

Memorandum of Understanding
in the Field of Technical and Vocational Training
between
the Technical and Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC)
in The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
and
Ministry of Education and Culture
in Finland

In response to the interest of the Technical and Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Ministry of Education and Culture in Finland, (referred to hereinafter as the two parties) to strengthen cooperation between the two countries in the area of technical and vocational training and to reinforce the existing friendly relations, the two parties have agreed the following:

Paragraph One

Both parties will endeavor to carry out this MOU in accordance with the national regulations and policies and the existing rules applied in both countries and to enhance areas of cooperation and development in the fields of technical and vocational training.

Paragraph Two

The two parties will endeavor to realize cooperation in the fields of technical and vocational training which include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Encouraging the hosting of joint conferences, symposia, workshops and exhibitions for the managers of training institutes, trainers and trainees.
2. Exploring the possibilities to conduct and disseminate joint studies which help to improve technical and vocational training as well as exchanging studies and researches and other related materials.
3. Facilitating the provision of training for TVTC's trainers and college and institute managers in the Finnish institutes and colleges.
4. Promoting the exchange of specialized staff in the field of managing technical institutes and colleges.
5. Granting scholarships to trainers and trainees according to the potentialities and available resources.
6. Identifying the possibilities for mutual recognition of certificates/qualifications prioritized by both parties.


7. Encouraging the establishment of joint Saudi-Finnish technical training institutes in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
8. Encouraging and developing partnership that helps Finnish institutes to operate and provide high quality training programs in the field of technical and vocational training in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia so as to train the trainers and develop or award qualifications recognized by the governments of the two parties.
9. Such other forms of cooperation in the field of technical and vocational training in the light of implementation program and plans as may be agreed upon by the two parties in the future.

Paragraph Three


1. This MOU shall enter into force after 30 days as of the date of the later written notification by both parties through diplomatic channels indicating that their internal legal requirements for its entry into force have been complied with.
2. The duration of this MOU is three years starting from the date of its entry into force and is renewable automatically for a similar period, unless either party gives the other party a written notice of its intention to terminate it at least six months prior to the intended date of termination.
3. Unless otherwise agreed by both parties, the termination of this MOU shall not affect the continued implementation of the plans and projects agreed upon by both parties, until they have been completely achieved.

This MOU is signed in Helsinki dated 21/08/2012 (G) corresponding to 03/10/1433 (H) in two original copies both in Arabic and in English, which are both equally authentic.

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The Ministry of Education and Culture
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