MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is entered on this date _____ ("the Effective Date") at _____

BY AND BETWEEN

St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science for Women (Autonomous), Hosur, Tamil Nadu, India

AND

Maejo University, Chiang Mai (Thailand)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ACADEMIC & RESEARCH COLLABORATION

BETWEEN

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS), HOSUR, TAMIL NADU, INDIA

AND

MAEJO UNIVERSITY, CHIANG MAI (THAILAND)

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** (hereinafter referred to as MOU) is made between **St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science for Women (Autonomous), Hosur, Tamil Nadu, India** affiliated to Periyar University, Salem and managed by the FSPM Sisters, Coimbatore, accredited by NAAC (1st Cycle) with CGPA of 3.01/4 at 'A' Grade, (hereinafter called First Party) has Arts, Science, Professional, and Technical study programmes along with facilities for research and **Maejo University, Chiang Mai (Thailand), is a public university located in Chiang Mai, Thailand**, registered under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, address: 63, Nongharn Sub-district, Sansai District, Chiang Mai 50290, Thailand will be the Second Party on the OTHER PART (who for this MOU) are hereinafter individually referred to as PARTIES.

OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT

(a) Scope of Collaboration

The Parties express their mutual intention to explore and, where feasible and mutually agreed, engage in collaborative academic and research activities of shared interest (hereinafter referred to as "the Project"). Such collaboration shall primarily be undertaken through online modes of academic interaction, knowledge exchange, and research engagement. Any offline participation, visits, or in-

person activities shall be purely optional and subject to the mutual convenience, prior consent, and availability of both Parties, and shall not be construed as mandatory at any time.

(b) Purpose of the Project

The purpose of this collaboration is to promote long-term academic cooperation in areas of common research interests and allied academic activities, including, but not limited to, online academic discussions, joint seminars/webinars, the exchange of academic knowledge, the sharing of research expertise, and collaborative scholarly engagement. This understanding is non-binding in nature with respect to financial commitments, and neither Party shall be under any obligation to provide, share, or incur financial resources, funding, or monetary contributions unless expressly agreed upon in writing through a separate agreement. The collaboration shall be based on voluntary participation, academic goodwill, and institutional feasibility.

ARTICLE 1: Scope, Goals and Forms of Cooperation

The Parties agree to promote academic cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) based on mutual consent, institutional feasibility, and availability of resources. Any physical or in-person participation shall be entirely optional and shall take place only with prior written mutual consent. This MoU does not create any binding financial obligation, and no financial contribution or cost-sharing shall be mandatory unless separately agreed to in writing.

The scope of collaboration may include, but is not limited to, the following:

(i) Academic Collaboration:

The Parties may conduct online lectures, virtual guest sessions, joint teaching initiatives, co-supervision of research, and sharing of academic materials and educational resources. Any faculty exchange, if arranged, shall be voluntary and shall not require mandatory physical mobility.

(ii) **Professional Development Activities:**

The Parties may jointly organize academic enrichment programmes such as webinars, virtual seminars, workshops, conferences, faculty development programmes, and other scholarly events. Such activities shall primarily be conducted through online or hybrid modes and shall be based on mutual interest and convenience.

(iii) **Research Collaboration:**

The Parties may encourage joint research activities, including research discussions, co-authored publications, virtual meetings, sharing of research findings, and collaborative studies. Participation in joint research proposals or grant applications shall be voluntary and shall not create any financial obligation unless separately agreed in writing.

(iv) **Exchange of Knowledge and Academic Resources:**

The Parties may promote the exchange of academic knowledge through digital platforms, including sharing publications, journals, research materials, teaching resources, and other scholarly content through online repositories or other mutually agreed electronic means.

ARTICLE 2: Management

I. The Secretary of the First Party and the President/Vice-President of the Second Party shall act as the designated coordinators for implementing this MoU. They shall mutually discuss and determine the operational modalities of cooperation and oversee its effective execution. All coordination activities may be conducted through online or virtual modes. No physical meetings shall be mandatory, and no financial obligation shall arise unless separately agreed in writing.

II. An Advisory Committee may review the progress of activities under this MoU at least once in an academic year, at a time and in a manner mutually agreed by the Parties. Such review meetings may be conducted through online, virtual, hybrid or physical modes, subject to mutual consent. Presentations on academic collaboration, networking initiatives, and research activities may be organized and made accessible to students, faculty, and members of both Parties through appropriate platforms.

ARTICLE 3: Exchange of Information

I. For this MoU, "Information" shall include scientific or technical data, research results, methods of investigation, academic materials, and any other information shared, exchanged, or generated under the project activities carried out pursuant to this MoU. Such exchange of information shall primarily be through online, digital, or mutually agreed electronic modes, and no offline interaction shall be mandatory.

II. The Parties agree to support the widest possible dissemination of academic and research information arising from joint activities. Each Party participating in collaborative projects shall have the right to use, disclose, publish, or disseminate such information for academic and non-commercial purposes, subject to mutual consent and applicable institutional policies. Nothing in this clause shall create any obligation for physical participation, financial contribution, or cost-sharing, unless expressly agreed upon in writing by both Parties.

ARTICLE 4: Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding

I. It is understood that the First Party and Second Party subscribe to the principle of equal opportunity and do not discriminate based on country/ state, race, sex, age, caste or religion. Both institutions shall abide by these principles in the administration of this agreement and neither Party shall impose criteria for the exchange of scholars or students that violate principles of non-discrimination.

II. Students, faculty members, and incubated start-ups of either Party may visit the corresponding departments of the other Party only upon prior mutual consent and confirmation of a mutually acceptable schedule. Such visits shall be entirely optional and shall not be mandatory under this MoU. Academic interaction may also be conducted through online or virtual modes as mutually agreed.

III. Any expenses arising from visits or participation in collaborative activities shall be borne by the individual student or participant concerned, subject to the internal policies of their respective institution. This MoU does not create any obligation of financial sharing, funding commitment, or cost-bearing responsibility between the Parties unless separately agreed in writing.

IV. Both Parties agree to promote research culture, academic development, and collaborative projects, with priority given to innovative and scholarly work. Participation in such activities shall be voluntary and based on mutual agreement, and shall not impose any compulsory physical involvement or financial commitment on either Party.

ARTICLE 5: Terms and Conditions

I. This MOU will come into force upon affixing of the signatures of the representatives of both institutions and will remain in effect for three (3) years. This MoU may be renewed upon its expiry, as per the mutual agreement of both Institutions. If either institution wishes to terminate this MoU at the end of the three years or in between the period of three years, it must notify the other institution not less than six months before the expiry of this MoU. The event of termination will not affect participants from completing their activities at the host Party already initiated or ongoing, unless otherwise mutually agreed. This MoU, its renewal and the actions taken under it may be reviewed at any time. Modifications to MoU may be made by mutual consent and any amendment or extension to this MoU may be formalized by the exchange of letters between the two institutions.

II. All joint activities not completed at the expiration or termination of this MOU may be continued until their completion under the terms of this MoU.

III. No amendment or modification of this MoU shall be valid unless the same is made in writing by both parties or their authorized representatives and specifically stating the same to be the amendment of this MoU. The modifications/changes shall become part of this MoU and shall be effective from the date on which they are made/executed unless otherwise agreed.

IV. Financial terms and conditions will be decided mutually as per the needs of both parties. This MoU will be considered only for academic research, development and collaboration only by both parties.

ARTICLE 6: Arbitration

I. Any issues that are not addressed or stipulated in this MoU shall be discussed and resolved through negotiation in good faith and such resolution will be incorporated as written amendments to this MoU by mutual agreement between the two Parties.

II. No disputes are foreseen in the implementation of this MoU. The two Parties, however, agree that if any dispute arises between them, efforts will be made to settle the same as amicably as possible. If the dispute still remains unsettled, it will be referred for resolution bilaterally to the **Secretary, St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science for Women (Autonomous), Hosur, Tamil Nadu, India** and the **President/Vice-President of Maejo University, Chiang Mai, Thailand**. The decisions so arrived at shall be final and binding on the parties to this MoU.

This MOU has been executed in two originals, one of which has been retained by the First Party and the other by the Second Party)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MOU and represent that they approve, accept and agree to the terms contained herein.

St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science.
for Women (Autonomous),
Hosur, Tamil Nadu,
PIN – 635126, India

Signed by

Maejo University
63, Nongharn Sub-district
Sansai District,
Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Signed by

29/05/26 **Name** **Secretary** **St. Joseph's College of Arts and Science for Women(Autonomous),** Hosur, Tamil, Nadu PIN: 635126, India. Dated:	**Assoc. Prof. Weerapon Thongma, Ph.D.** **President** No. 63, Sansai District, Nongharn Sub-district Chiang Mai 50290, Thailand Dated: 29/5/26
Witness	
29/05/26 **Name** Dr. J. CAROLINE ROSE Position Principal	**Asst. Prof. Buraskorn Nuntadilok,Ph.D.** Chair, Department of Industrial Optimisation & Applications