ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF KYRGYZSTAN

NATIONAL HISTORICAL-CULTURAL MUSEUM-RESERVE AZRET SULTAN

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
on scientific and cultural cooperation
between
Islamic University of Kyrgyzstan and
The RSGE «National Historical And Cultural Museum-Reserve «Aziret Sultan»

Islamic University of Kyrgyzstan, established and operating in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan (hereinafter referred to as "University"), represented by its Rector, Abdishukur Narmatov on the one hand and the RSGE «National Historical And Cultural Museum-Reserve «Aziret Sultan» under the Committee of Culture of the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Republic of Kazakhstan (hereinafter referred to as the "Museum-Reserve"), represented by Director Dakenov Yerlan Yergaziyevich on the other hand, hereinafter individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties", have concluded this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "Memorandum") as follows:

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum is to:

a) promote cooperation in the fields of scientific research, cultural heritage, and education;

b) support the study, preservation and promotion of the legacy of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi and the Sufi tradition, as well as the implementation of joint projects in these areas;

c) establish a general framework for strengthening international scientific and cultural relations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 2 – LEGAL STATUS

2.1. This Memorandum serves as a framework for cooperation between the Parties.

2.2. This Memorandum does not create legally binding contractual relations between the Parties and does not establish any obligations, including financial obligations.

2.3. Neither Party may, on the basis of this Memorandum, require the other Party to initiate, continue, finance, or complete any specific project.

2.4. Notwithstanding the general principle regarding the lack of binding force, the provisions of this Memorandum concerning intellectual property rights (Article 6), confidentiality (Article 9), and notice procedures (Article 10) shall be legally binding upon the Parties.

ARTICLE 3 – AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Parties may cooperate in the following areas:

3.1. Planning and implementation of joint scientific research projects, particularly in the fields of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi's legacy, Sufi tradition, and Yasawi teachings;

3.2. Organization of scientific and cultural events such as conferences, symposia, round tables, exhibitions, online conferences and seminars;

3.3. Organization of academic exchange programs and internships for scholars, researchers and specialists;

3.4. Exchange of information and materials in the fields of scientific publications, archival documents, and manuscripts;

3.5. Digitization and restoration of manuscripts and rare works;

3.6. Preparation and publication of joint scientific publications, informational materials, analytical reports and evaluation papers;

3.7. Participation in national and international research projects;

3.8. Development of joint scientific and cultural content through digital platforms;

3.9. The above areas of cooperation are not exhaustive and may be expanded by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

ARTICLE 4 – IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

4.1. Specific projects and activities under this Memorandum shall be defined through separate implementation agreements concluded by mutual written consent of the Parties.

4.2. Each implementation agreement shall specify the scope, duration, obligations of the Parties, financial conditions, regulation of intellectual property rights, conditions for return of materials (including archival documents and manuscripts), insurance obligations, protection measures, usage limitations, restrictions on transfer to third parties, and termination conditions.

4.3. Implementation agreements shall form an integral part of this Memorandum. In case of inconsistency, the provisions of this Memorandum shall prevail.

ARTICLE 5 – AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

5.1. Any amendments or additions to this Memorandum shall be valid only if made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the Parties.

5.2. Such amendments shall form an integral part of this Memorandum.

ARTICLE 6 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

6.1. All intellectual property rights arising from joint activities under this Memorandum shall be regulated separately in the relevant implementation agreements.

ARTICLE 7 – DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum shall be resolved through negotiations between the Parties in accordance with the principles of mutual understanding and good faith.

ARTICLE 8 – FINANCING

8.1. This Memorandum does not impose any financial obligations on the Parties.

8.2. Financial conditions for each joint activity or project shall be agreed upon in writing by the Parties prior to the commencement of such activity. In the absence of a written financial agreement, neither Party may claim financial contribution or reimbursement of expenses from the other Party.

8.3. Financial obligations shall be subject to the internal legislation, budgetary capacities, and institutional approval procedures of each Party.

ARTICLE 9 – INFORMATION SHARING AND CONFIDENTIALITY

9.1. The Parties may exchange scientific information and materials within the scope of cooperation defined in this Memorandum.

9.2. The Parties shall treat as confidential any non-public information obtained during cooperation and shall take all necessary measures to protect such information.

9.3. Confidentiality obligations shall remain in force for five (5) years after the termination or expiration of this Memorandum.

9.4. In case of transfer of personal data, the Parties shall comply with applicable data protection legislation in their respective countries.

9.5. Joint scientific publications shall be made only with prior written approval of both Parties. A request for approval shall be submitted in writing; if a formal response not provided within thirty (30) days from the date of sending the request, such approval shall be deemed not to have been given.

ARTICLE 10 – DURATION AND TERMINATION

10.1. This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signing and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years.

10.2. Either Party may terminate this Memorandum by providing at least 30 days' prior written notice.

10.3. This Memorandum shall be automatically renewed for successive one-year periods unless terminated in writing.

10.4. Ongoing projects shall be completed within 12 months after termination or ended by mutual agreement.

10.5. This Memorandum is executed in Russian and English. In case of discrepancies, the English version shall prevail.

Signatures:

Rector of the Islamic University of Kyrgyzstan, Professor Abdishukur Narmatov

Director of the «National Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve «Aziret Sultan» Yerlan Dakenov