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**Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Ministry of Technical & Higher
Education, Government of Republic of Sierra
Leone**

and

**EdCIL (India) Limited,
a Govt. of India Enterprise of the Ministry of
Education**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF TECHNICAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION,
GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE

and

EdCIL (INDIA) LIMITED

This Agreement shall be deemed to be entered on 21st (day) of June 2025, between EdCIL (India) Limited, a Government of India Enterprise of the Ministry of Education, a registered Mini Ratna Category-1, Central Public Sector Enterprise, having its Registered office at Amba Deep Building, 6th Floor, KG Marg, New Delhi-110001 and Corporate office at EdCIL (India) Limited House No. 18-A, Sector 16- A , NOIDA-201301 (UP), which expression shall unless repugnant to the Memorandum of Understanding, shall deem to include its successors/ subsidiary/ ventures and assigns, hereinafter referred to as "EdCIL (India) Limited" on the other part.

and

The Ministry of Technical and Higher Education, Government of Republic of Sierra Leone being the apex body for all matters relating to policy, assigning roles, responsibility, functional aspects for the institutions in the technical and higher education in the Country. The Ministry's office is Headquartered at office of the **Ministry of Technical and Higher Education, New England Ville, Freetown, Sierra Leone.**

Whereas

The Ministry of Technical and Higher Education (MTHE), carved out to meet the tertiary education needs in 2018 with the objective to provide an enabling environment for capacity building of youth and individuals with the relevant knowledge, skills to meet the social and economic needs in communities, and society at large. MTHE oversees all higher educational institutions and strives for excellence, professionalism and integrity in tertiary education in Sierra Leone.

The MTHE offers opportunities for students, learners to access quality higher education through a government Grant in Aid. The Ministry is working on a student support scheme for higher and technical education. With the aim to promote good governance in education, MTHE has created an online platform through which students can access international scholarships through a transparent screening process. The Ministry is continuously improving the system to meet the country's overall growth and development and education is one of the parameters to address.

And whereas

EdCIL (India) Limited is a Government of India Enterprise of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, established in 1981 with the objective of providing services in the education domain within India and developing countries including technical assistance services, capacity building, digital education-technology enabled learning solutions at all levels of education and overall project planning and management services covering the entire spectrum of services.

1. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

1.1 EdCIL will extend suitable technical assistance services in the education and related areas for school, technical and higher education, through capacity building initiatives advisory and consultancy, support and assistance in digital learning solutions (from its range of products and services covering digital classroom, smart classrooms, connected classrooms, modular solutions such as digital learning content pre-loaded onto Tabs, Desktops and smart devices, Mobile App based solutions, Comprehensive learning Management Systems, deploying Government of India's SAMARTH to connect technical and higher education institutions) and such other solutions customized and developed upon mapping the country's needs, demands and requirements.

1.2 The Study in India programme is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India. EdCIL (India) Limited, being the implementation partner for the scheme, keen to extend suitable services broadly defined in the MoU. The overall aim of the programme will be to increase the inflow of international students studying in India's higher education programmes including short courses, language courses and such other programmes in frontier areas Agriculture, IT, ITES, Cyber Security etc.

1.3 EdCIL will support the Government Republic of Sierra Leone to identify the needs, demands and futuristic requirements in technology trends, curriculum, teaching learning, assessments and teacher capacity development for education quality improvements at all levels. Any such assistance in STEAM, drone applications, skill qualifications framework for such trade certification as may be needed in the technical training centres.

Any other broad areas of priority as Government of Republic of Sierra Leone identify along with EdCIL, EdCIL will be nodal agency for providing the needed support and assistance. As per the requirement, approaching international funded institutions viz., AfDB, UKAID and others to support in the initiatives, EdCIL will work mutually with the Government of Republic of Sierra Leone.

2. DEFINITIONS

- (i) "EdCIL" means the EdCIL (India) Limited, the CPSE under Ministry of Education, Govt of India and the implementing agency, for the "Study in India" programme.
- (ii) "HEIs" means Higher Education Institutions.
- (iii) "SII" means the Study in India Programme of the MoE, Government of India.
- (iv) "SL" means Sierra Leone.
- (v) "MTHE" means Government of Republic of Sierra Leone's Ministry of Technical and Higher Education.

- (vi) "MoE" means the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- (vii) "TVET" stands for Technical and Vocational Education and Training.

3. BROAD AREAS OF INTEREST

- (a) Technical Assistance for Technical and Higher Education including establishment of Universities / Institutes in the areas of Agriculture Sciences and Engineering, Medicine and Allied Sciences, Multi-disciplinary institutions in TVET in focused priority areas
- (b) Project Implementation support for Digital Education and Learning Management Systems including ICT and Smart solutions
- (c) Technical Assistance for Technical Training Centres – employment-oriented curriculum
- (d) Secondment of Teachers, Faculty for STEAM, Student & Faculty Exchange programme (Study in India)
- (e) Study in India, International Fellowship of Government of Sierra Leone to select India's HEI mapped to their needs in premier institutions (other than ICCR fellowship)
- (f) Support and assistance for multi-disciplinary institutions, existing universities / institutions for innovation, incubation and industrialization.

4. VALIDITY OF THIS AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall deem to be effective from 27th June 2025 and shall be valid up to 31st June, 2031 and may be extended for a further period of 5 Academic Years by sending the consent through an official email upon review by both the parties. Upon completion of validity of this MoU, each Party agrees to return all intellectual properties including Confidential Information shared with it by the other Party under the terms of this Agreement.

5. ARBITRATION

All disputes arising between the parties to the contract as to the interpretation, operation, or effect of any clause in this deed or any other difference arising between the parties, shall be resolved mutually.

6. NON-EXCLUSIVITY

The relationship of the parties under this MOU shall be nonexclusive and both parties, including their affiliates, subsidiaries and divisions, if any are free to pursue other agreements or collaborations of any kind.

7. RELATIONSHIP

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to make either party a partner, an agent or legal representative of the other for any purpose.

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8. COSTS OF THE MOU

Each Party shall bear the respective costs of carrying out the obligations under this MOU. For the costs of the projects, services shall be agreed by both the parties as per the scope and funding opportunity in the sector.

9. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The Parties acknowledge that, in the course of their negotiations under this MOU, it may be necessary for one Party to provide documentation, technical and business information and/or intellectual property, in whatever form recorded (collectively, "Confidential Information"), to the other Party. All Confidential Information provided or disclosed by either Party hereunder shall remain the property of the furnishing party, and shall be held in strict confidence by the receiving Party, unless the furnishing Party otherwise consents in writing or unless disclosure of such Confidential Information is required by the applicable laws.

Confidential Information furnished by any Party hereunder

- i. shall not be reproduced or copied, in whole or in part, by the receiving Party except for use as specifically authorized by this MOU;
- ii. shall, together with any copies thereof, be returned to the disclosing Party, or at the request of the disclosing Party, destroyed, when no longer needed for purposes of this MOU; and
- iii. shall only be disclosed by the receiving Party to its employees who have a need to know such Confidential Information in connection with the performance of this MOU; and who have agreed to comply with the confidentiality obligations set forth herein.

**For and on behalf of the Ministry of
Technical and Higher Education**

Signature: [Signature]
Name: DR. HASA RAMANULAI KURUC
Designation: MINISTER
Date: 27th JUNE 2025

Witnessed by

Signature: [Signature]
Name: Sandeep Kumar
Designation: Deputy Minister

**For and on behalf of EdCIL (India)
Limited:**

Signature: [Signature]
Name: DR. CHANDRASEKAR
Designation: Executive Director
Date: 27th JUN 2025

Witnessed by

Signature: [Signature]
Name: B.C. Pradhan
Designation: High Commissioner
of India to
Sri Lanka