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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is an expression of partnership between The Kohima Institute and Phek Government College, entered 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018.

Established in 1981 by the people of Phek with the assistance of Shri Lalhuma, IAS, then Deputy Commissioner of Phek, and Shri Vejoi Vero, then Minister of State in Nagaland, Phek Government College is a college affiliated to Nagaland University, and focused on high quality teaching in the arts and sciences. The college currently offers a Bachelor of Arts degree, with B.A. honours offered in Economics, Education, English, History, and Political Science; as well as a Bachelor of Science degree, with B.Sc. honours offered in Botany, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, and Zoology.

Founded in 2013, the Kohima Institute is registered as a Public Charitable Trust in Nagaland, and is a research and postgraduate training centre focused on the social sciences, with a broad contextual remit working with minority ethnic communities across highland Asia. The Institute maintains a strong commitment to ethical research practices, and ecological consciousness, promoting indigenous knowledge, philosophies, languages, histories, technologies, and aesthetics. Part of this commitment is the intentional, ongoing resourcing, consultancy work, high-level trainings, and data sharing conducted in conjunction with important research, policy and development initiatives within its region of immediate operation, namely Northeast India.

The Kohima Institute and Phek Government College have identified an opportunity to enhance their perspective roles and effectiveness through a cooperative arrangement that brings together the unique strengths of each organisation. This agreement will provide a bridge for academic excellence, research, staff and student exchange, particularly in regards to internship opportunities, jointly organised events, and other mutually enriching activities.

In this regard, The Kohima Institute and Phek Government College pledge to work together in a spirit of cooperation, learning and support in the following, *inter alia*, areas, and

- To implement practical means to bring research and teaching closer together;
- To champion inter-sectoral and inter-faculty partnerships to maximise efforts and resources;



- To promote academic research and excellence in the arts and sciences through the sharing of data, publications, information, networks, and resources;
- To provide participatory fora fostering innovation and creativity among faculty members, researchers, and students in the arts and sciences; and
- To jointly create opportunities to promote a long-term sustainable continuity of academic interest in research and teaching, and their practical applications in surrounding communities.

This agreement is valid for a period of five years from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018, and upon its expiry, can be renewed with the consent of both parties. In addition, this agreement may be amended as mutually agreed upon, or terminated by either party through written notification.

The Kohima Institute and Phek Government College agree to meet annually to review the activities of the prior year and to hold a planning session for the upcoming period.

This agreement does not in any way bind either The Kohima Institute or Phek Government College, nor does it supersede or affect other existing agreements held by either organisation.

Signed on this date:

For the Kohima Institute

Dr. Michael Heneise  
Director

For Phek Government College

Dr. Vizovol Mekro  
Principal