

Sustainable Global Societies Initiative (SGS)

Lincoln-Vibrasphere Global Sustainability Programme & Conferences



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Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") for Dual Affiliation and Partner University Onboarding

1. Background

The *Sustainable Global Societies Initiative* (SGS-24) is an essential part of the Lincoln-Vibrasphere Technologies Global Sustainability programme & Conferences, held quarterly on the 24th and 25th of January, April, July, and October each year. This series of events is a collaborative platform hosted by Lincoln University College Malaysia (LUCM) and Vibrasphere Technologies, dedicated to advancing sustainability through research. As a key event under the *Lincoln Global Postdoctoral & Researcher Programme (L-GPR)*, SGS-24 facilitates knowledge exchange by connecting emerging researchers with accomplished professionals and field experts, creating a unique environment for presenting progressive research in sustainable development.

2. Role of Vibrasphere in University Partner Alliance

The Vibrasphere Technologies will be the dedicated partner for Lincoln University College Malaysia (LUCM) on the LGPR. Vibrasphere Technologies along with its VectMag Conferences brand, has been entrusted with a critical mission to advance the SGS program under LUCM's guidance. Over the next 10 years, Vibrasphere Technologies and VectMag will serve as the primary contact for universities joining the LGPR as partners. Acting as LUCM's external arm, Vibrasphere will manage diverse research and development initiatives within the LGPR framework.

3. Role of Vibrasphere Technologies and VectMag

Vibrasphere Technologies and VectMag will be solely responsible for executing the conferences, research consulting and publication activities on the LGPR and SGS.

4. Scope of the MoU

- a) Vibrasphere Technologies and its entities shall coordinate and arrange supervisors through LUCM.

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- b) VIBRASPHERE TECHNOLOGIES and its entities shall arrange the 6 (six) online review meetings at an interval of 2 (two) months.
- c) VIBRASPHERE TECHNOLOGIES and its entities shall organize conferences and the researchers of the partner university have to fulfil the requirements of the programme.
- d) Through the conference thorough guidance shall be provided to researchers of the partner institute/university on research strategies, publication strategies and publishing options. **The research strategy includes protection of Intellectual Property (IP) in the form of patents, designs and copyrights.**
- e) Institute/university will encourage its researchers to enrol for the programme. This is necessary as it will enhance the research engagement and ranking of institute/university through increased SCI/SSCI/EI SCOPUS journal publications.
- f) Partner institute/university shall send atleast 4 reminders before each enrolment cycle to its staff and researchers.
- g) Both parties will publicize the partnership through websites and inclusion of logos on each other's websites.

5. Benefits of the MoU

- a) LUCM will provide its esteemed brand name and access to its research expertise, enabling Partner institute/university to amplify their publication output through this partnership. Thus, increasing their global ranking stature in the immediate future.
- b) Additionally, researchers will gain valuable exposure to a transnational research environment.
- c) Researchers from Partner institute/university will enhance their professional profiles and acquire valuable experience, facilitating opportunities for prestigious research positions globally.
- d) LUCM and VIBRASPHERE TECHNOLOGIES will prioritize the development of shared research facilities, which will be accessible to partner organizations, fostering collaborative and advanced research capabilities.

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- e) VIBRASPHERE TECHNOLOGIES will offer exceptional researchers award for 10 best performing researchers/supervisors globally.

6. Intellectual Property Rights

Each party retains ownership of all intellectual property rights existing prior to this MoU ("Pre-Existing IP") and any intellectual property developed independently of this MoU. Any intellectual property created solely by one party during the term of this MoU shall belong exclusively to that party ("Developed IP"), while jointly created intellectual property ("Joint IP") shall be jointly owned, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Each party grants the other a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use its Pre-Existing IP solely for the purposes of performing this MoU, which license terminates upon the expiration or termination of this MoU.

7. Force Majeure

The Parties shall be excused from delays in performing or from failing to perform its obligations under this MoU pursuant thereof to the extent the delays or failures result from causes beyond the reasonable control of the parties, including, but not limited to acts of God; wars; Governmental actions; fire; flood; epidemic; and freight embargoes. However, there shall be an obligation on such repudiating party to give notice to the other ("Affected Party") regarding the invocation of the Force Majeure clause at the earliest possible. The Affected Party shall have the right to terminate this MoU if the other Party is prevented from performing its obligations due to the subsistence of the Force Majeure event.

8. Indemnity

Each Party ("Indemnifying Party") hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to indemnify and hold the other Party ("Indemnified Party"), its directors, officers and employees harmless from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, costs, claims, or the like (collectively "Loss") which may be suffered or incurred directly, including but not limited to any claim by third party, by Indemnified Party as a result

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of (i) any misrepresentation or material breach of any representation or warranty made by the Indemnifying Party in this MoU or (ii) non-fulfilment of or failure to perform any covenant or obligation or agreement or undertaking contained in this MoU by the Indemnifying Party or (iii) violation of confidentiality and intellectual property rights of the Indemnified Party.

9. Confidentiality

Each party agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all non-public, proprietary, or sensitive information disclosed by the other party ("Confidential Information") in connection with this MoU. Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to, business plans, financial data, trade secrets, technical details, and other information designated as confidential or reasonably understood to be confidential due to its nature.

10. Term And Termination

This MoU shall come into force on its Effective Date and will be valid **for 5 Years (February, 2026)** Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving **30 days (February, 2026)** written notice in advance to the other party.

11. Notice

All notices given pursuant to this MOU shall be in writing and sent to the addresses of the parties as mentioned in the caption of this MoU.

12. Amendment

This MoU may be amended or modified in whole or in part with the mutual consent of the Parties in writing.

13. Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Dispute Resolution

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with this MoU, including any question regarding its existence, validity or termination, shall be referred

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to and finally resolved by arbitration administered by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) in accordance with the SIAC Arbitration Rules for the time being in force, which rules are deemed to be incorporated by reference in this clause. The seat of arbitration shall be Singapore. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in English and held virtually, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise.

14. Entire MoU

This MoU constitutes the entire understanding of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior communications, understandings, and agreements, oral or written.

Sai Kiran Oruganti
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