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Mettu University

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To: Oriental University, Indore (Madhya Pradesh)

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Mettu University has identified the following core strategic themes as areas of priorities for the upcoming 10 years (2021-2030):

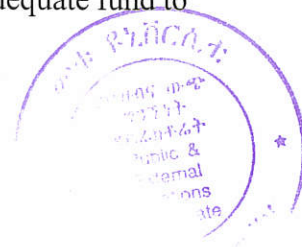
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4. Transformation of Institutional leadership and Good Governance

Strategic Theme 1: Excellence in Research and Technology Transfer

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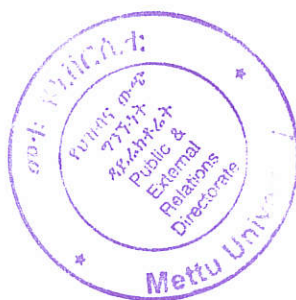
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Strategic Theme 4: Transformative Leadership and Governance

MeU requires a transformative leadership and management to establish/ maintain efficient and effective management systems and processes. This would enable MeU to provide a caring and responsive service that meets internal and external customers' needs. This will help MeU to realize its goals by backing up the academic, research, community services and internationalization related matters. Furthermore, MeU will develop alternative sources of funding such as enterprises, consultancy, spin-offs, commercialization of intellectual properties and collaborative engagements.





ORIENTAL UNIVERSITY, INDORE

“A Professional University”

First Self Financed University Estd., at Indore by M.P. Legislative Assembly under section of 2f of UGC. 1956 Act.

To

Mettu University, Ethiopia (Eastern Africa)

Subject: Accepting Request to Establish Cooperation (MoU)

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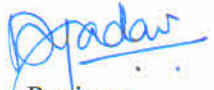
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Currently, the University's exquisite infrastructure houses spacious classrooms with the latest teaching aids, well-equipped laboratories, and workshops. OU combines innovative teaching and pioneering research in a highly collaborative environment that transcends traditional academic boundaries.

The tenet with which Oriental University is marching forward is to develop responsible professionals who could be easily deployed in the industry.

Education is all about creating an ambiance of academic freedom, where bright minds meet, discover and learn. After having established nine professional colleges (Five Engineering, One Advanced Computer Application, Two Pharmacy and One Management studies) the ORIENTAL GROUP, recognized as a Premier Educational Group of Central India

With Regards


Registrar
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Copy in favour of information:

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
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ORIENTAL UNIVERSITY, INDORE.
AND
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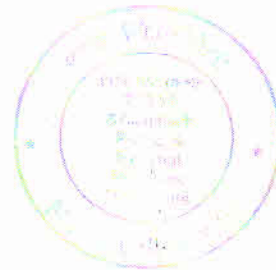
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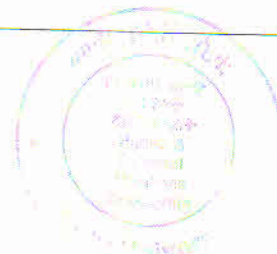
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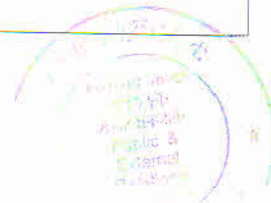
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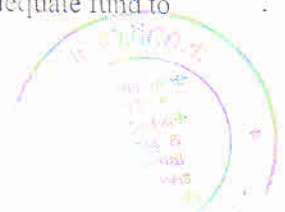
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