



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITAS ISLAM NEGERI SULTANAH NAHRASIYAH
AND
MERCY COLLEGE PALAKKAD, KERALA, INDIA**



Preamble

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is made and entered into as of February 02, 2026, by and between Universitas Islam Negeri Sultanah Nahrasiyah, a higher education institution duly established under the laws of the Republic of Indonesia, located at Lhokseumawe, Aceh, Indonesia (hereinafter referred to as "First Party"), and Mercy College Palakkad, a higher education institution duly established under the laws of the Republic of India, located at Palakkad, Pallipuram, Kerala, India (hereinafter referred to as "Second Party"), with the intention of establishing cooperation in the fields of academics, research, and human resource development. This cooperation is founded on the spirit of mutual respect for each institution's identity, values, and principles, as well as on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Article 1 : Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to strengthen academic cooperation, research collaboration, and cultural exchange in the fields of education, language, science, and educational technology, while respecting each institution's identity, values, and principles.

Article 2 : Scope

The scope of this cooperation shall consist of the following:

- a. Exchange of faculty members and students for academic purposes.
- b. Collaborative research projects and joint scientific publications in mutually agreed fields.
- c. Organization of joint academic events such as conferences, seminars, workshops, and guest lectures.
- d. Capacity-building programs, including enhancement of English language proficiency and the adoption of technology-based teaching methodologies.
- e. Cultural exchange programs aimed at fostering mutual understanding and cross-cultural appreciation.

Article 3 : Principles and Collaboration

- a. All activities shall be carried out based on mutual agreement and in compliance with the applicable regulations of both countries.
- b. There shall be no interference in each institution's core curriculum, ideology, or beliefs.

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- c. Costs and funding arrangements shall be mutually agreed upon for each specific activity.

Article 4 : Duration and Evaluation

- a. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing and may be extended upon mutual written consent of both parties.
- b. An annual evaluation shall be conducted to ensure the continuity and effectiveness of the programs.

Article 5 : Authenticity of Texts and Dispute Resolution

- a. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be executed in two (2) original copies, each in English and Indonesian, with both versions having equal legal validity.
- b. Any differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

This Agreement is written in English and Indonesian, and both language versions are equally authentic. In the event of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

In witness whereof, the Parties hereto have hereunto set their hands on this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed for and on behalf of

Universitas Islam Negeri

Sultanah Nahrasiyah

02nd day of February 2026



Prof. Dr. Danial, M.Ag

**Rector of Universitas Islam Negeri
Sultanah Nahrasiyah**

Signed for and on behalf of

Mercy College Palakkad

02nd day of February 2026



N.M. Louly

Dr. N M Louly

**Principal
Mercy College Palakkad
PRINCIPAL
Mercy College, Palakkad-06**

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SECOND PARTY:

Roadmap Table
Implementation Roadmap of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UIN
SUNA Lhokseumawe and Mercy College
Period: 2026 – 2031

Year / Stage	Primary Focus	Programs and Activities	Intended Outcomes
2026 – Stage 1	Formalization	1. Formation of the International Cooperation Team. 2. Identification of relevant Faculties and Study Programs. 3. Signing of the MoU. 4. Official announcement through the university's communication channels	1. International Collaboration Task Force and Oversight Committee established. 2. MoU formally enacted
2027 – Stage 2	Initial Implementation	1. Reciprocal faculty exchange for the delivery of synchronous online guest lectures. 2. Initiation of joint research projects. 3. English language capacity-building workshop. 4. Cultural exchange program introducing Indian and Indonesian heritage	1. Delivery of a minimum of two public lectures. 2. Completion of at least one joint research project. 3. Facilitation of one workshop
2028–2029	Program Expansion	1. Student mobility program (short courses of 2–4 weeks). 2. Co-hosting of an international academic conference. 3. Joint development of academic modules. 4. Collaborative authorship of international	1. Increased participation in faculty and student exchanges. 2. Publication of jointly developed academic modules and peer-reviewed articles

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		scholarly publications	
2030-2031	Extension and Consolidation	1. Annual performance review of collaborative activities; Formulation of recommendations for subsequent programs. 2. Renewal or <u>expansion of the</u> MoU's scope	1. MoU renewed or partnership scope broadened in accordance with evaluation outcomes

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SECOND PARTY: