MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES OF

OF
THE ASIAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

FOR COOPERATION RELATING TO EDUCATION, STANDARDIZATION, BENCHMARKING AND SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION IN THE FIELD OF CLINICAL PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE

The Constituent Societies Of The Asian Society Of Clinical Pathology And Laboratory Medicine, hereby refered as the Societies

Desiring to promote mutual interest through cooperation in the education, standardization, benchmarking and scientific publication in the field of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine on the basis of equality and mutual benefit;

Recognizing that such cooperation shall promote cooperation and support the friendly relationships between the constituent societies; and

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Agreement Relating to Technical Cooperation between the Example agency and the Sample agency, signed on July 2, 2010 hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement";

Have agreed as Follows:

Article 1

The Societies will support cooperation in the education, standardization, benchmarking and scientific publication in the field of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Agreement and the respective laws and regulation of the respective countries.

Article 2

Cooperation may include the following:

a. Joint or cooperative programs and projects of mutual benefit, including visits and exchange of experts or technical personnel;

 b. Mutual cooperation in regional organizations relating to education, standardization, benchmarking and scientific publication in the field of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine;

- c. Organization of and participation in conferences, symposia, courses, workshops, exhibitions and other joint meetings of mutual interest;
- d. Exchange of technical data and information relating to education, standardization, benchmarking and scientific publication in the field of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine;
- e. Operation of joint education programs to raise competency in standardization and competency in the field of Clinical Pathology and Laboratory Medicine; and
- f. Other forms of co-operation as agreed by the Societies, including meetings between the Societies on a regular basis.

Article 3

- 1. Cooperative activities under this MOU shall be subject to the availability of funds and personnel. The terms of financing shall be agreed upon in writing by the Societies before the commencement of activities.
- 2. Whenever more than the exchange of technical information or exchange visits of individuals or promotion activities is planned to take place, such activity shall be described in a Project Annex to this MOU which shall set forth as appropriate to the activity, a work plan, staffing requirements, cost estimates, funding source, and other undertakings, obligations, or conditions not included in this MOU.

Article 4

The Societies should consult with each other before any information derived from cooperation activities under this MOU is disclosed for commercial purposes.

Article 5

- 1. Any issues arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be settled through consultations between the Societies or such other means as they may mutually decide. The Societies do not anticipate the creation of or exchange of intellectual property during the course of this MOU.
- 2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Article, issues for the protection and distribution of intellectual property created or furnished in the course of cooperative activities under this MOU shall be settled in accordance with the provisions of Annex I of the Agreement and the security obligations shall be settled in accordance with the provisions of Annex II of the Agreement.

Article 6

- 1. This MOU shall enter in force upon signature by the Societies and remains in force for a period of five (5) years, unless terminated earlier by either Society upon ninety (90) days, written notice to the other Party.
- 2. The termination this MOU shall not affect the validity or duration of projects under this MOU that are initiated prior to such termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized by the respective	e
constituent societies, has signed this MOU.	

Done at xxxxx, xxxxx in duplicate on the _____of____, 201x, in the English language.

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