



**MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC
COOPERATION**

BETWEEN

PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, WATERTOWN, MA U.S.A.

AND

**KHACHATUR ABOVYAN ARMENIAN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY, YEREVAN,
ARMENIA**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement") is made and entered into this **[Insert Date]** between Perkins School for the Blind, located in Watertown, MA U.S.A. ("Perkins International") and Kh. Abovyan Armenian State Pedagogical University, located in Yerevan, Armenia ("ASPU") regarding collaboration for educational, research, and academic cooperation in the fields of academic endeavor.

Introduction

This Agreement is an expression of the current intent of the parties, but under no circumstances is it to be construed, along or in combination with other evidence, as creating any legal obligations by any party unless and until such time as a definitive written contract, based on the intentions contained in this Agreement, has been executed and delivered by the parties.

This Agreement is not financially or legally binding to any party. This Agreement expresses the mutual commitment of the parties to exploring the necessary legal and financial arrangements that would be required to support such a collaboration.

The signature of this Agreement does not impose any obligation on the parties to accept any specific Agreement.

The parties will enter a separate written contract, or an amendment to this Agreement, for any specific cooperative activity they mutually agree to undertake on the basis of this agreement. Each separate written contract or amendment will be signed and dated by an authorized representative of each party.

The parties agree to negotiate all financial arrangements necessary to implement this Agreement to implement a specific cooperative activity undertaken on the basis of the Agreement. The parties further agree that the implementation of each cooperative activity will be subject to availability of funds.



Statement of the Purpose

Perkins International and ASPU will jointly collaborate as follows:

1. Joint research and educational activities.
2. Provide lecturers for coursework that is identified by both organizations as core competencies for teachers;
3. Exchange of invitations of faculty, research personnel, and graduate students for lectures, visits, and the sharing of experiences.
4. Exchange of invitations to faculty, research and personnel, and graduate students for participation in conferences, symposia, and seminars.
5. Exchange of information in the fields of interest to both parties.
6. Exchange of academic materials such as scholarly publications, curriculum information, and research reports.

Term

The term of this Agreement is one (1) year from the date of its execution, with the option to renew for successive one (1) periods upon mutual written agreement of both parties.

This Agreement can be terminated by either party for any reason by giving written notice to the other party.

This Agreement prepared in two (2) original copies, each of which is equally valid in Turkish and English.

This Agreement shall be valid after is it has been signed by the authorized representative of both parties.

Liability

The parties and their respective agents shall indemnify, defend and hold each other harmless against all losses, claims, or expenses to the extent arising out of the other party's negligent actions, omissions, errors or willful misconduct or violations of law. The other party shall not be liable in respect of any claim by or on behalf of any person who may have a claim against the other party arising out of the implementation of a joint activity derived from this Agreement.