





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN AND

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

Stemming from the distinguished relations between the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Finland, and the desire of both countries to promote and develop cooperation in the field of education on the basis of reciprocal benefit, and in the light of discussions held between the Omani and Finnish sides, the Ministry of Education of the Sultanate of Oman and the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland (hereinafter both referred to as the "Participants"), have agreed on the following:

Paragraph 1

The Participants seek to encourage cooperation in the field of education, which include, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1. Professional development for teachers and employees in the educational field.
- 2. Curricula development and evaluation.
- 3. Educational evaluation and examination systems.
- 4. School, family and community partnership.
- 5. Continuous education.
- 6. Special educational needs.
- 7. E-learning.
- 8. School administration and school performance evaluation.
- 9. Pre-school education.

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- 10. Educational activities supporting the curriculum.
- 11. Supporting talented students.
- 12. Data management and key performance indicators.
- 13. Career guidance and entrepreneurship.
- 14.STEM education.
- 15. Teaching foreign language.
- 16.Information technology.
- 17. Policies relating to educational careers.

Paragraph 2

The Participants will exchange information, publications, research expertise in the field of education and any available documents associated education.

Paragraph 3

The Participants will encourage participation in conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses, exhibitions and research visits carried out by one of the Participants. In addition, private sector partners from both Participants will be encouraged to support the public sector in the fields of this Memorandum.

Paragraph 4

Each Participant will be responsible for financing the activities referred to in paragraph 3 of this Memorandum.

Paragraph 5

This Memorandum does not prejudice obligations arising out of bilateral agreements concluded between both countries.

Paragraph 6

The Participants will implement this Memorandum in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries.

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Paragraph 7

The Participants will amicably settle any disputes arising out of the implementation or interpretation of the provisions of this Memorandum by consultation through diplomatic channels.

Paragraph 8

The Participants may amend this Memorandum by written mutual agreement through diplomatic channels.

Paragraph 9

Memorandum comes into effect on the date of signature by both Participants and remains effective for a period of three (3) years. It will be automatically renewed for a similar period, unless one of the Participants notifies the other in writing of its desire to terminate at least six (6) months prior to the date of termination.

The termination of this Memorandum will not affect the implementation of ongoing activities and programs, which have been decided by Participants prior to the date of the termination of this Memorandum.

Signed in [Muscat, Sultanate of Oman] on [Sunday 8 October 2023] corresponding to [23 Rabi ul Awal, 1445 H] in two originals, in the Arabic and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

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