



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**DEPARTMENT OF ROADS
(DoR)**

And

**TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY (TU)
INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING (IOE)**

For

**Research & Development, Training , Expert Opinions
and Consulting Services for Sustainable Strategic
Road Network Development in Nepal**

March 2017

1. Background

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and entered into by and between the Government of Nepal (GoN), Ministry of Physical Infrastructure (MoPIT), Department of Roads (DoR), Chakupat, Lalitpur, Nepal and Tribhuvan University (TU), Institute of Engineering (IoE), Pulchowk, Lalitpur, Nepal are hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties".

"Managing Roads for National Integration and Socio-Economic Development" is the vision for development of roads in Nepal. The overall goal is to contribute in achieving sustainable socio-economic development by providing safe affordable public road infrastructure services through building of a cost-effective, efficient and reliable Road Network System.

and

Tribhuvan University (TU), Institute of Engineering (IoE) is the first technical institute of Nepal. Institute of Engineering (IoE) is dedicated to producing Engineering leaders for future generations who are altruistic, capable of independent learning and thinking, and eager to contribute to the society. Besides producing low and tertiary level technicians, IoE runs professional Under-Graduate, Post- Graduate and Ph.D. programs in different fields of Engineering as well.

This MoU sets out the general terms and principles (mutual support, complement one another and add value) of the institutional collaboration between the Parties regarding the mutual contribution to develop, expand and strengthen the road network infrastructure in a sustainable way for enhancing the overall socio-economic development and integration of the country through balanced regional development.

This MoU is agreed to guide, coordinate, and harmonize the relationship and work on a collaborative and partnership modality between Department of Roads (DoR) and Institute of Engineering (IoE) in our joint engagement.

The Director General (DG) of Department of Roads (DoR) and the Dean of Institute of Engineering (IoE) will be directly responsible for the implementation of this MoU. They or their designated persons shall meet regularly and coordinate activities agreed for under this MoU.

2. Objective of the MoU

The general objective of this MoU is to foster collaborative and partnership approach in meeting both parties' objectives.

More specific objectives are:



- To enhance Research & Development, Training and Consulting Services opportunities in Strategic Road Network (SRN) infrastructure planning and development in Nepal through mobilization of technical, financial and professional assistance from both parties.
- To develop the trained and dedicated professionals who can contribute toward DoR's objectives.
- To provide expert opinions, suggestions and consultancy services to DoR related to design and projects implementation issues.
- To enhance the collaboration of Department of Roads (DoR) and Institute of Engineering (IoE) for Sustainable Strategic Road Network Development.
- To jointly organize Workshops, Seminars, Conferences and Trainings in National and International levels.

3. Roles of the Parties

3.1 Department of Roads (DoR)

- Provide necessary financial support to IoE to Development Research, Development, Training and Consultancy services on Annual basis.
- Provide financial and technical support to IoE for existing Bachelors, Masters and Ph.D. programs.
- Involve faculties of IECS/CED of IoE, TU in workshop, seminar, conference, study and visit programs related to Sustainable Strategic Road Network Development in Nepal in National and International levels.

3.2 Institute of Engineering (IoE)

- Provide continuous technical support to Department of Roads (DoR) on Sustainable Strategic Road Network Development programs and projects with Research and Development, Expert Opinions, Training and Consultancy services.
- Support for capacity building of the Department of Roads (DoR) professionals.

4. Miscellaneous





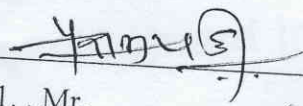

- On behalf of the IoE, TU the Institute of Engineering Consultancy Services (IECS) and Continuing Education Division (CED) will coordinate this MoU.

- The terms of this MoU shall commence from the date of its signing by both Parties and will remain valid till other agreement/or lease contract/or other mutual understanding regarding above issues will be signed by both Parties unless otherwise agreed.
- Any difference of opinion concerning this MoU will be resolved through amicable dialogue between the Parties.
- Any modifications to this MoU will be done only through mutual agreement of both Parties.
- This MoU may be terminated at any time through written agreement or if one or both parties are in breach of the agreed terms of the MoU. This MoU does not provide any financial commitment.

Signed at the Office of Director General, Department of Roads, Chakupat, Lalitpur, Nepal, on March 2017 in English Language; by the following signatories from their respective Organizations, in presence of the below mentioned witnesses.

On behalf of Department of Roads (DoR)

On behalf of IoE, TU

 <hr/> <p>Mr. Devendra Karki Director General, DoR</p>	 <hr/> <p>Prof. Dr. Tri Ratna Bajracharya Dean, IoE, TU</p>
<p>Witness:</p>  <hr/> <p>1. Mr.</p> <hr/> <p>2. Mr.</p> 	<p>Witness:</p>  <hr/> <p>1. Mr.</p>  <hr/> <p>2. Mr.</p> 