

**EXCHANGE PROGRAMME BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES ON
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the United Mexican States (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

Desiring to strengthen bilateral relations in the field of education;

Recalling the profound impact of education on human resource, economic and social development;

Recognizing that greater linkages between both the countries in the field of education would be mutually beneficial;

Pursuant to Article X of the Convention on Cultural cooperation between the two Governments, signed in New Delhi on the 23rd of July 1975;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Parties shall encourage, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation between the education institutions of the two Governments, based on their respective academic and educational needs. These may include all or some of the following activities:

- i) exchange of research materials, publications, educational literature, teaching aids, demonstration material and information;
- ii) organization of joint conferences, exhibitions and seminars;
- iii) organization of joint research programmes and publications;
- iv) organization of training programmes for educational administrators and teachers;
- v) exchange of academic and other administrative staff;
- vi) exchange of scholars, teachers, experts and students;

- vii) twinning arrangements between institutions of higher learning;
- viii) setting up of educational/training institutions and to further develop bilateral programmes between institutions of educational excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
- ix) examine the possibility of mutual recognition of educational qualifications;
- x) setting up of chairs on contemporary studies;
- xi) providing scholarships for further education in recognized institutions of higher learning;
- xii) providing mutual assistance in the fields of Information Technology, Computer Science, mathematics & science;
- xiii) any other activity as agreed by both Parties.

Article II

The substance, scope and implementation of activities or cooperation within the terms of this Educational Exchange Programme (EEP) may be the subject of more specific arrangements concluded between selected institutions in the two countries on the basis of and within the provisions of the present Educational Exchange Programme.

Article III

Nothing shall diminish the full autonomy of either Party, nor will any constraints or financial obligations be imposed by either Party upon the other, in carrying out the Educational Exchange Programme.

Article IV

The costs of the co-operative activities under this Programme shall be funded on terms as specified in the General Financial Provision (Annexure II) and shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Article V

Both Parties agree that they will annually review the development of the program through diplomatic channels and through meetings of evaluation.

Article VI

Both Parties agreed to organise the next Meeting of the Working Group on Education of the Joint commission on the Cooperation on the date and place to be agreed upon through diplomatic channels. The present program as at Annexure-I will be valid until a new one is approved.

Done at New Delhi on 21st October, 2005 in two original copies in English, Mexican and Hindi languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the text in English shall prevail.


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PROGRAMME OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.

A. EDUCATION

I. General Education

1. Modalities of educational cooperation between Mexico and India

The parties shall promote development of contacts and cooperation between the educational institutions of the countries, on the basis of their respective academic and educational needs. Said collaboration may include all or some of the following activities :

- Exchange of research materials, publications educational teaching and didactics literature
- Organisation conferences, exhibitions and seminars
- Organisation of research programmes and preparation of publications
- Organisation of training programmes for administrators of education and teachers;) the Secretariat of Public Education requests the Indian side to specify educational levels to which this proposal is referred to.)
- Exchange of academics and administrative personnel; (the Secretariat of public Education requests the Indian side to specify educational levels to which this proposal is referred to)
- Exchange of alumni, teachers, experts and students (the Secretariat of public Education requests the Indian side to specify the educational levels to which this proposal is referred to)
- Fraternal agreements between educational institutions at all levels
- Establishment of bilateral programmes between educational institutions of excellence in technical, vocational and higher education;
- Examination of possibility of establishing the equivalences of degrees, academic grades, diplomas and certificates of study of higher education;
- Establishment of chairs of contemporary studies.
- Awards of scholarship for post-postgraduate studies, in recognized institutions of higher education
- Consultancy in the fields of information technology, computer studies, mathematics and sciences;
- Any other activity to be agreed upon by the parties.

2. New technologies applied to education

The parties shall exchange experiences in the use of computers and services offered by new technologies applied to different fields of education

II. Basic, Medium and Higher Education

3. Exchange of information on technological and service areas

The SEP, through the Directorate General of Industrial Technology Education (DGETI), expresses its interest in carrying out an exchange of information and on technological education and service, with the objective of finalising in future specific projects of cooperation

III. Higher Education

4. Direct Collaboration Agreements between Institutions of Higher Education

The Parties shall promote development of academic relations and signing of agreements between universities and higher educational institutions of the two countries. Similarly, they shall continue favouring collaboration activities envisaged in inter-institutional agreements, such as joint research, exchange of academicians and specialists, publications and visit of delegations comprised of three to four members.

In this respect, the Secretariat of Foreign Relations (SRE), through the Cultural Affairs Unit, shall handover a list of agreements signed between the Mexican and Indian institutions of higher education

5. Scientific-academic mobility

The Parties shall promote and facilitate participation and mobility between scientists, specialists, academicians, researchers of the two countries so that they participate in International congress, Symposia, conferences and other meets, to be held in the territory of the other Party.

The number of participants and other details shall be fixed in each case by the concerned institutions.

Specially, they shall promote exchange of university professors and researchers, in the form of short stay with the objective of delivering lectures or carrying out research projects. The exchange shall be carried out on the basis of invitation of Universities and institutions of higher education, formulated by diplomatic channel. In this regard, the Indian side proposes to exchange on social scientist per year. The details shall be defined by mutual consultation through diplomatic channel.

In this respect, the DSRE, through the Cultural Affairs Unit, indicates that the Indian professors may visit Mexico within the framework of their Special Lectures and High Level Conferences Programmes of the Government of Mexico for Foreigners, as and when they comply with the requisites indicated in the said Announcement.

6. Equivalence of Degrees, Academic Grades, Diplomas and Certificates

The Parties shall carry out an exchange of information on educational systems at higher level, with the objective of studying the possibility of establishing equivalences of degrees, academic grades, diplomas and certificates, issued by the universities and institutions of higher education of the two countries.

IV. Diffusion and Teaching of Languages

The Parties shall facilitate and strengthen teaching of their respective languages and cultures in schools and universities, in particular through setting up of chairs and university courses of teaching of foreign languages.

Similarly, they shall promote and foster exchange of visiting faculty at university level, with the objective of strengthening knowledge, in the other country, of their respective language, literature and culture.

V. Diplomatic and International Relations Studies

7. Cooperation in Diplomatic and Information Exchange Studies

The SRE, through the Instituto Matias Romero (IMR), invites Indian specialists in regional Affairs, foreign policy and international relations in Mexico to deliver talks in its campus.

For the abovementioned, the collaboration of the Embassy of India is solicited, for providing information about Indian specialists who could visit Mexico, with the objective of programming their talks in the JMR, in accordance with its calendar activities.

Similarly the SRE, through the IMR, manifests its interest in exchanging with similar Indian institutions, information and materials, on its training programmes of external service, and also to hold forums of diverse type and develop other points of common interest.

Regarding publications, the IMR shall provide its Revista Mexicana de Politica Exterior.

8. Cooperation between Archives and Libraries Specialised in Diplomatic History and International Relations.

The SRE, through the Direccion General del Acervo Historico Diplomatico (DGAHD) and the IMR manifests its interest in establishing a cooperation between archives and libraries specialized in diplomatic history and international relations, through exchange of information and publications.

VI. Human Resource Training

Scholarships

9. Scholarships offered by the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, through the Cultural Affairs Unit.

The Mexican side, through the Cultural Affairs Unit of the SRE, will continue offering to the Indian side six (6) scholarships annually, including extensions, with a maximum duration of twelve months, so that the Indian nationals carry out post graduation studies (graduation, doctorate, specializations or research) in the Mexican institutions of higher learning mentioned in the Annual scholarship announcement.

Prior to the post-post graduation studies, the Indian scholarship holders may opt for a Spanish and Mexican culture course in the Centro de Enseñanza para Extranjeros (CEPE), Campus Taxco, Guerrero, of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM), for a period of six months.

In addition to these scholarships, the SRE, through the Cultural Affairs Unit, offers scholarships within the framework of multilateral and special programmes, for which a definite number of scholarship does not exist for each country.

10. Scholarships offered by the Indian side

The Mexican side requests the Indian side to offer four (4) scholarships to Mexican nationals, to carry out post-post graduation studies in India, in areas of excellence.

Similarly, it expresses its interest in the Indian side continuing to offer scholarships for short term courses.

B. COPYRIGHTS

11. Exchange of information on copyright matter.

The Parties shall exchange information on copyright and related rights, with the objective of knowing their respective national systems in the said areas.

The parties shall offer due protection and shall provide means and procedures for adequate observance of laws.

In the field of copyright and related rights, in accordance with the national legislation and in application of international conventions covering the subject.

C. FINANCING

For development and compliance of the activities shown in this Programme, the Parties agreed to the general and financial conditions indicated in ANNEXURE – II.

The present programme does not exclude the possibility of agreeing to, through diplomatic channel, other activities or cooperation projects in educational field, to be concluded through diplomatic channel.

This Cooperation Programme in the Field of Education shall be in force from the date of signing by the Parties, and shall be valid for five years. In case that after this lapse no other Programme is approved, the present one shall be valid till the signing of the following Programme.

General and Financial Conditions

1. The Parties shall consider implementation of other activities for projects of cooperation in the fields of education, youth, physical culture and sports, which shall be agreed upon by diplomatic channel.
2. The Parties shall favour diffusion of all actions carried out in the period 2004-2007, through their respective mass media.
3. The scope and implementation of activities of cooperation within the terms of the present programme shall be object of major specific agreements signed between competent institutions in two countries, on the basis and within the framework of what is stipulated in this programme.
4. The Parties shall keep themselves informed about the development of educational activities and shall exchange evaluation reports through diplomatic channel.
5. Except in cases where the institutions establish other terms, the financing for exchanges will be the following :

Exchange of persons

6. The Party which sends shall put at the disposal of the Party which receives necessary documentation on proposed experts, at least three months before the programme arrival.

This information shall include : names of the visitors, passport number, purpose of travel, curricula, languages known, work schedule and and/or envisaged visit, duration of stay, dates of arrival and return, titles of possible talks and other data deemed necessary.
7. The party which receives shall inform the institution of the sending party, latest by two months after receiving the documentation in question, its decision on acceptance and date of expected arrival.
8. On approval, the institution belonging to the receiving side shall make arrangements with the corresponding authorities of its country, the authorisation for issuance of visas, if need be.

9. The Party which sends shall confirm the exact dates of arrival and mode of transport, latest by three weeks before the date of arrival.
10. Notwithstanding whatever is mentioned in point 5 of the document, the institution belonging to the sending party shall bear costs of international to and fro travel, including those of transit and baggage, and also airport taxes.
11. Notwithstanding whatever is mentioned in point 5 of the document, the institution belonging to the receiving party shall cover costs of board and lodging, and also travels in its own territory indispensable for carrying out the project agreed upon by the Parties. These costs shall be specified on approving the exchange.

Short Stays

12. In case of short stays (up to 30 days), the Parties agree to what is stipulated in points 6 to 10.
13. In particular, the Indian side grants following benefits for stay of Mexicans in India :
 - a) Free lodging
 - b) Food subject to following limits :
 - 1,000 Indian rupees (Rs.) daily per person, if breakfast is included in lodging charges.
 - 1,100 Indian rupees (Rs.) daily per person, when lodging charges do not include breakfast.
 - c) 50 Indian rupees (Rs.) daily per person, for pocket expenses.
 - d) 250 Indian rupees (Rs.) daily per person for pocket expenses.
 - e) Local Transport :
 - shall be provided with a car for the visitor, if the duration of the visit is of a week.
 - In case the local transport is not provided in India, 500 Indian rupees (Rs.) per day shall be granted.

The Mexican side shall grant Indian experts per diem for board and lodging, which shall cover satisfactorily the needs for compliance of their activities. This amount shall be known through diplomatic channel, once the visit is approved.

Scholarship

14. Each Party shall send to his counterpart, for its diffusion, announcement of scholarship, at least 3 months before the closure of the same, and also corresponding forms.

The propositions for scholarships shall be made through respective embassies. In case of scholarships offered to Indian nationals by the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, the counterpart is Cultural Affairs Unit.

15. The candidate shall satisfy requisites and present the documentation required by the offering party. The requisites and documents shall be indicated annually by the counterpart through formal communication, indicating additionally last dates for receiving the documentation.
16. The candidates for scholarship belonging to each one of the Parties shall be selected by the authorities of the counterpart with the participation of the embassy of the offering country. The final decision shall correspondent to the authorities of the party granting the scholarship.
17. The list of pre-selected candidates by the respective evaluation committees shall contain candidature of alternative candidates.
18. Scholarship holders shall travel alone or demonstrate economic solvency of persons accompanying them.
19. The Mexican side shall receive Indian candidatures only through the Mexican embassy, on dates mentioned in the annual Announcement.
20. The scholarship holders shall not be able to enjoy benefits of the scholarship before having received, by the embassy of the offering country, formal communication regarding date from which the said scholarship will commence.
21. The Parties shall grant extension of scholarship, which shall be within the annual quota, the applicants always showing satisfactory results in the studies carried out and justifying the need to prolong the time of

stay for finishing completely the studies. The said application shall be channelized through diplomatic channel.

22. The scholarships of the SRE through the Cultural Affairs Unit, shall be granted in all areas or knowledge, except dentistry, plastic surgery, business management, accountancy, marketing and publicity. In the medical area scholarships shall be granted for specializations and sub-specializations up to a maximum period of 12 months, with the possibility of extending up to 24 months, up to a maximum total extendable of 3 years, if the programme of the scholarship holder justifies it and if the progress is satisfactory, apart from they are subject to availability of receiving Mexican Institutions and exclusively in the areas established in the programme of Secretariat of Foreign Affairs Secretariat of Health. If the studies exceed this time limit, the costs shall be born by the concern student.
23. The scholarships of the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, through the Cultural Affairs Unit shall include following benefits :
 - a) Admission and tuition fees for studies of graduation, doctorate or specialization, as and when the receiving institution requires the payment.
 - b) Monthly grant for maintenance costs, equivalent to four (4) minimum salaries in the Federal District, in case of graduation, research at graduation or specialization,, and five (5) minimum salaries of the Federal Districts in case of doctorates, doctoral researches and post doctorates, medical sub-specializations and special chairs. The monthly grant shall be modified in accordance with that published in the Diario Oficial de la Federacion.
 - c) One time allowance for installation costs, equivalent to an ordinary monthly scholarship for maintenance. This payment shall not be extended to persons residing in Mexico at the time of granting the scholarship.
 - d) Medical insurance of the Mexican Institute of Social Security (IMSS), starting from the third month of the scholarship.
 - e) National transport for the scholarship holder carrying out studies outside the metropolitan area of Mexico city, once only.
24. The requisites and benefits of the scholarship offered by the SRE, through the Cultural Affairs Unit, within the framework of multilateral

and special programmes, shall be defined each year in the Announcement for scholarship for Foreigners of the Government of Mexico.

25. The scholarship offered by the Indian sides shall include following benefits :
 - a) Monthly allowance of 3,000 Indian rupees (Rs.), for post graduation and post – post graduation courses.
 - b) Monthly allowance of 4,000 Indian rupees (Rs.), for research, teachers' training and doctorate.
 - c) Monthly allowance of 5,000 Indian rupees (Rs. for post doctoral research.
26. The short term courses offered by the Indian side to Mexican National shall include :
 - a) Scholarship of 50%, if the duration of the course is of 6 months or less.
 - b) Complete scholarship, if the duration of the course is more than 6 months.
 - c) Free lodging in students hostel. In case of not getting accommodation in the said hostels, an amount of 2,500 Indian rupees (Rs.) shall be granted for staying in : Bangalore, Kolkata, Pune, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai. For other cities 2,000 Indian rupees (Rs.) as extra amount shall be granted. All other benefits such as compulsory fees, travels related to study and medical costs shall be reimbursed.
27. Income tax shall be dealt with as per rules and regulations in vogue in the receiving country.
28. Custom duties shall be dealt with according to the rules and regulations in vogue in the receiving country.
29. In case of a notable change in the cost of living in one or both the countries, the amounts mentioned before shall be revised through mutual consultations.

Information, Bibliographical and Audiovisual Material

30. Notwithstanding what is stipulated in point 5 of this document, costs of packing and shifting of information, bibliographical and audiovisual material to be exchanged according to the present programme, shall be borne by the institutions of the sending Party.

Other Sources of Financing

31. For the execution of projects and proposals of the present programme. The Parties may, whenever deemed necessary through mutual agreement, request for collaboration and financial support of internal and external sources, and international organisations, foundations, non-government organisations, companies and other sources.