

## **Memorandum of Understanding (M-o-U)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is executed on this 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2010, between the **Center for Wireless Innovation Norway** established (hereinafter referred to as CWI) and having its address at: University of Agder (UiA), Faculty of Engineering and Science, Serviceboks 422, 4604 Kristiansand

### **AND**

**Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)**, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh, represented by the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) (hereinafter referred to as BUET-EEE) and the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) (hereinafter referred to as BUET-CSE)

### **ON**

The fields of Information, Communication and Computing.

### **WHEREAS**

The Center for Wireless Innovation (CWI) is a facilitator for industry and a cluster of Norwegian research institutions to form strategic partnerships in wireless Research and Development (RandD). CWI was formed to offer easy access for industry to a wide range of competencies and researchers. The center provides the possibility to execute complex projects integrating multiple technology areas. The center offers researchers the ability to participate in large projects with cross-disciplinary requirements. The center provides synergy effects and efficiency gains in research, education and administration. CWI consists in its first phase of seven Norwegian Universities and University Colleges (NTNU, HiB, UiS, UiA, HiT, UNIK, UiO). A second phase is under deployment with invitations to selected industrial partners.

### **WHEREAS**

BUET is the leading technical university in Bangladesh with strong and diverse research and teaching programs in five different faculties. Two prime departments under the faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engineering are the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering is the largest Department which started its operation in 1947. Currently, the Department has more than 33 Ph.D. faculty members who are pursuing research in diverse fields of Electrical, Electronics and Communication Engineering. The motto of the EEE Department is to keep the top-notch students updated and ready to face challenges in the rapidly changing Electrical and Electronic Engineering fields. The Department has the vision to emerge as the center of

excellence in terms of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and research in the Electrical and Electronic Engineering in Asia in the next ten years. The department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), the first department of its kind, was established in 1982. BUET offers Bachelors, Masters, and Ph.D. Degree in Computer Science and Engineering. The Education of CSE, BUET is world class in both the Curricula and Research activity. The best students from all over Bangladesh join this prestigious department. The highly competitive environment, world-class facilities and the hard working faculties nourish every student to be a prime of the field. Currently there are about 700 students studying in Undergraduate Program and about 200 students in Graduate Program. Over the years, this ever-flourishing department has been providing the technical foundation, scholarly guidance and leadership skills that have resulted in a number of highly qualified and skilled computer graduates, proving their potentiality home and abroad. With an educated, sincere and enthusiastic faculty, a continuous enrollment of brilliant students and an amicable teacher-student interaction – the department has become a unique one in its field.

## **WHEREAS**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CWI, BUET-EEE and BUET-CSE is aimed at framing the academic and research activities between the two Institutes. It stimulates the proposal of novel initiatives based on the shared culture, experience, capability and international contacts of the two Institutes can be exchanged for the common aim of shaping a bright future in the complex and challenging road towards Excellence.

This MoU is seen as a starting point of a nationwide academic cooperation between Bangladesh and Norway.

The objective and provisions of CWI entering into this partnership with BUET-EEE and BUET-CSE incorporated in the MoU are:

### **Collaboration in Teaching and Research**

The MoU will allow the partners to initiate new studies and research programs. Joint research programs, international research cooperations, industrial projects and others that may come within the expertise of the CWI, BUET-EEE and BUET-CSE will be a part of the collaboration. Each project and joint study program will be finalized on case-by-case basis and will be included in the MoU as an appendix. Each project or joint research activity will have a separate cooperation agreement.

Collaborative research activities may also include exchange of personnel on student and faculty level. Faculty members may act as Visiting Faculties in the partner institutions.

The MoU will have provisions for collaboration at student level through exchange of students doing project/thesis works.

### **Liability**

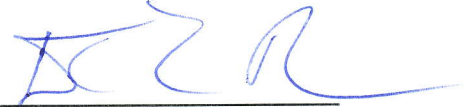
The MoU entails no financial commitment or liability between the Parties whatsoever.



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