

**Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna signs a MOU with the Faculty of Science,
Lund University of Sweden**

Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna signs a MOU with the Faculty of Science, Lund University of Sweden. This marks the culmination of long-term cooperation between these two institutions. Lund University of Sweden is one of the top ranking universities in the world having a population of over 45,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. Both institutions have been engaged in many collaborative activities in the past such as student exchange programmes, field visits, student workshops etc. The MOU will open up a world of opportunities for the staff members and students of the Faculty to benefit from collaborative research, short term training, staff/student exchange, joint undergraduate/postgraduate programmes *etc* in the future.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Faculty of Science, Lund University, Sweden

And

Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka

1. Purpose

With the object of promoting their co-operation in academic education and research, Faculty of Science, Lund University ("LU") and Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna ("UR"), individually also "Party" and collectively the "Parties", enter into the following Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU").

2. Forms of Co-operation

Within such fields as are mutually acceptable for the Parties, the following forms of co-operation, amongst others, may be pursued hereunder:

- *Exchange of students*
- *Field trips to Sri Lanka*
- *Joint teaching activities*
- *Joint research activities*
- *Visits by, and exchange of, scholars and teachers.*

3. Specific Co-operation Projects

Specific co-operation projects, for instance within such fields as described in section 2 above, must be negotiated separately between the Parties and are in each specific case to be established in separate written agreements, stating the respective rights and obligations of the Parties. In case of any ambiguity or conflict of terms between the terms and conditions of this MoU and those of a separate agreement as mentioned above, the terms and conditions of such separate agreement shall prevail.

4. Financial Arrangements

Both Parties understand that all financial arrangements between the Parties have to be further negotiated and mutually agreed, and will depend on the availability of funds. Both parties may seek financing of joint activities from internal and external sources available to them.

5. General Coordinators

Each Party shall designate an administrative office to oversee and facilitate the implementation of any agreements arising out of this MoU. These offices are:

For faculty of Science, Lund University:
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Ruhuna:

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6. Liability

Except for loss or damages caused through gross negligence or intent, the Parties shall have no liability to each other hereunder.

7. Legal Relationship

This MoU shall be construed as a statement of purpose to promote a genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration between the Parties. Nothing in this MoU shall create any legal relationship between the Parties.

8. Commencement, Renewal, Termination

This MoU will be effective from the date of the last signature hereto and will remain in force for a time period of five (5) years, with a possibility for renewal at the end of the five-year-period, subject to the Parties' written agreement. Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving six (6) months' notice in writing to the other Party.

This MoU has been drawn up in two (2) original copies in the English language, each Party receiving one duly signed copy hereof.

Signed on behalf of Faculty of Science,
Lund University:

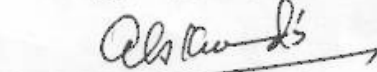
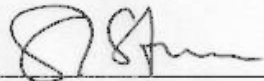
Signed on behalf of University of Ruhuna:

Place: Lund

Place: *University of Ruhuna.*

Date: October 18, 2012

Date: *26 November 2012*



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