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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

PUNJABI UNIVERSITY, PATIALA, INDIA

and

PUNJAB BHAWAN , CANADA

PREAMBLE

Recognizing the mutual benefits to be gained through a cooperative program promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, Punjabi University (PBIU) and Punjab Bhawan Canada (PBC) enter into this Memorandum of understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") and agree to the following:

1.0 THE PURPOSE OF ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION

PBIU and PBC agree to enter into an academic partnership to connect the Punjabi Scholars and the scholars of Punjabi language, literature, art and culture involved in Diaspora Studies. Within the context of global integration, the two institutions will cooperate to meet the needs for the promotion of Punjabi language, literature and cultural activities increasingly characterized by complexity, diversity and interconnectedness. This requires scholars to be internationally and inter-culturally competent to live and work effectively. This MOU is intended to take full advantage of the academic, library and heritage resources at both institutions and provides for the development of research activities and expansion of the educational arenas and cultural cultivation.

About PBC

Punjab Bhawan Canada is an institution that has been formed to connect the Canadian born Punjabis with their Parental language, culture and heritage. Its goal is to be innovative in promoting Punjabi language, art, and culture by using different mediums to connect youth to their roots. Its mission is to:

- ensure that resources related to art, culture, and literature are available to the youth.
- connect the missing link between the youth & Punjabi language, art & culture.
- utilize different mediums such as books, theatre, cinema in promoting the undertakings.
- promote Punjabi language, art, and culture among youth by selecting methods that appeal to the young generation.
- promote passion for books in families as source of information and entertainment.
- reward the youth for their participation in related activities of the institution.

Its vision is to become an umbrella that withholds every missing link which connects the youth to their roots of Punjabi language, literature, art, culture and heritage.

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About PBIU

Punjabi University, Patiala was established on April 30, 1962 with a mandate to further the noble cause of Punjabi language, literature and culture.

Ensuring quality education has been on top of the agenda of this University, which has done exceedingly well on the parameters of quality in higher education prescribed by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The NAAC has awarded the University 'Five Star' grade in the first cycle (2002-07) and 'A' grade in the second (2008-13) and the third (2016-23) cycles. It has the distinction of winnings 10 times (and six times in a row) the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy awarded by Government of India for promoting competitive sports at the University level to the Best Performing University.

The University gradually emerged as a key institution for imparting teaching and carried out research in life sciences, physical sciences, medicine, engineering and technology, business studies, law, social sciences, languages, education, information sciences and arts & culture.

At present, the University has 65 teaching and research departments and enrolls nearly 14000 students in various courses. It has been untiringly fulfilling the requirements of a large part of Punjab, mainly the Malwa region, through more than 275 affiliated colleges, five neighbourhood campuses, 14 constituent colleges and four regional centres.

In taking forward the mission of Punjabi University for promoting Punjabi language, literature and culture and in its pursuit of excellence in higher education, the endeavour would be to make the University a natural home for the germination and cross-pollination of ideas; a centre of academic excellence promoting access to inclusive and quality education; a knowledge cluster in partnership with neighbouring institutions of higher learning, industry and civil society; an institution attracting and retaining internationally acclaimed faculty; and a premier institution producing highly employable and committed students imbued with critical thinking, scientific temper and humane, secular and ethical values.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

In this MOU, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires:

- a) "MOU" means this Memorandum of Understanding together with any Supplemental Letter of this MOU or other attachments;
- b) "Party" means a party to this MOU and includes their representatives; and
- c) "MOU Coordinator" ("Coordinator") means an institutional representative designated as administrator and liaison for the MOU.
- d) "Home Institution" means the institution from which research activity is initiated or the research is coordinated.
- e) "Host Institution" means the university or the institution which has agreed to host exchange participants.

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3.0- OBJECTIVES

Co-operation between the two institutions will focus on areas of common interest.

- 3.1 The objectives of this MOU can include, but not be limited to, the following:
- a) To generate Punjabi language, literature, art, and culture educational material and to plan the strategic measures for the promotion of Punjabi language, literature, art, and culture for the learners for whom Punjabi is a second language
 - b) The development of articulation/transfer agreements
 - c) The organization of cooperative research oriented academic activities, such as conferences, seminars, symposia or lectures
 - d) Faculty visits and other faculty collaboration
 - e) The exchange of scholars and development of international mobility agreements
 - f) The exchange of publications and other materials of common interest
 - g) The exploration of common research interests
- 3.2 Cooperative projects under this MOU may include any of the research oriented disciplines of PBIU and PBC.
- 3.3 Potential areas of cooperation may include:
- a) Collaborate on a summer intensive Punjabi language, literature, art and culture religion and Diaspora Studies program, Cultural Studies curriculum development.

4.0 IMPLEMENTATION

In order to carry out and fulfil the aims of this MOU, PBIU and PBC shall each designate an MOU Coordinator who shall manage the development and conduct of joint activities.

- 4.1 Either Party may initiate proposals for activities under this MOU.
- 4.2 Specific details of any activity shall be set forth in a Supplemental Letter of Agreement or other attachments, which upon signing by the Vice Chancellor/Dean Academic Affairs/President (or delegate) at each institution Academy shall become an integral part of the general MOU.
- 4.3 Future Supplemental Letters of Agreement or other attachments shall include such items as:
- a) the elaboration of the responsibilities of each Party for the agreed upon activity.
 - b) schedules for the specific activities;
 - c) budgets and sources of financing; and
 - d) any other items necessary for the efficient achievement of the activity.
- 4.4 The Coordinators shall be responsible for the evaluation of activities under this MOU according to the practices of their respective institutions.

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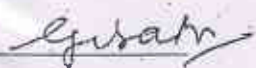
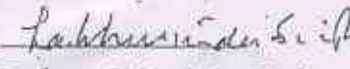
5.0 DURATION AND TERMINATION OF MOU

- 5.1 This MOU shall become effective on the date that it is signed by both parties and shall be valid for a period of three years, but may be renewed or extended by mutual consent expressed in writing.
- 5.2 Any changes to this MOU shall be subject to the written consent of both Parties.
- 5.3 This MOU may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice of its intention at least six months prior to termination.

6.0 AGREEMENT LANGUAGE

- 6.1 Where there are two or more versions of this MOU in different languages, and where a dispute arises, the English version shall prevail for the purposes of interpretation of the MOU.

This MOU terminates and supersedes any existing or continuing MOUs between the parties.
 As witness to their subscription to the above articles, the representatives of PBIU and PBC have here unto provided their endorsement

For and on behalf of: PUNJABI UNIVERSITY	For and on behalf of: PUNJAB BHAWAN , CANADA
 Professor B S Ghuman Vice Chancellor Date: 24/5/18	 Mr. Sukhi Bath President, Punjab Bhawan, Canada Date:
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