YEDITEPE UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

YEDITEPE UNIVERSITY AND KIRGIZİSTAN-TÜRKİYE MANAS UNIVERSITY

Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey) and Kırgızistan-Türkiye Manas University (Bişkek, Kırgızistan), believing that the process of university education can be enriched and international understanding strengthened, and wishing to establish relations between the two institutions, hereby agree to cooperate with each other in areas of common interest as follows:

1. The participating institutions shall endeavor to promote collaboration through a broad range of activities such as:

   a) Graduate and undergraduate student exchanges;
   b) Student admission procedures and conditions;
   c) Acceptance of the approved coursework and credits;
   d) Summer Program;
   e) Exchanges of faculty for short-term and, as funding and other circumstances permit, long-term visits;
   f) Housing/accommodations;
   g) Health insurance;
   h) Research collaboration/collaborative projects.

2. The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties in a separate agreement, prior to the initiation of that activity. Any such implementation agreements will form appendices to this Memorandum of Understanding.

3. Each institution shall designate a liaison officer to develop and coordinate the specific activities agreed upon. The designated liaison officers for this Memorandum of Understanding are:

Prof. Dr. Seyfullah Çevik Rektör Vekili Kırgızistan-Türkiye Manas Üniversitesi Mira Cad. 56 Bişkek Kırgızistan	and	Professor Dr. I. Atilla Dicle Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey)

Notification of any change in liaison officers may be made by letter without amending the Memorandum of Understanding.

4. Financial and/or funding considerations shall become the subject of specific discussion and agreement within the framework of a separate implementation agreement. No financial commitment whatsoever, on the part of either signatory to this general document, is intended or implied.

5. The Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of three years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by the appropriate authorities of either party giving twelve months notice to the other party in writing, unless an earlier termination date is mutually agreed upon. The Memorandum of Understanding may be amended or extended by mutual written consent of the two parties.

6. The Memorandum of Understanding as outlined in this document is not intended to be a legally binding document. Rather, it is meant to describe the nature and cooperative intentions of those institutions involved and to suggest guidelines for cooperation. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor may any constraints be imposed by either upon the other.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

Prof. Dr. Seyfullah Çevik Rektör Vekili Kırgızistan-Türkiye Manas Üniversitesi Mira Cad. 56 Bişkek Kırgızistan October 10, 2003	and	Professor Dr. I. Atilla Dicle Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey) October 10, 2003

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