

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT (AITD)
AND
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF APPLIED ECONOMIC RESEARCH (NCAER)**

Whereas in the national interest, there is need for synergising domestic research capabilities in all aspects of infrastructure, both social and physical.

Whereas the Asian Institute of Transport Development (AITD), is an interdisciplinary centre for research, studies and training in the infrastructure sector with a regional reach spanning countries in Asia Pacific region and recognised by the United Nations – ESCAP as a centre of excellence, and has been effectively engaged in:

- sponsoring, promoting and coordinating studies and research in the infrastructure policy, inter-modal systems and other related areas;
- promoting management and operational efficiency of infrastructure services;
- organising appropriate training programmes both at institutional and individual levels; and
- fostering regional cooperation in the infrastructure sector.

Whereas National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) is a leading research body with extensive expertise in the key sectors of the national economy, is setting up a nucleus centre for infrastructure and regulation devoted to studies and analysis of economic policy and regulatory issues relating to infrastructure.

And Whereas the Asian Institute of Transport Development and the National Council of Applied Economic Research have proven capabilities and common interest in the balanced and sustainable growth of the infrastructure sector.

1. Therefore, the two institutions agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for :

- Cooperation and collaboration on infrastructure issues;
- Undertaking and executing projects jointly;
- Conducting joint workshops and seminars;
- Exchange of published information;
- Use of library and computer facilities; and
- Exchange of research staff for specific purposes on mutually agreed terms.

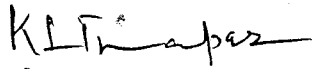
2. The two institutions further agree that the focus of joint research will be mainly on infrastructure issues, keeping in view the regional aspects of a sustainable development.

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3. The two institutions also agree to conduct joint research on issues that arise from liberalising trade in services, in view of the emerging importance of such trade.
4. The two institutions agree further to develop and execute joint projects that focus specifically on new technology and new economic issues in infrastructure development, such as convergence in the field of Information Technology.
5. The two institutions agree, in addition, to cooperate in promoting public debates on important national issues relating to infrastructure, such as pricing and regulation. Such cooperation will include dissemination of each other's research in their respective journals and publications as well as jointly organising national/international workshops on these issues.

This MoU will enter into force upon signature by the Chairman / Director of AITD and the Director General of NCAER.



K. L. Thapar
Chairman / Director
Asian Institute of
Transport Development
New Delhi

Date 30th Sept, 2000



Rakesh Mohan
Director General
National Council of
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New Delhi

Date 02.2, 2000