

Memorandum of Understanding

between the

European Alliance for Subject Specific and Professional Accreditation and Quality Assurance (EASPA)

and the

Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN)

In the spirit of cooperation and in recognition of our organizations' analogous mandates, which are: to promote and foster excellence in the higher education of professionals; to facilitate collaboration among programmes, institutions, and accreditation organizations; and to provide a forum for discussion, analysis and a mechanism for common action for those concerned with specialized and professional accreditation, we, the undersigned, endorse this memorandum of understanding between the European Alliance for Subject-Specific and Professional Accreditation and Quality Assurance (EASPA) and the Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN).

EASPA and APQN recognize their common interests in working towards the goals of:

- **advancing** good practices and knowledge in the field of disciplinary quality assurance, and communicating the value of accreditation as a means of enhancing educational and professional quality;
- **developing** a network of key leaders to foster academic accreditation and collaboration, thus securing and improving the quality of higher education in the Asia-Pacific region and the European Higher Education Area and benefiting from discussion and analysis of issues relating to higher education accreditation; and
- **improving** communication and the sharing of information on issues of mutual benefit or concern;
- with the ultimate objective of promoting an Asian Alliance of Subject-Specific and Professional Accreditation in consultation with stakeholders keeping in mind earlier development on concept of APQN Label .

Accordingly, EASPA, APQN and eventually AASPA agree to:



- work together in implementing a disciplinary learning outcomes approach in higher education and quality management;
- set up projects to that regard;

- communicate regularly and share information regarding higher education accreditation issues and initiatives;
- exchange invitations to observe association/consortium meetings and special events, with registration offered at the members rate for meetings, workshops and special events; and
- open discussion with the other association/consortium where an opportunity exists to further enhance relations or where joint initiatives may be beneficial;
- cooperate in any other mutually agreed activities for the benefit of both parties.

Unless alternative arrangements are specifically agreed to meet particular project requirements, the two partners will normally cover their own costs of implementing the terms of the MoU.

This MoU shall take effect from the date of its signature and shall be valid until terminated with the mutual consent of both parties or by the giving of three months' notice by either party. It may be extended based on the mutual agreement of both parties. It shall be reviewed at any time or when either party makes substantial changes to its mandate or objectives.

Signed on 26 May, 2016

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