



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN
THE INDONESIAN ACCREDITATION AGENCY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTH
(IAAHEH)
AND THE ASIA-PACIFIC ACADEMIC CONSORTIUM FOR PUBLIC HEALTH (APACPH)
ON
ACCREDITATION IN PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS
Nomor: 001/MoU/LAM-PTKes/X/2023
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PREAMBLE

The impact of globalization has been remarkably well known across the globe including on the Public Health Education and Public Health Profession. To ensure the competence and working performance of Public Health Professionals, a focus on quality of Public Health Education needs to be taken. The competence of Public Health Professional is developed and growth since they enter the education. To produce qualified graduates of Public Health Education, involvement of accreditation agency to ensure quality education is the right strategy worldwide.

In addition, mobilization of students or health workforce among countries has happened in this global era. It is very crucial to be aware of the quality of their education due to their significant role as health care providers. This awareness leads to the need of accreditation in Public Health Education. Based on the above reasons, a **mutual recognition between accreditation bodies** is very important to initiate harmonization in the process and quality standards of Public Health Education in Asia-Pacific Region. The following is the commitment to implement an agreement that will produce benefits for involved parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") is made of this day Tuesday 31st of October 2023

BETWEEN

The Indonesian Accreditation Agency for Higher Education in Health (hereinafter referred to as "IAAHEH") which in Bahasa Indonesia is called as Lembaga Akreditasi Mandiri Pendidikan Tinggi Kesehatan or LAM-PTKes, a legal independent accreditation institution in Indonesia based on the Minister of Law and Human Rights Decree: AHU - 30.AH.01.07.Year 2014 and the Minister of Education and Culture Decree: 291/P/2014, domiciled at Jalan Sepat no.37 Kelurahan Kebagusan, Kecamatan Pasar Minggu, Jakarta Selatan 12520, Indonesia, in this matter represented by Prof. Usman Chatib Warsa, MD., PhD. in his capacity as the Chairman of IAAHEH, pursuant to decision of the Board of Founder of LAM-PTKes No.002/Kpts/RA/01.2020 stipulated on 28th January 2020 and therefore lawfully act for and on behalf of IAAHEH.

AND

The Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (hereinafter referred to as "APACPH"), domiciled at APACPH Kuala Lumpur Secretariat Office, Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine University of Malaya, Malaysia 50603, in this matter represented by Agustin Kusumayati, MD., MSc., PhD., in her capacity as the President of APACPH, pursuant to decision of the General Assembly of APACPH in 26th October 2021 and therefore lawfully act for and on behalf of APACPH.

Individually referred to as Party and jointly referred to as Parties.

WHEREAS

The Parties are desirous of entering into this MoU to declare their respective intentions and to establish a basis of cooperation and collaboration between the Parties upon the terms as contained herein.

HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING as follows:

**ARTICLE 1
OBJECTIVE**

- a) Establishment of a mutual recognition framework to facilitate the acceptance of accreditation decisions made by each Accreditation Body for study programs in Public Health Sciences.
- b) APACPH recognizes IAAHEH as an accreditation institution in the field of Public Health Sciences.
- c) IAAHEH recognizes APACPH as an accreditation institution in the field of Public Health Sciences.
- d) IAAHEH and APACPH agreed to carry out accreditation by each party involving reviewers from either Party and will be recognized by both Parties. The requirement of appointed reviewers will obey to the rule and regulation of each relevant Party.

**ARTICLE 2
DEFINITIONS**

Definitions of key terms:

- a) An accreditation body is an organization or organizational unit that has the duty and authority to accredit a public health science study program.
- b) Accreditation is a recognition process earned by a program in Public Health Sciences through validation and verification activities. The term of accreditation and recognition will be used interchangeably.
- c) The program in Public Health Sciences is an academic and/or professional program that focuses on the education, research and development, community engagement, and various aspects of Public Health. Typically offers education in areas such as public health science and technology, epidemiology, biostatistics and health informatics (digital public health), health policy and management, health promotion and behavioural science, environmental health, occupational health and safety, hospital administration, reproductive and family health, public health nutrition, and other areas related to Public Health.

**ARTICLE 3
SCOPE**

This MoU covers the following matters:

- a) Identification the types of higher education in Public Health, includes among others are public health science and technology, epidemiology, biostatistics and health informatics (digital public health), health policy and management, health promotion and behavioural science, environmental health, occupational health and safety, hospital administration, reproductive and family health, public health nutrition, and other areas related to Public Health.
- b) The education program covers in this MoU comprises of bachelor, profession, master, and doctorate.
- c) Joint standardization and accreditation.
- d) Joint scientific, research and development, and community engagement activities.

**ARTICLE 4
PRINCIPLES OF AGREEMENT**

- a) The principles guide the recognition process which emphasizing on equivalence, comparability, and transparency. All are essential in ensuring that qualifications, certifications, and achievements obtained are acknowledged by each party.
- b) Both parties agree to recognize each other as an independent accreditation agency that has its own jurisdiction.
- c) Both parties commit to employ relevant qualified human resource to support the recognition process conducted by each party.
- d) Both parties agree to utilize resources efficiently and effectively in implementing financial standards according to the available rule from each party.
- e) Both parties agreed to maintain the principles as stated above.

**ARTICLE 5
RECOGNITION PROCESS**

- a) Details regarding procedures for recognizing accreditation decisions, including submission of required documentation, assessment schedules, and communication between Accreditation Bodies will be borne by each Party in a special sheet and agreed in a separate Agreement on Implementation (hereinafter referred to as "Aol").
- b) Both Parties will acknowledge any differences of the procedure in the recognition process from each party.

**ARTICLE 6
QUALITY ASSURANCE STANDARDS**

- a) Agreement on the minimum quality assurance standards that accredited programs must meet to be eligible for an international recognition.
- b) Both Parties agree the decision terminology of the recognition process are categorized as fully accredited, accredited with monitoring, and not accredited.

**ARTICLE 7
INFORMATION SHARING AND TRANSPARENCY**

- a) Commitment to share information on accredited programs and the accreditation process to ensure transparency will be maintained.
- b) All confidential and highly sensitive information from both Parties are not allowed to be disclosed to third party or public.
- c) Both Parties commit to conduct regular meetings.

**ARTICLE 8
IMPLEMENTATION**

- a) In conducting an accreditation process, both parties commit to employ reviewers as external review team from either party.
- b) Both parties agree to use the same procedure of recognition process.
- c) IAAHEH and APACPH agree to develop International Accreditation system.
- d) Both parties agree that the decision terminology of the recognition process are categorized as fully accredited, accredited with monitoring, and not accredited.
- e) Implementation of this MoU will be detailed by both parties in separate AoI.

**ARTICLE 9
REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS**

- a) Provisions for periodic review and potential amendments to the MoU will be conducted every five years.
- b) Any change of the agreement needs to be submitted in writing and agreed by both parties.

**ARTICLE 10
OTHER PROVISIONS**

- a) The duration of agreement is five years and be renewed based on the update condition.
- b) Either Party may at any time and without cause, and without need for a court order, terminate this MoU on giving 30 days written notice of termination to the other Party.
- c) The language used to communicate is English.

**ARTICLE 11
FORCE MAJEURE**

- a) In the case of unexpected situation which due to causes outside both parties reasonable control; IAAHEH and APACPH agree to solve based on the mutual understanding, best practices and maintaining good relationship.

ARTICLE 12
APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

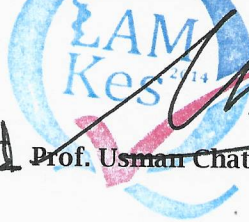
- a) Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this MoU will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Indonesia.


This Memorandum of Understanding is effective since it is agreed and signed by both parties.

Kuching, Serawak, Malaysia, 31 October 2023


Signed,

Indonesian Accreditation Agency for
Higher Education in Health (IAAHEH)




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