

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS MALAYSIA (BEM)**

**AND**

**THE COMMISSION DES TITRES D'INGENIEUR (CTI)**

**(ON ACCREDITATION CO-OPERATION)**

**THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS MALAYSIA AND THE COMMISSION DES TITRES D'INGENIEUR**, (hereinafter referred to singularly as "the Party" and collectively as "the Parties").

**RECOGNISING** the existing friendly relations between the parties;

**DESIRING** to strengthen and further develop co-operation between the parties in the field of accreditation of engineering programmes;

**CONVINCED** of the necessity of effective co-operation in the interest of quality improvement of accreditation processes;

**BELIEVING** that such co-operation would serve their common interests and contribute to the enhancement of engineering education and the development of the engineers of both France and Malaysia,

**HAVE AGREED** as follows :

**Article 1**  
**Objective**

The Parties shall, in accordance with the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and the laws, rules and regulations from time to time in force in each country, co-operate to enhance the quality of the processes of accreditation of engineering programmes established by the Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM) through its Engineering Accreditation Council (EAC) and the Commission des Titres d'Ingenieur (CTI).

**Article 2**  
**Area of Co-operation**

Each Party will, subject to the laws, rules and regulations from time to time in force, governing the subject matter in their respective countries, endeavour to take necessary steps to encourage and promote co-operation to enhance and improve quality assurance and accreditation processes.

**Article 3**  
**Forms of Co-operation**

The forms of co-operation shall include:

- a. Training (capacity building) of trainers and evaluators on evaluation procedures;
- b. Reviewing accreditation processes of both France and Malaysia;
- c. Encouraging and facilitating visits and exchanges of experts in engineering accreditation;
- d. Exploring routes, pathways towards mutual recognition of programmes accredited by both countries; and

**Article 4**  
**Financial Arrangement**

The financial arrangements to cover expenses for the activities undertaken within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually agreed upon by the respective Parties on a case-by-case basis subject to the availability of funds.

**Article 5**  
**Joint Commission**

1. The Parties shall establish a Joint Commission, (hereinafter called the 'Commission'), to facilitate consultation and co-operation in the field of accreditation of engineering programmes between the two Parties in areas of mutual interest and benefit, taking into account the advantages as well as the comparative capabilities of each Party.
2. The Commission shall consider ways and means to promote the aforesaid objective and to ensure the proper co-ordination and implementation of its decision and/or recommendations. It shall, furthermore, review the progress of the implementation of the activities within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.
3. The Commission shall be headed by a Chairperson appointed jointly by both Parties. The composition of the Commission shall be determined by the Parties. The Commission shall determine its rules and procedures and may establish committees, sub-committee and working groups to deal with specific subject brought before it.
4. The Commission shall meet, subject to mutual agreement, at the request of either Party, alternately in Malaysia and France for the purpose of:

- a. discussing any matter pertaining to the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding;
  - b. reviewing and monitoring the implementation and operation of programmes under this Memorandum of Understanding;
  - c. considering ways and means of enhancing existing co-operation between the Parties;
  - d. formulating new areas of co-operation between the Parties; and
  - e. reporting the findings and the outcome of discussions of the Joint Committee regarding issues relating to the implementation of programmes under this Memorandum of Understanding.
5. Annual review of the activities conducted by this Memorandum of Understanding shall be undertaken by both parties and communicated to each other.

**Article 6**  
**Confidentiality**

1. Each Party shall undertake to observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received or supplied to the other Party during the period of the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding or any other agreements made pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Both Parties agree that the provisions of this Article shall continue to be binding between the Parties notwithstanding the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.

**Article 7**  
**Revision, Modification and Amendment**

Either Party may request in writing a revision, modification or amendment of all or any part of this Memorandum of Understanding. Any revision, modification or amendment agreed to by the Parties shall be reduced into writing and shall form part of this Memorandum of Understanding. Such revision, modification or amendment shall come into force on such date as may be determined by the Parties. Any revision, modification or amendment shall not prejudice the rights and obligation arising from or based on this Memorandum of Understanding prior or up to the date of such revision, modification or amendment.

**Article 8**  
**Entry into Force and Termination**

1. The Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force on the date of signing and shall remain in force for a period of six (6) years.
2. Notwithstanding anything in this Article, either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by notifying the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at least three (3) months prior to its intention to do so.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by the Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM) and The Commission Des Titres D'Ingenieur (CTI) respectively, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

DONE at KUALA LUMPUR on this FIFTH day of FEBRUARY in the year 2008 in two (2) original texts in the English language.

Dato' Sri Prof Ir. Dr Judin Abdul Karim  
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The Board of Engineers Malaysia

Bernard Renaud, chairman  
Commission des Titres d'Ingenieur,  
France

