

STATEMENT OF INTENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT



This Statement of Intent and Confidentiality Agreement (Statement) is made this 27th day of January 2011 by Kyrgyzstan-Turkey Manas University (KTMU) located in Kyrgyzstan and University of Maryland University College (UMUC) located in the United States.

KTMU and UMUC each is an institution of higher education desiring to collaborate with the other on joint or dual programs or academic offerings, the successful completion of which, will lead to the award of a UMUC degree to students at KTMU (Joint Programs). All of the Joint Program courses offered by UMUC would be provided online via distance education.

It is the desire of both KTMU and UMUC that their mutual agreements, when reached through the continuing discussions, will be memorialized in a written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by their respective authorized representatives. In the course of discussions and in this Statement of Intent and Confidentiality Agreement (Statement of Intent), KTMU and UMUC may and will discuss various aspects of Joint Programs and may reach agreement as to those aspects. Nonetheless, KTMU and UMUC understand and intend such interim agreements are part of the ongoing discussions. Any binding agreement between them as to Joint Programs will only be in a separate successive writing, signed by them both and designated as such as MOUs.

Towards the end of reaching an MOU, KTMU and UMUC intend to continue discussing and exploring: joint bachelor's program in business administration. Both KTMU and UMUC understand that, although it is their mutual desire that an MOU will be reached and Joint Programs will be implemented, their discussions may not lead to an MOU. Both KTMU and UMUC participate in the discussions with this understanding and at their own respective cost. Either party may discontinue the discussions at any time by written notice.

KTMU and UMUC respectively contemplate that, during their discussions, they may disclose to the other information, in any format whatsoever including without limitation orally, about themselves or their business or academic operations (Confidential Information). KTMU and UMUC each will treat any and all information disclosed about the other as confidential and shall not disclose this Confidential Information to any third party whatsoever and to their employees and representatives only in furtherance of the discussions. Each party will use the Confidential Information in furtherance of the discussions between them and for evaluating the possibility of offering Joint Programs and reaching an MOU.

KTMU and UMUC will not disclose or publicize the discussions or their desire to offer Joint Programs to any third party without the express written consent of the other, obtained in each instance.

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KTMU and UMUC each look forward to continuing their discussions regarding Joint Programs for KTMU students. This Statement of Intent is written in English and is subject to the law of the State of Maryland, U.S.A.

In acknowledgement of the forgoing Statement of Intent and Confidentiality Agreement, KTMU and UMUC sign below:

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

KYRGYZSTAN-TURKEY MANAS UNIVERSITY

By:

Susan C. ALDRIDGE, PhD. President Date:

Prof.Dr. Suleyman KAYIPOV Prof. Dr. Sabahattin BALCI President Date:

By: **Co-President** Date: