institute.

Key Performance Indicators (KPI):

1. Researcher capacity building based on CV and planning for joint projects: Online knowledge and idea sharing, skype conferencing – April 2020
2. Mutual joint research project preparation and submission for granting bodies: By September 2020
3. Leptin – Ghrelin in metabolic disorder among obese population: By September 2020
4. Bioinformatics, exploring the possibilities for research – Online seminar and training between the two institutions – November 2020
5. Public health, student community engagement, student electives between the two institutions – By December 2020
6. Publications: Journal: Joint publications in high impact journal – 2 papers by April 2021, Book publication: Joint book publication on mutually agreed topics such as 'Bioinformatics in Health', 'Medicinal plants in Borneo and Western Ghats of Dakshina Kannada' depending on mutually agreed topics – By September 2021

"Each Party understands that the implementation of all the above mentioned projects will not give rise to any financial obligation by one Party to the other. Each Party will bear its own cost and expenses in relation to these projects.

This Letter of Intention serves only as a record of the Parties' intentions and does not constitute or create, and is not intended to constitute or create, obligations under domestic or international law and will not give rise to any legal process and will not be deemed to constitute or create any legally binding or enforceable obligations, express or implied."

The implementation of this cooperation shall be concluded in appropriate measures in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be signed by THE PARTIES or the authorized representative of THE PARTIES.

Signed by, for and on behalf of
Prof. Dr. Mohammad Saifuddin Jenfree

Dean,

Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
Universiti Malaysia Sabah

Date: 01 Dec 2019

Signed by, for and on behalf of
Rev Fr Professor Dr Praveen Martis S.J

Principal/Dean

St Aloysius College (Autonomous)
Mangalore

Date: 17 Dec 2019

