

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

IN AND BETWEEN

THE FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF GOIÁS (IFG)

AND

NINGBO POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY (宁波职业技术大学)

FOR ACADEMIC, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATION

### PREAMBLE

The **FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF GOIÁS (IFG)**, a federal public institution of education, research and extension under the Ministry of Education of the Federative Republic of Brazil, herein represented by its Rector, **Ms ONEIDA CRISTINA GOMES BARCELOS IRIGON**;

and

**NINGBO POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY (宁波职业技术大学)**, a public higher education institution of the People's Republic of China, located at No. 388 Lushan East Road, Ningbo Economic and Technological Development Zone, Ningbo, Zhejiang Province, herein represented by its President, **Professor WU XIANGPENG**;

hereinafter jointly referred to as the **"Participants"** and individually as a **"Participant"**;

CONSIDERING the longstanding ties of friendship, cooperation and exchange between the Federative Republic of Brazil and the People's Republic of China;

CONSIDERING the Participants' mutual interest in strengthening international cooperation in the fields of education, science, technology, innovation, applied research and professional training;

CONSIDERING the importance of internationalisation in teaching, research and extension activities as a means of developing highly qualified professionals and promoting sustainable development;

CONSIDERING the Participants' interest in promoting international technological education programmes, including academic mobility, international certifications, academic credit recognition, dual degree programmes and the development of competencies aligned with the demands of global industry;

CONSIDERING the importance of student, faculty, researcher, administrative staff and management exchanges in strengthening institutional capacities and expanding academic and scientific cooperation between Brazil and China;

CONSIDERING the Participants' interest in developing joint initiatives in technological innovation, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, industrial automation, advanced manufacturing, smart cities and sustainability;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING, of a non-binding nature, for the purpose of establishing a general framework for academic, scientific, technological and professional education cooperation under the terms and conditions set forth below.

## **ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a general framework for academic, scientific, technological and professional education cooperation between the Federal Institute of Education, Science and Technology of Goiás and Ningbo Polytechnic University, with a view to promoting institutional exchange and the development of initiatives of mutual interest.
2. This Memorandum constitutes solely a statement of intent between the Participants and does not create any legal, financial or contractual obligations.
3. The implementation of programmes, projects, actions or activities arising from this Memorandum shall be subject to the execution of specific agreements, in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to each Participant.

## **ARTICLE 2 AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The Participants may cooperate, within their respective institutional competences, in the following areas:

- (i) development of dual degree, joint degree and double-award programmes, in accordance with the academic and regulatory requirements applicable in each country;
- (ii) professional, scientific and technological education;
- (iii) exchange of students, researchers, academic staff, administrative personnel and institutional managers;
- (iv) scientific and technological research;
- (v) innovation, entrepreneurship and technology transfer;
- (vi) artificial intelligence, industrial automation, advanced manufacturing and digital transformation;
- (vii) smart cities, sustainability and urban development;
- (viii) professional training and skills development;
- (ix) joint organisation of seminars, conferences, courses, workshops and training programmes;
- (x) development of joint publications, studies and research projects; and
- (xi) other areas of mutual interest agreed upon by the Participants.

## **ARTICLE 3 MODES OF COOPERATION**

Cooperation may be carried out, among other means, through:

- (i) student exchanges;
- (ii) exchanges of academic staff, researchers and technical personnel;
- (iii) development of joint education, training, undergraduate, postgraduate and professional education programmes;
- (iv) establishment of academic credit recognition and credit transfer mechanisms;
- (v) implementation of dual degree, double-award or joint degree programmes;
- (vi) sharing of experiences, methodologies and best practices;
- (vii) organisation of academic and scientific events;
- (viii) technical and institutional visits; and
- (ix) other activities mutually agreed upon by the Participants.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITION**

1. The Participants may develop dual degree, double-award or joint degree programmes, subject to the applicable national legislation and academic regulations.
2. The implementation of such programmes shall require the execution of specific agreements governing curriculum requirements, academic credit recognition, academic mobility, languages of instruction and the issuance of certificates or degrees.
3. Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as granting automatic recognition of academic degrees, academic credits or professional qualifications.
4. The Participants may develop dual degree programmes at the levels of professional and technological education, undergraduate studies and postgraduate studies, subject to the academic and regulatory requirements applicable in each jurisdiction.

**ARTICLE 5**  
**IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES**

1. Activities arising from this Memorandum shall be implemented through mutual understanding between the Participants.
2. Where necessary, specific agreements, work plans, implementation protocols or equivalent instruments may be concluded in order to define objectives, responsibilities, schedules and expected outcomes.

**ARTICLE 6**  
**INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION**

1. Each Participant shall designate a focal point or responsible unit to coordinate activities related to this Memorandum.
2. Such focal points shall serve as institutional channels for communication, monitoring and coordination of the initiatives developed under this Memorandum.

**ARTICLE 7**  
**FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

1. This Memorandum does not imply any commitment to transfer financial resources between the Participants.
2. Each Participant shall bear its own costs arising from activities conducted under this Memorandum.
3. Any financial contribution, scholarship programme, cost-sharing arrangement or use of public funds shall be subject to a separate agreement and compliance with applicable legal and budgetary requirements.

**ARTICLE 8**  
**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

1. Intellectual property arising from activities conducted under this Memorandum shall be governed by a separate agreement concluded between the Participants.
2. The use of trademarks, logos, institutional names, publications or any protected assets shall require the prior written consent of the respective owner.
3. The Participants undertake to respect all applicable intellectual property laws and regulations in Brazil and China.

**ARTICLE 9**  
**CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. The Participants shall treat as confidential any information identified as confidential or restricted and exchanged in connection with activities carried out under this Memorandum.

2. No Participant shall disclose confidential information received from the other Participant without prior written consent, except where disclosure is required by law, judicial order or competent governmental authority.
3. The obligations contained in this Article shall survive the termination of this Memorandum for the period required under applicable law or any specific agreement between the Participants.

**ARTICLE 10  
DATA PROTECTION AND INFORMATION SECURITY**

1. The Participants shall comply with the applicable legislation relating to personal data protection and information security in their respective jurisdictions.
2. Any processing of personal data under this Memorandum shall be limited to the purposes necessary for the implementation of agreed activities and shall observe the principles of lawfulness, purpose limitation, necessity, security and transparency.
3. Where necessary, supplementary arrangements may be concluded to regulate specific procedures relating to data protection.

**ARTICLE 11  
LEGAL AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE**

1. All activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum shall comply with the laws, regulations, administrative rules and institutional policies applicable to each Participant.
2. Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as limiting the administrative, academic, financial or regulatory autonomy of either Participant.
3. The implementation of specific activities shall remain subject to the internal approvals required by the governance structures of each Participant.

**ARTICLE 12  
INTEGRITY AND ANTI-CORRUPTION**

1. The Participants reaffirm their commitment to ethics, integrity, transparency and good governance.
2. The Participants shall not offer, promise, provide, request or accept, directly or indirectly, any undue advantage in connection with activities carried out under this Memorandum.
3. The Participants shall endeavour to ensure that their representatives, employees, collaborators and partners comply with applicable anti-corruption legislation and ethical standards.

**ARTICLE 13  
AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES**

1. Any differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum shall be resolved amicably through consultation and direct negotiations between the Participants.
2. Such differences shall be addressed through institutional dialogue and shall not be submitted to international arbitration, foreign jurisdiction or any contentious dispute resolution mechanism, taking into account the non-binding nature of this Memorandum.

**ARTICLE 14  
AMENDMENTS**

1. This Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants.
2. Any amendment shall enter into force on the date agreed upon by the Participants and formalised through the execution of the corresponding amendment instrument.

**ARTICLE 15  
DURATION AND TERMINATION**

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1. This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years.
2. It may be renewed for successive periods of five (5) years upon mutual agreement of the Participants.
3. Either Participant may terminate this Memorandum by providing six (6) months' written notice to the other Participant.
4. Termination shall not affect activities already approved and underway unless otherwise agreed by the Participants.

**ARTICLE 16  
SIGNATURE, LANGUAGES AND COUNTERPARTS**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in Ningbo, People's Republic of China, on 5 June 2026.
2. This Memorandum is executed in three (3) original versions in the Portuguese, English and Chinese languages, all texts being equally authentic.
3. In the event of any divergence in interpretation among the language versions, the English version shall prevail.
4. Each Participant shall receive a complete set of the signed versions for its institutional records.
5. The Participants may use the English language as the operational language for the implementation of activities arising from this Memorandum.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorised representatives of the Participants have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

**FOR THE FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION,  
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