

# Memorandum of Understanding Between



AND



DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION,  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

**This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018**

**BETWEEN**

**UCSI University**, an institution of higher learning in Malaysia, wholly owned by UCSI Education Sdn. Bhd. (Co. No.185479-U), and duly approved by the Malaysian Ministry of Education, and operating at No.1, Jalan Menara Gading, UCSI Heights, 56000 Cheras, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which shall include but not limited to all other campuses under the auspices of UCSI University, and duly governed pursuant to the Private Higher Educational Institutions Act 1996 (Act 555) and the Constitution of UCSI University (hereinafter referred to as “UCSI” and which expression shall include its successors, assigns and/or representatives), of the first part.

**AND**

**Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education, Republic of Maldives** having its address at Velaanage, Ameeru Ahmed Magu, Male’, Republic of Maldives (hereinafter referred to as “DHE”), of the second part.

**PREAMBLE**

- i. UCSI and DHE are concerned with individual and international needs for education, and are desirous and agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”), and wish to establish and maintain a basis of cooperation and/or collaboration in the areas of education through the sharing of educational opportunities between the Parties.
- ii. The Parties intend to progress thereof with the exchange of relevant documentation and further discussion to enhance the said cooperation and/or collaboration between the Parties vis-à-vis in respect of the scope of collaboration, subject to, at all times complying with all regulatory requirements and framework applicable to both UCSI and DHE respectively.
- iii. All/any key initiatives arising under this MoU shall only be given effect in respect of the same through a separate written and duly agreed upon Memorandum of Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “MoA”), that is to be signed upon all relevant and pertinent matters in respect of the same are duly agreed by the Parties.
- iv. Both UCSI and DHE are being hereinafter referred to singularly as “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

**NOW THEREFORE**, UCSI and the DHE hereby agree to the following:

## **1. Scope of Collaboration**

1.1 UCSI and DHE hereby agree and undertake that the collaboration referred to in this MoU shall include but not limited to the following:

- To facilitate academic collaboration in the areas of tertiary education in respect of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes offered at UCSI which include but not limited to Medicine and Health Sciences, Hospitality, Tourism & Industry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Engineering and Aquatic Science;
- To facilitate mobility of DHE scholars / students to undertake and complete specific programme / course at UCSI, in Malaysia;
- To facilitate Department of Higher Education's efforts in training and development of academic staff through further study in Master's, PhD and Postgraduate Diploma in Tertiary Teaching offered by UCSI;
- To collaborate with the Department of Higher Education in conducting education and career related seminars and workshops for high schools students in disciplines which include but not limited to Pharmacy and Applied Sciences;
- UCSI shall grant one (1) full Scholarship award and 20 partial fee waiver of 25% , as per **Appendix I**, in respect of tuition fees only annually, to the said DHE scholars / students to undertake and complete specific programme / course at UCSI, in Malaysia, and the said DHE scholars / students shall possess the necessary qualification and meet all the criteria set by UCSI University Trust, which shall at all times subject to a separate written **Scholarship Agreement** between UCSI University Trust and the said DHE scholars / students;
- The Parties further agree that, in respect of new scholars / students, all fees are due and payable within two (2) weeks from the date of the Letter of Acceptance, and in respect of existing scholars / students, all fees are due and payable before the commencement of the academic semester;
- Any eligibility in respect of the mobility of scholars / students to UCSI shall at all times be subjected to the entry requirement and/or outcome of module(s) mapping, where applicable, by UCSI with reference to the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) requirement and/or standard as duly approved by Ministry of Education (MoE) of Malaysia, and all other relevant government agencies;
- Any other collaborative activities arising hereof between the Parties shall be subject to further negotiations, and a separate written Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to be duly executed between UCSI and the DHE.

## **2. Duration, Termination, and Amendment**

### **2.1 Duration**

This MoU shall remain in force for five (5) years from the date first written of this MoU, which shall be subject to further review, at which both Parties shall by further discussion