

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Slovak Medical University, Slovakia

and

Yuanpei University of Medical Technology, Taiwan

(hereinafter referred to as the "***Memorandum***")

Preamble

This Memorandum is entered into by and between the Slovak Medical University, located in Bratislava, Slovakia (hereinafter referred to as "***SMU***") and Yuanpei University of Medical Technology, situated in Hsinchu, Taiwan (hereinafter referred to as "***YUMT***") (both institutions are collectively referred to as the "***Parties***").

The Parties recognize the shared vision of fostering global academic and research collaborations and acknowledge the benefits that can be derived from the mutual exchange of knowledge, resources, and expertise in the field of healthcare and medical sciences.

Section 1 Objective of the Memorandum

The primary objective of this Memorandum is to establish a framework of collaboration in the areas of research and development, dual degree program creation, academic and student exchanges, and any other form of mutual cooperation and development in the fields of healthcare management, nursing, radiology, medical laboratory science, and related domains.

Section 2 Research and Development

The Parties commit to identifying common research interests and areas of collaboration, fostering a conducive environment for the exchange of scientific knowledge, research methodologies, and innovative approaches. Efforts will be made to jointly pursue research grants, publish collaborative papers, and engage in seminars and workshops of mutual interest.

Section 3 Dual Degree Program Creation

Both institutions express the intention to jointly develop dual degree programs in the areas of healthcare management, nursing, radiology, medical laboratory science, and other relevant fields. This endeavor aims to offer students an opportunity to study in both universities and acquire degrees recognized by both institutions, thereby enriching their academic experiences and enhancing their career prospects.

*Section 4
Academic Exchanges*

The Parties recognize the immense benefits of faculty exchanges. Such initiatives will allow faculty members from each institution to teach, conduct research, and partake in academic activities at the partner institution. This will pave the way for knowledge transfer, pedagogical exchanges, and establishment of long-lasting academic relationships.

*Section 5
Student Exchanges*

SMU and YUMT will develop and implement student exchange programs that will enable students from each university to study at the partner institution for a specified duration. Such exchanges will promote cultural understanding, academic enrichment, and personal growth among the participating students.

*Section 6
Future Collaborative Endeavors*

Beyond the specific collaborations mentioned, the Parties will explore further areas of mutual interest and opportunities for cooperation. These may include collaborative conferences, seminars, joint publications, specialized training sessions, or any other initiatives that will benefit the academic and research communities of both institutions.

*Section 7
Duration and Termination*

This Memorandum will be in effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of its signing, with the option for renewal upon mutual agreement. Either Party can terminate this Memorandum with six (6) months written notice.

*Section 8
Review and Amendments*

This Memorandum may be reviewed periodically to ensure its relevance and effectiveness. Any amendments to this Memorandum will require mutual written consent from both Parties.

*Section 9
Common provisions*

- (1) The Parties declare that their other rights and obligations are not affected by this Memorandum; for the avoidance of doubt, this Memorandum does not establish any financial-legal claims between the Parties.

- (2) The Parties declare their willingness to inform each other about all facts that could affect the content of this Memorandum.
- (3) The Parties will use their best efforts to protect the information they share with each other in connection with this Memorandum from misuse.

Section 10
Miscellaneous

- (1) This Memorandum is not legally binding and is rather an expression of the intent to cooperate between the Parties. Each specific collaboration or initiative undertaken as a result of this Memorandum may require a separate agreement detailing the terms and conditions.
- (2) This Memorandum will not replace other actions of the Parties, for which a contractual basis is required in accordance with generally binding legal regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized representatives of their respective institutions, have executed this Memorandum of Understanding.

For Slovak Medical University, Slovakia