

Implementation Protocol
Between
The Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology of
the Republic of India
And
The Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran
On
Cooperation in the Fields of Science and Technology

The Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology of the Republic of India and The Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),

In accordance with the agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran on cooperation in the field of science and technology, dated 25 January 2003;

Recognizing the significance of science and technology for successful national economic development,

Acknowledging that bilateral cooperation in the fields of science and technology strengthens the friendly relations between the two countries and fosters the development of science and technology for the mutual benefit of the two countries, and

Desiring to encourage and promote cooperation in different fields of science, research and technology,

Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

Basic Principles

1. This Implementation Protocol (hereinafter referred to as the "IP") is being concluded in pursuance to the Article-V of the inter-governmental S&T Agreement signed between the two countries in January 2003.
2. Based on the principles of mutual equality and benefit, the purpose of this IP is to promote and administer cooperation in the fields of science and technology.
3. The Parties will promote cooperation and exchanges between the governments, technological & academic institutes, Science and Technology Parks and any other institutions of the two countries in the fields of science and technology.
4. This IP will be implemented in accordance with the respective laws and regulations of the two countries and subject to the availability of appropriated funds and personnel of the Parties.
5. This IP is not intended to create any legal obligations under international law.

Article 2

Modes of Cooperation

The Parties will cooperate through the following modes:

- a) Exchange of scientific and technical information including S&T Share policies;
- b) Jointly hosting events such as bilateral seminars, conferences, workshops and training programmes related to science and technology;
- c) Support joint research projects in mutually agreed areas through collaboration amongst research laboratories and academic institutes, including science and technology parks of both countries;

- d) Exchange human resources through mobility based joint research projects implemented under this IP;
- e) Exchange of knowledge and experiences regarding the establishment, running and managing of Science and Technology Parks and Incubators; and
- f) Any other cooperative activities that may be jointly decided upon by the Parties.

Article 3

Joint Committee

1. The Parties will establish a joint committee on science, and technology (hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Committee"). The monitoring of the communications and provisions is exercised respectively by the Center for International Scientific Cooperation of the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of Islamic Republic of Iran, and The International Bilateral Cooperation Division, Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology of the Republic of India. The Joint Committee to be setup within 3 months of signing the IP.
2. The Joint Committee will create a favorable environment for the implementation of this IP, decide upon the specific areas of cooperation, and suggest and approve projects and programs, in order to foster and support the various cooperative activities stipulated in Article 2.
3. The Joint Committee may adopt its own procedures.
4. Meetings of the Joint Committee will be held every two years or when mutually agreed by both Parties on a mutually determined date, alternately in the Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Article 4

Financial and Other Resources

1. The sending Party shall bear cost towards international air fare up to the airport nearest to the host institute, including overseas medical insurance and the receiving

Party shall provide local hospitality including accommodation, per-diem/food expenses, domestic transport of the visiting scientist under or as a result of this IP, unless otherwise jointly decided by the Parties in advance.

2. Each Party will make efforts to provide the resources that may be required for the cooperative activities under this IP, subject to the availability of appropriated funds and personnel of the Parties.

Article 5

Protection of Intellectual Property Rights and Confidentiality

1. Any intellectual property rights generated under the authority of either Party will be protected in accordance with the related laws and regulations of each country and any relevant international agreements to which the two countries are parties.

2. Neither Party may disclose or disseminate information provided by the other Party during the cooperative activities under this IP unless the providing Party consents to the disclosure in writing.

3. The provisions of this Article will remain in effect notwithstanding the termination of this IP.

Article 6

Dispute Settlement

Any disputes arising from the interpretation and/or implementation of this IP will be settled amicably through consultation between the Parties.

Article 7

Amendments

This IP may be amended in accordance with changes in the international environment and the demand for new cooperative activities mutually agreed by both the Parties. Any such amendment will come into effect after it is confirmed in writing by an officially authorized representative from each Party.

Article 8
Entry into Effect, Duration, and Termination

1. This IP will enter into effect on the date of signature by both Parties. It will be valid for a period of three (3) years and will remain in effect thereafter for successive periods of one (1) year, unless either Party informs the other Party of its decision to terminate it, by means of a written notification, at least six (6) months prior to its expiration date.

2. The termination of this IP will not affect the validity or duration of any implementing programs, activities or projects made under this IP that are underway and not yet completed at the time of termination, unless otherwise jointly decided by the Parties.

This IP was done in duplicates, in the city of Tehran on 03/03/1395, of the Hijra solar calendar, corresponding to 23/05/2016, in two original copies in the Farsi, Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government
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