MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR (IITGn)
AND

DHIRUBHAI AMBANI INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (DAIICT), GANDHINAGAR

FOR

PROMOTING AND ENHANCING ACADEMIC INTERACTION AND
COLLABORATION BETWEEN IITGn AND DAIICT IN AREAS OF MUTUAL
INTEREST FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT

July 2, 2012
This memorandum of understanding (hereinafter referred to as MoU) is entered into between Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (hereinafter referred to as IITGn) situated at Gandhinagar, Gujarat, an autonomous institute of national importance devoted to higher education and research, and, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology, Gandhinagar, Gujarat situated at Gandhinagar (hereinafter referred to as DAIICT), a university established under the State Act of Gujarat, devoted to Undergraduate and Postgraduate Education and Research in Information and Communication Technology, and is effective from July 02, 2012

1. OBJECTIVES OF THE MoU

The broad objectives of this MoU are:

- To promote and enhance academic interaction and collaboration between IITGn and DAIICT in areas of mutual interest for mutual benefit, and
- To provide a formal vehicle for initiating and facilitating related pursuits.

2. PROPOSED MODES OF COLLABORATION

IITGn and DAIICT propose to collaborate and pursue their respective educational and research agendas and objectives through the following:

- Facilitation of collaborative Research and Educational activities in areas of mutual interest as per mutually agreed terms and conditions.
- Facilitation of leveraging of coursework offered in each institution, for credit in the degree programmes offered in each of the Institutions.
- Facilitation of exchange of scientific and academic personnel.

3. SPECIFIC FACETS

IITGn and DAIICT will identify collaborative programmes to be offered / implemented at the two Institutions through sharing of ideas and resources with a view to augment the educational and research activities at both Institutions within the framework of viability and operational flexibility available at each Institution. Some of the identified initiatives in pursuit of the collaboratives activity are outlined below:

1. Students from the each institution can register for courses offered in the other Institution -with appropriate credits transfer-to facilitate graduation requirements,

2. Students from each Institution can take up short-term internships at the other institution.

3. Faculty of one institution may be encouraged to teach courses for one or two semesters in the other institution (if required), on mutually agreed terms; such teaching could be in addition to the courses the faculty may be required to teach in their respective parent institutions simultaneously.

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4. Faculty from both Institutions may jointly offer shared courses at mutually convenient locations.

5. Faculty of each Institution may participate in the activities of the other Institution such as serving on committees, as examiners, or collaboratively guiding MTech or PhD projects.

6. Faculty of the two institutions may conduct joint short-duration continuing education courses at either institution.

7. Faculty of the two institutions may develop joint research proposals seeking funding from various national and international government and non-government funding agencies with mutually agreed terms for sharing resources, and work responsibilities.

8. The two institutions may share library resources, laboratory resources, software, equipments, etc., (subject to no restrictions in contracts with corresponding vendors) besides infrastructural space such as classrooms, auditoriums, halls etc., and manpower involved in administrative and/or technical affairs based on mutual needs, compatibility and availability.

4. RESOURCES & APPROVALS

(a) In the case of formal educational programmes, fees will be payable at the students' respective parent Institutions.

(b) In the case of non-formal educational programmes fees payable, payment modes and sharing of fees as well as expenses and resources will be based on mutual agreement, on a case to case basis.

(c) Appropriate boarding and lodging facilities will be made available to students from each Institution taking up educational activities at the other Institution, as well as to participants in collaborative short term courses, workshops etc, on mutually agreed terms.

(d) All the collaborative endeavours under the MOU will be pursued with the approval of the Directors of the two Institutions.

(e) All decisions related to allocation and sharing of financial resources for collaborative activities will be taken by the Directors of the two Institutions.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

IIT GANDHINAGAR and DAIICT agree to hold in confidence all information/data identified by the two Institutions as confidential, and such information will be shared with principal functionaries of the two institutions strictly on a need-to-know basis.

This confidentiality clause under this MoU excludes information/data developed by each Institution independently and prior to the signing of this agreement, and, already in the public domain.
6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

IIT GANDHINAGAR and DAIICT agree to respect and work within the Intellectual Property Policies of each Institution, and, wherever necessary, agree to harmonize the policies to resolve special issues.

7. TERMS AND TERMINATION

This MoU will remain valid for five years from the effective date. The MoU may be deemed to have been extended for a further five year period – unless terminated.

This MoU may be amended, renewed, or terminated by mutual agreement; termination will be with twelve months’ prior notice.

The termination of this MoU, shall not affect the obligations of either of the parties under Confidentiality/Joint Research Agreements/to students in collaborative educational programme(s), and, such agreements shall survive any such termination.

8. INTERPRETATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Problems arising out of interpretations and conflicts of interest, will be resolved through mutual discussions under the stewardship of the Directors of the two Institutions who will be the final arbiters.

9. SIGNATURES AND SEAL

This MoU is executed in duplicate with each copy constituting an official version and having equal validity. By signing below, the parties, acting in their duly authorized capacities, agree to execute the terms of this MoU, effective this July 2, 2012.

On behalf of
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

By:

Name: Prof. Sudhir K Jain
Designation: Director, IITGn

Witness:
1. DR. JOYCEE MEKIE
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On behalf of
DHIRUBHAI AMBANI INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

By:

Name: Prof. S C Sahasrabudhe
Designation: Director, DA-IICT

Witness:
1. ANISH MATHURIA
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