Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Space Applications Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad
and
Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of
Information and Communication Technology (DA-IICT), Gandhinagar

I. Preamble

The objective of the present Memorandum is to develop the academic and scientific relations between SAC and DA-IICT in identified areas where there is mutual interest in establishing specific working collaboration.

SAC recognises the importance of utilising latest developments in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for upgrading the skills of its personnel and enhancing their academic qualifications. DA-IICT recognises the importance of strengthening its graduate programs by admitting sponsored candidates from organizations of national importance. SAC and DA-IICT jointly recognise the importance of improving their research output in fields of common interest.

II. Scope of Collaboration

SAC agrees to sponsor suitable candidates to the PhD program at DA-IICT. DA-IICT agrees to admit the candidates nominated by SAC as sponsored candidates, provided they fulfill the eligibility conditions. Furthermore, SAC agrees to permit its staff members to co-guide the research/project work of students of DA-IICT and to provide them access to facilities and data which are not otherwise restricted. SAC and DA-IIICT agree to develop and support joint research projects in areas of common interest.

III. Support to be provided by DA-IIICT

DA-IIICT agrees to admit a limited number of candidates in its PhD program from SAC. Candidates sponsored by SAC would be permitted to conduct their research work at their workplaces provided the requisite facilities are available. Candidates sponsored by SAC would be subject to the academic requirements for sponsored students at DA-IIICT, inclusive of specified fees. DA-IIICT would not provide financial support in the form of TA-ship to the candidates sponsored by SAC.
IV  Facilities to be provided by SAC

SAC would provide suitable facilities at their sites for a few Ph.D. students of DA-IICT who are co-guided by staff members of SAC, to carry out their research/project work. No financial assistance will be provided by SAC.

V  Intellectual Property Rights

Information on research results and scientific materials (reports, articles, books) will be exchanged freely keeping in mind the mutually agreed provision of Intellectual Property Rights. All intellectual property solely conceived and/or developed by SAC during the course of this Agreement shall be owned by SAC. All intellectual property solely conceived and/or developed by DA-IICT during the course of this Agreement shall be owned by DA-IICT. Intellectual property jointly conceived and/or developed by SAC and DA-IICT will be jointly owned by SAC and DA-IICT. Each party may use such property for research and scholarly purposes. SAC and DA-IICT agree to collaborate towards the protection, if appropriate, and application of such intellectual property for commercial or other purposes on mutually acceptable terms to be negotiated in good faith between the parties.

VI. Validity Period

This MOU is valid as long as both institutions wish to utilize for mutual benefits of common interest. Both institutions are free to terminate the MOU by amicable intimation.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this agreement on the eighth day of January 2010.

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