

**BETWEEN KARADENİZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (TRABZON-TÜRKİYE)
AND
TABRİZ UNIVERSITY (TABRİZ-İRAN)
EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROTOCOL**

CHAPTER I

PARTIES AND PURPOSE OF THE PROTOCOL

1. The Turkish side of the protocol, the full text of which is presented below, is composed of Karadeniz Technical University (Trabzon, Türkiye), and the Iranian side is Tabriz University (Tabriz, Iran). Both parties will hereinafter be referred to as "Parties" within the protocol text.

2. The purpose of this protocol is to provide joint projects in the branches of education, science, culture and arts, as well as agriculture, environment, aquaculture, animal breeding and health, basic sciences and engineering, as universities of two neighboring countries located in the same geographical region and with a similar social and cultural environment. To conduct joint scientific research and technical trips, to organize sports activities and scientific meetings, and to carry out appropriate promotional activities for both universities.

CHAPTER II

EDUCATION-TRAINING, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

The parties have agreed to carry out joint activities on the items presented below.

3. The Parties carry out joint work to improve the education and training provided in the faculties, institutes and schools of both universities and to harmonize it with international standards.

4. The Parties conduct joint scientific research, projects and scientific publications on the topics presented below.

- a. Aquaculture and fishing
- b. Structural geology, seismicity, lake and volcano research of the region
- c. Fighting environmental pollution and managing water resources
- d. Art, literature, history, archeology and art history
- e. Basic sciences (physics, mathematics, chemistry, biology, geology)
- f. Social and humanities
- g. Science and engineering research

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CHAPTER III

FINANCE AND EXECUTION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

5. After the agreed upon research topics are designed, they are presented to the project supporting institutions of both parties. Projects come into effect after receiving financial support from both universities.

6. In projects to be carried out jointly, the parties appoint a coordinator for each. Project expenditures are made according to the expenditure system of each country. Project coordinators on both sides are responsible for these expenses.

7. The same path is followed in joint projects with the European Union or third countries.

8. The Parties agree to use infrastructures in jointly carried out projects.

9. The Parties agree to comply with international ethical principles regarding individual and public health and animal breeding and health in jointly conducted scientific projects.

10. The duration of the joint projects prepared can not be less than one year and more than three years. Project coordinators submit an interim report about the project to the institutions supporting the project every six (6) months in the later stages of the project. A final report is prepared at the end of the project. Final and interim reports are prepared in Turkish and Persian and presented to the institutions supporting the project.

11. The Parties accept that, in projects carried out jointly, project coordinators have full authority in the selection of project personnel and the continuation or termination of project personnel's duties in the project.

12. At the end of the projects, the project coordinators decide together where and how the publications to be produced from the project will be published.

CHAPTER IV

LECTURER AND STUDENT EXCHANGE

13. Parties may exchange faculty members, provided that they notify the branches of science in which they will work together in advance. These assignments for education purposes are carried out in accordance with the legal systems of both countries. The parties agree to meet the accommodation needs of the faculty members assigned in this way, in return for a fee. The parties can not be held responsible for accommodation needs that may arise outside the assignment period.

14. The Parties agree to meet the mutual student exchange for internship and the accommodation needs of students coming for internship at appropriate times, in return for a fee, provided that they notify in advance the quotas and conditions they can accept. The number of students doing internship and accommodation conditions are determined by the host university. The parties are not held responsible for any accommodation needs that may arise outside the internship period.



CHAPTER V

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

15. The Parties agree to hold joint scientific meetings and sports competitions such as congresses, conferences, symposiums, workshops, and mutually invite each other.

16. The parties accept that in such meetings, the obligation to organize and organize the meeting is the responsibility of the party organizing the meeting.

17. The parties agree to carry out promotional activities involving both universities in all joint activities.

CHAPTER VI

SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE

18. The parties agree to resolve any problems that may arise through good faith and mutual negotiations.

CHAPTER VII

DURATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROTOCOL

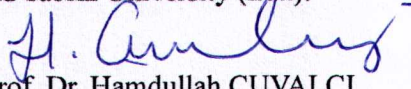
19. This signed protocol is valid for five (5) years. If no objection is received from the parties at the end of this period, the protocol period is extended for five (5) years, for a one-time period. The protocol period ends automatically at the end of the second five (5) years.

20. The parties agree that they have the right to terminate the protocol bilaterally, provided that they notify each other in writing six months in advance.

21. The parties agree that the protocol text will be prepared in Turkish, Persian and English (two copies in each language) and include the legal addresses of both universities.

22. The prepared protocol and possible additional protocols come into force after the approval of the Higher Education Institution of the Republic of Türkiye (Türkiye) and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran), which are the authorized institutions of both countries, and after the rectors of both universities sign it.

23. These prepared protocols are carried out by the rectors of Karadeniz Technical University (Türkiye) and Tabriz University (Iran).


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