MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) BETWEEN

BANGLADESH PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION TRAINING CENTRE (BPATC), SAVAR, DHAKA-1343

AND

DEFENCE SERVICES COMMAND & STAFF COLLEGE (DSCSC), MIRPUR, DHAKA-1216

WHEREAS, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), hereinafter referred to as BPATC, established under the BPATC Act, 2018 (by repealing the Ordinance 1984 (Ordinance No-XXVI of 1984)), the principal capacity building agency of the government mandated to undertake professional training courses for civil servants of different level, from entry level to secretary level; conduct research activities to generate new knowledge and insights to strengthen the training scheme and promote professionalism and knowledge base in the civil service to make the civil service competent to steer national development; build partnerships with like-minded different capacity building agencies and academic institutions to collaborate for professional and national development, situated at Savar, Dhaka-1343, steered by its Rector (Secretary to the Government);

WHEREAS, Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC), hereinafter referred to as DSCSC, which conducts staff courses, designed to develop professional knowledge and understanding of selected officers of Bangladesh Armed Forces and officers from across the globe in accordance with international standards in order to prepare them for the assumption of increasing responsibility both on the staff and in command, situated at Mirpur Cantonment, Dhaka-1216 acting through its Commandant;

WHEREAS, it is of great national importance that these two key institutions build professional partnership to advance and promote Bangladesh's contribution and image at regional and international level by contributing to



global discourse on multi-disciplinary academic and training programs including but not limited to policy formulation; disaster management; leadership and change management; conflict and strategic studies; security studies; research methodology; and United Nations Peace Support Operation (UNPSO);

THEREFORE, BPATC and DSCSC have intended, agreed and consented to the following understanding in pursuance of a common objective to promote and develop study, research and mutually agreed academic exchanges in relevant fields.

FIELDS OF COOPERATION:

- a. Both the institutions shall prepare a mutually acceptable schedule to develop programs, hold seminars and exchange visits and faculty exchange;
- b. Institute wise academic interaction and intellectual assimilation may include:
 - (1) <u>DSCSC</u>: DSCSC is capable and has the expertise to conduct conferences, seminars and workshops on strategic leadership and management, counter terrorism and insurgency, conflict and international security system, international security studies, military history, United Nations Peace Support Operation (UNPSO), disaster management, human resource management, joint warfare, cyber strategy and cyber warfare, modern and future trend of conflict etc.;
 - organize and host national and international multidisciplinary conferences; seminars; workshops and capacity building trainings in key areas of socio-economic development and they include but not limited to civil service's role in national development; global and national trend of economic development; implementation strategies of sustainable development goals (SDGs) and global and national experiences;



national development planning of Bangladesh; Bangladesh's development partnership and international aid partners; policy development and implementation; different aspects of institutional dynamics; procurement leadership and management; project formulation and management; change management; conflict resolution and diplomatic negotiation; work quality improvement; land and natural resource management; social safety net and economic inclusion; international trade negotiation; strategic approach to managing the evolving regional and global political and strategic landscape; gender and development; and other issues of national and global importance;

- c. Collaboration on Subject Matter Expert (SME) exchanges of both institutions;
- d. Collaboration in sharing of academic resources, scientific information, intellectual property, articles and publications.

2. EXCHANGE OF SME/FACULTY MEMBERS:

- a. Reciprocal arrangements based on mutually acceptable terms shall be accomplished to give an impetus to collaborative research and joint projects. SMEs, faculties, researchers, and guides of both the institutions shall be encouraged to work in tandem with the objectives of both institutions.
- b. In pursuing the partnership and collaboration, issues relating to travel, boarding, lodging, miscellaneous expenses shall be regulated according to the rules, regulations and policies of the respective institution.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

a. Details of the efficacious implementation of this MoU shall jointly be worked out on mutually acceptable terms within the parameters of the policies, rules and regulations of both the institutions;



- b. Parties to this MoU may, by mutual consent, add, modify, amend, delete, review or revise any term(s) and condition(s) of this Memorandum;
- c. The intention and implementation of this MoU is subject to the policies of the respective institution;
- d. This MoU shall remain in force for a period of 10 years from the date of its signature and seal, and may be terminated by either side by giving a three months' notice to that effect in writing. However, notwithstanding the notice of the intent to terminate the Memorandum, all rights, obligations and corresponding duties flowing and subsisting therein shall be respected and mandated till the finalization and accomplishment thereof;
- e. Parties to this MoU undertake to treat as 'Confidential and Privileged' information of the other institution which is so classified in advance. The terms of confidentiality and disclosure including handling of documents will be as per mutually acceptable terms by both the parties subject to the provisions of the 'Official Secrets Act, 1923';
- f. This MoU shall require the approval of the competent academic/executive body of both the institution, where applicable;
- g. In case of any dispute or difference of opinion arising about the application and interpretation of any article or provision of the MoU or any term of the understanding, both parties shall strive to settle it through amicable negotiations;
- h. The envisaged arrangement of this MoU is non-binding and is not entered into as a formal legal agreement and shall not be subject to a legal jurisdiction in a court of law.



Signed at Savar, Dhaka in duplicate on this day of 06 November 2019.

Authorized Signatory on behalf of DSCSC

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