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**Sultan Qaboos University, Oman** represented by Vice Chancellor on one part, **The Republican State Enterprise «Al-Farabi Kazakh National University» of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan** represented by Rector, on the other part, (both hereinafter referred to as the Parties collectively, or Party individually), taking into consideration the partnership and close international relations between Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Kazakhstan, recognizing the necessity and the possibility for developing further perspective bilateral relations between two countries in educational and scientific fields of cooperation, wishing to make their own contribution to development of cooperation between two educational institutions in the above mentioned fields, hereby conclude this **Letter of Understanding** (hereinafter referred to as "LOU") with following provisions.

## Article 1

Based on the principle of mutual benefit and respect for each other's independence, the Parties will foster:

- a. Encourage visits by faculty/researchers/students from one institution to the other for the purpose of engaging in research.
- b. Foster the exchange of scholarly ideas, information, and research tools. Data and software will be exchanged subject to mutually agreed upon terms. Distribution of such materials to third parties is restricted unless there is mutual agreement.
- c. Facilitate publication of scientific papers jointly. Publication of data and/or analysis performed under this exchange agreement will be by mutual consent and co-authorship unless agreed otherwise.
- d. Promote other academic and research activities that enhance the above-mentioned goals.

In order to give effect to these forms of cooperation, representatives of individual faculties and institutes within the two Parties will be encouraged to consult each other and to develop specific plans for collaboration in any or all of the ways mentioned above.

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### Article 2

The implementation of each program based upon the Agreement shall be negotiated and agreed upon by the Parties under a separate agreement prior to the initiation of the particular program. This separate agreement will clearly describe the functions and activities to be developed, work schedule, personal profile, financing, rights and obligations of each Party, as well as the required documents necessary to determine the goals and scope of each program.

### Article 3

In the process of implementation of the Agreement's provisions, the two universities shall act according to the legislation of their home countries and inter-governmental agreements on cooperation in the fields of education, science and culture between the Republic of Kazakhstan and Sultan Qaboos University, Oman.

All cooperative activities in article 1 above shall be done in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and guidelines of the country and university in which the activity is conducted.

### Article 4

The Agreement shall come into effect upon signature of this document by authorized representatives of both universities and shall remain in force for **(3 years)** unless terminated by either university by notification. Either party reserves the right to terminate this Letter of Understanding upon six months written notice. Any program or activity that has already commenced shall be completed to the best of both parties' ability. The Agreement may be modified at any time after due consultation between the Parties.

### Article 5

The Agreement is created in English. Two copies of the Agreement shall be made, one to be held by each university, and both shall serve as original.

**Galimkair Mutanov**  
Rector  
Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2015



**Dr. Ali Al Bemani**  
Vice Chancellor  
Sultan Qaboos University

Date: 23 / 3 / 2015

