

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
the National Quality Assurance Agency for Education
under the Administration of the President of the Republic of
Uzbekistan
and
Times Higher Education

Preamble

The **National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan** (hereinafter referred to as the “NQAAE”), a national authority responsible for the development and implementation of external quality assurance (QA) arrangements in education, including the establishment of quality standards and criteria, the organization of evaluation and accreditation processes, the maintenance of relevant registers and information systems, and the promotion of transparency and a culture of quality, and

The **Times Higher Education** (hereinafter referred to as “THE”), an international organization specializing in higher education information, events and global engagement,

hereinafter individually referred to as a “Party” and jointly as the “Parties”,

Recognizing the increasing importance of transparency, international benchmarking, and data-informed policy development in higher education;

Acknowledging the role of global rankings and analytical tools in supporting institutional improvement and regional and international visibility;

Expressing their mutual interest in professional dialogue and knowledge exchange;

Have reached an understanding on the following:

Paragraph 1. General provisions

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is a non-binding framework for cooperation, and does not create legal, financial, regulatory, or contractual obligations for either Party.

Cooperation under this MoU will be guided by the principles of mutual respect, institutional independence, trust, transparency, professionalism, reciprocity, and voluntary participation.

Paragraph 2. Objectives

The objectives of this MoU are to:

- a) promote dialogue on global higher education trends;
- b) promote awareness of publicly available international higher education information;
- c) support understanding of international approaches and best practices in benchmarking and institutional performance assessment.

Paragraph 3. Main areas and forms of cooperation

Within the framework of this MoU, the Parties will cooperate in the following forms:

Organization of professional dialogue and expert discussions on global trends in higher education;

Exchange of general information about publicly available resources, events and initiatives in the field of higher education;

Participation of representatives of the Parties in forums, summits, conferences, webinars and roundtables organized by either Party, subject to availability;

Facilitation of communication and dialogue between Uzbek higher education stakeholders and THE representatives for general informational and professional exchange purposes.

Paragraph 4. Coordination and implementation

Each Party will designate a focal point responsible for coordination and communication under this MoU.

Activities will be implemented on a voluntary basis, subject to institutional capacities and applicable national regulations.

Paragraph 5. Confidentiality and use of information

The Parties will treat information exchanged under this MoU with due confidentiality, in accordance with applicable legislation.

Information and results of joint activities will not be used for commercial, political, or unauthorized purposes.

Nothing in this MoU will be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture, or business relationship between the Parties.

Paragraph 6. Costs and expenses

Each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses arising from activities under this MoU, unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing.

All activities will be subject to the availability of resources of the Parties.

Paragraph 7. Dispute resolution

Any differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be resolved amicably through consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

Paragraph 8. Term, amendment, and termination

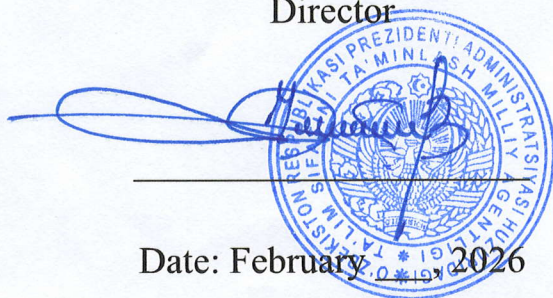
This MoU shall enter into force on the date of its signature and remain valid for five (5) years.

The MoU may be amended or extended by mutual written consent of the Parties.

Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing three (3) months' written notice to the other Party.

**For the National Quality
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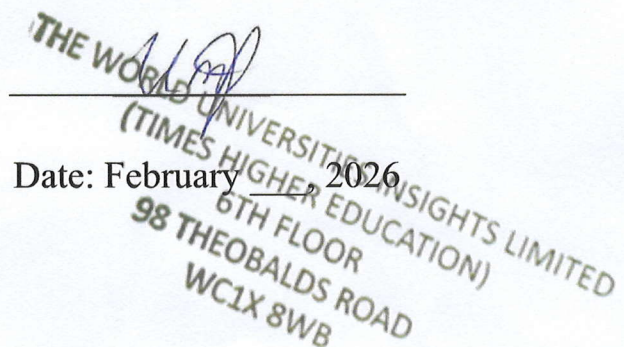
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