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Staff Development for proposed Al-Aqsa University at Al-Quds Al-Sharif by Islamic University of Technology

In the Coordination Meeting of the OIC Subsidiary Organs, and Institutions held on 5 March 2006 in Jeddah as a follow up for the implementation of the 10 Yr. Programme of Action, recommendations were made for a feasibility study for the establishment of Al-Aqsa University. Mention was made about the staff development of the proposed University by IUT (Section 1 of Road Map OIC/10Y-PoA/RM/2006/Final; Intellectual and Political Issues, IX: Palestine and the Occupied Territories, Point 3). Details of the proposal have been drawn out by the University spelling out the fields, levels of staff development and specific offers including the cost sharing. The proposal details as attached may be useful during the feasibility study proposed to be supported by IDB. Clarifications will be provided by the University, if needed, on the submitted proposal for the staff development.

Staff Development of Proposed Al-Aqsa University by Islamic University of Technology (IUT)

Introduction

Islamic University of Technology (IUT) is a technological university, which offers degree and diploma programmes in the field of Engineering, Technology and Technical Education. Besides that it conducts different short courses, seminars, and workshops in the above fields.

The Department of Instructor Training and General Studies (ITS) offers courses in Technical Education (which is a combination of technical and pedagogical courses) and arranges short courses, trainings, workshops and seminars for teachers, curriculum and instructional material developers, teacher educators, planners and policy makers of TVET in curriculum and instructional material development, effective teaching-learning strategy and assessment of student learning. Beside these, different engineering departments of IUT offer degree and short courses in their respective fields like Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Computer Science and Information Technology with different specializations.

Objectives

IUT can help the proposed Al-Aqsa University at Al-Quds Al-sharif in terms of

1. Curriculum development and staff development specially on :
 - ◆ The teachers training on curriculum and instructional material development,
 - ◆ Effective teaching learning strategy,
 - ◆ Assessment of student learning and educational research and
 - ◆ English language teaching.
2. Offering the younger teachers, would be teachers of Al-Aqsa University in the fields of Engineering and Technical Education at IUT at the post graduate level or if needed at the undergraduate level.

Time duration and Number of Participants

The duration of Masters programme of IUT is 1 year and six months (minimum) for Engineering Subjects and 2 years for Technical Education. The undergraduate programmes are of four years duration for the case of engineering subjects. Training courses on specialized topics can be arranged for 1 week to one month (according to the need of the target group). Maximum number of trainee teachers may be 20 in each training programme.

Financing

The total cost of the staff development programme may be shared by IUT and IDB. The local hospitality (food and accommodation in the campus) will be provided by the IUT. Other expenses including airfare will be borne by the Al-Aqsa University or IDB.

Results

This programme will be helpful to prepare the teachers and develop the courses of Al-Aqsa University for conducting class room teaching and lab classes effectively in the fields of engineering technology and technical education. The specific outcome will be as follows:

- ◆ Developing knowledge and skill of teachers in their respective fields by gaining Degrees/Diplomas
- ◆ Better teaching in the fields of Technology and Technical Education
- ◆ Effectively use different teaching materials (aids) and methods in the classroom,
- ◆ Assess the student learning effectively
- ◆ Preparation of the course curriculum