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Ref. No. GL/ 1572

MOST URGENT

Date: 30/1/2020

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor University of Mumbai Fort Campus Mumbai 32

Ref.: Our letter no. GL 149/2020 dated 16.1.2020 to the Registrar, with Attn.: APD Section,

University of Mumbai

Sub.: Renewal of the MoU with the University of Freiburg, Germany

Dear Sir,

This is to request you to kindly sign the renewal of the existing MoU with the University of Freiburg, Germany. This MoU facilitates students and faculty exchange and has been valid from 1st January 2017 to 1st January 2020. There is an urgency since it is a pre-condition for our students to avail fee exemption during their study semester in April 2020.

Our M.A. student Mr. Hariprasad Jog has been awarded a full scholarship to pursue the summer semester at the University of Freiburg from 1st April 2020 till 31st July 2020. However without the MoU the candidate will have to pay tuition fees in Euros. Our student will be forced to pay hefty unaffordable fees, if we do not sign this now. The registration procedure for the semester has already commenced. It is therefore imperative that the MoU be renewed at the earliest.

Besides Mr. Jog, our Adhoc faculty Dr. Girisha Tilak and our doctoral candidate Ms Charu Sharma have also been awarded full scholarships for a one-month academic and research stay. They will also suffer the brunt and will not be entitled to any students' discount of any kind.

We, hence request you to sign the renewal of the MoU.

Looking forward to a positive echo.

With warm regards,

Dr. Vibha Surana

Prof. & Head

Department of German

Encl.: Existing MoU

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Copy of the renewal with modification in the last paragraph only.



Existing Mou for renewal.

Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Freiburg, Faculty of Philology and the University of Mumbai, Department of German

In order to extend the effective and mutually beneficial cooperation and develop academic and cultural exchange in education, research and other areas, the above named parties hereby agree to cooperate toward the internationalization of higher education.

The areas of cooperation will be the exchange of students and researchers and the exchange of publications within the "Germanistische Institutspartnerschaft" between the "Department of German" at University of Freiburg and the University of Mumbai as supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) or within other mutually agreeable frameworks.

The areas of cooperation will include any program offered at either institution which is felt to promote the above-mentioned goals. Such programs may include:

- a) joint research projects and conferences
- b) joint cultural programs
- c) exchange of staff and students (regulations concerning the exchange of students have to be provided separately in an "Agreement for Student Exchange")
- d) exchange of publications.

Any specific program shall be subject to mutual consent and availability of funds. The terms of such mutual assistance and cooperation shall be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the responsible authority of each party prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity. Prof. Dr. Werner Frick will act as responsible coordinator for University of Freiburg/Department of German. Prof. Dr. Vibha Surana will act as responsible coordinator for the University of Mumbai.

This renewal of this agreement shall take effect upon approval by both parties and shall remain in effect for an initial period of three years, starting January 1, 2020. Thereafter it shall be automatically renewed for three subsequent years. However, either institution may terminate the agreement by giving six months written notice to the other institution.

Date:

University of Mumbai

Date:

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