MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
UNIVERSITY OF MACERATA (ITALY)
and
VAN LANG UNIVERSITY (VIETNAM)

The University of Macerata, hereinafter also “UNIMC”, with headquarters in Via Crescimbeni nn. 30/32, postcode 62100, Macerata, Italy, represented by its Rector, Prof. Francesco Adornato, and Van Lang University, hereinafter VLU, with headquarters at 45 Nguyen Khac Nhu Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, represented by its President, Assoc. Prof. Tran Thi My Dieu, agree to establish this Memorandum of Understanding according to the following terms.

Article I - Relevance of the strategy
UNIMC and VLU agree this Memorandum is part of the mission on internationalization strategies for the two parties as well as institutional aim of the academic institutions involved.

Article II - Object
This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the basis for the cooperation between the parties to improve academic and cultural links with each other through offering joint degree programs and cooperation:

- promoting academic exchange and cooperation for scientific research, sharing innovative, technological and socio-economic contents and objectives, exchanging experiences related to educational and didactic systems in areas of common interest and participating reciprocally in national and international academic events as seminars and meetings;
- enhancing the individual mobility through exchange of professors, researchers, students, PhD students and administrative staff for the benefit of international teaching, study and the exchange of know-how and best practices;
- strengthening the internationalization processes related to teaching, research and the third mission by fostering active scientific and educational cooperation, also by sharing bibliographic resources and academic projects of particular complexity and interest;
- initiating a study of academic model 2+2 for joint Bachelor degree and 3+2 for joint Master degree of relevant areas/fields between both universities.

Article III - Implementation
Should the implementation of the previous article require an Agreement between the parties, the parties shall develop specific projects and working plans to be formalized in appropriate MOAs connected to this Memorandum.
Article IV - Coordination and monitoring
In order to coordinate and monitor the jointly agreed activities, each University shall appoint its own representative as coordinator. UNIMC appoints prof. Alessio Cavicchi and VLU appoints dr. Le Minh Thanh – Dean of Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality.

The two persons appointed shall periodically monitor the outcomes of this Memorandum and will report to each own academic bodies.

Article V - General Provisions
1. Alterations or amendments to this MOU, and any agreements to further the cooperation between the Parties, may only be made in writing by the authorized representatives and endorsed by the parties.

2. In the event of any dispute arising between the parties hereto in respect of the terms of this MOU, the dispute shall be referred to a committee from each party. The committee shall act in good faith and use all reasonable endeavors to resolve the dispute to the mutual agreement of the Parties.

3. All settlements for any disputes, if any, shall respect and honor the commitments to completing the program delivery under this MOU.

Article VI - Duration and Termination
The Effective Date of this MOU shall be the date of signature.

This MOU shall remain in effect for a period of 5 years or until one party notifies the other of its intention to terminate this agreement in writing at least ninety (90) days before the end of the academic year.

This MOU is drafted in one version in English, being legally binding. Each party shall keep one original copy.

In witness whereof of this MOU is signed by the parties as follows:

For and behalf of

UNIVERSITY OF MACERATA

For and behalf of

VAN LANG UNIVERSITY

Francesco Adornato (Prof. Dr.)
Rector
Date: __19 EEB  2020

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Tran Thi My Dieu (Assoc. Prof. Dr.)
President
Date: __22 Oct 2020

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