



AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
between
THE SRI LANKAN GEOTECHNICAL SOCIETY
(hereinafter called SLGS)
and
THE INDIAN GEOTECHNICAL SOCIETY
(hereinafter called IGS)



1.0 CONTEXT

1.1 General Objectives of the Societies

1.1.1 Sri Lankan Geotechnical Society

The General Objectives of the Sri Lankan Geotechnical Society are:

- (a) To promote and advance the science and practice of Geotechnical Engineering;
- (b) to organize and arrange seminars, lectures, exhibitions, symposia, workshops and discussions in relation to Geotechnical Engineering;
- (c) to maintain libraries and publishing of papers and books about Geotechnical Engineering;
- (d) to encourage research with a view to promoting professional knowledge of Geotechnical Engineering;
- (e) to formulate appropriate standards for qualifications of membership of Geotechnical Engineers and to conduct examinations and interviews and to grant certificates in relation to Geotechnical Engineering;
- (f) to regulate the professional activities of the members and to assist them in maintaining standards of professional conduct of Geotechnical Engineers;
- (g) to encourage and assist in the settlement of disputes of Geotechnical Engineering by arbitration and to nominate arbitrators;
- (h) to co-operate with the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE), and other such bodies and societies as may be appropriate.

1.1.2 Indian Geotechnical Society

The General Objectives of the Indian Geotechnical Society are:

- (a) To provide up-to-date technical and scientific information to members.
- (b) To organize conferences, seminars, and workshops to facilitate knowledge sharing.
- (c) To publish journals, newsletters, and other publications to disseminate research findings.
- (d) To support and promote research initiatives in geotechnical engineering.
- (e) To foster collaboration among researchers and practitioners.
- (f) To encourage the development and adoption of innovative methodologies.

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- (g) To enhance professional growth and development through educational programs.
- (h) To promote the exchange of ideas and experiences among professionals.
- (i) To create online resources and platforms for easy access to information.
- (j) To contribute to the improvement of geotechnical engineering practices and standards.
- (k) To get involved in the Codal committees, Standard drafting bodies related to applications of Geotechnical Engineering of respective countries and use mutual expertise and experiences as applicable.

1.2 Purpose of the Agreement

SLGS and IGS have entered into this Agreement of Cooperation to:

- (a) To promote, facilitate, and expand the exchange of technical, scientific, professional and organizational knowledge to better serve the interests and welfare of their members, the engineering profession in general, and the public in both countries;
- (b) To enhance each organization's position in the international geo scientific community through coordinated actions.
- (c) To organize and arrange seminars, lectures, exhibitions, symposia, workshops and discussions in relation to Geotechnical Engineering at regional level.
- (d) To foster collaboration and networking opportunities for members of SLGS and IGS.
- (e) To strengthen the collective expertise and capabilities of both organizations through coordinated actions.
- (f) To facilitate joint research projects and initiatives in Geotechnical Engineering.
- (g) To share best practices and guidelines to improve the quality of geotechnical engineering practices in both countries.
- (h) To promote the interests and welfare of members, the engineering profession, and the public in SLGS and IGS.
- (i) To increase visibility and influence in the international geotechnical engineering community through collaborative efforts.
- (j) To create opportunities for professional growth, knowledge sharing, and collaboration among members of SLGS and IGS.

2.0 SCOPE

- 2.1 This agreement covers the activities of SLGS and the activities of IGS those which both organizations are especially interested and willing to work together on international issues wherever deemed appropriate.
- 2.2 The spirit of this agreement is to encourage and support members of the partner organizations to uphold and advance the integrity, honour and dignity of the geotechnical profession by using their knowledge and skill for the enhancement of human welfare; by being honest and impartial and serving with fidelity the public, their employers and clients; by striving to increase the competence and prestige of the profession; and by supporting the professional and technical societies of their disciplines.

3.0 AIMS

The primary aims of this agreement are the expansion and improvement of cooperation between the two organizations, as summarized below:

- 3.1 Exchange of information regarding the geotechnical profession in general.
- 3.2 Encouragement for the exchange and republishing of articles, papers and information under preferred terms and in accordance with an agreement specific to each case, provided appropriate measures are taken to identify authors, protect their rights, and, if required, obtain prior permission of authors.
- 3.3 Encouragement of joint preparation or exchange of publication information lists and publicizing of these lists on a timely fashion so that members of both organizations are aware of technical publications of each society.
- 3.4 Encouragement and facilitation of joint conferences and events of all kinds, exchange of lectures and guests, and exchange of information regarding scientific and technical events, which are of mutual interest.
- 3.5 Each organization is encouraged to provide relevant information about the activities of the partner organisation to its members including student members. This will promote and motivate the members to actively participate in annual conferences, seminars, TC workshops and any other technical events.
- 3.6 Development of mutual professional, technical, education and training, especially in all relevant areas of international technical, scientific matters and education, to the extent provided by each organization to its own members and also extending services to visiting members.

4.0 IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Each partner will extend every effort to establish contacts for the other partner with other engineering/scientific organizations and bodies in its home country.
- 4.2 SLGS and IGS will encourage participation of their members in each other's annual conference and similar events.
- 4.3 It is anticipated that by correspondence and personal visits of representatives of both organizations, additional methods and ways of cooperation to achieve mutual benefits will be pursued.
- 4.4 Both partners will actively support close cooperation of their technical divisions and committees.
- 4.5 Periodic/Annual meetings will be organized between the members to ensure that the objectives are taken ahead and met.
- 4.6 The two partners agree that the official visits of persons invited by the governing body of the host country will work as described hereunder, on a reciprocal basis:
 - (a) the traveling expenses between the two countries will be borne by the partner sending the person(s) to the other country;
 - (b) the medical fees in case of emergency will be borne by the visiting person and/or his/her insurance;
 - (c) Partners may provide required assistances in above cases on mutually agreed terms.

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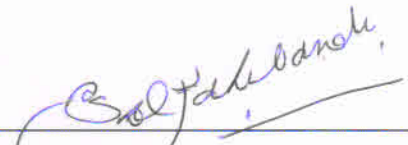
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5.0 EXECUTION, DURATION AND AMENDMENT

- 5.1 This agreement will become valid after it has been approved by the governing bodies of both organizations and signed by authorized officers thereof.
- 5.2 The agreement has a fixed duration of three years, whereupon it will automatically be renewed for another three years unless either organization gives notice to the other three months before its expiry for its termination.
- 5.3 In the implementation of this agreement any supplemental terms in accordance with the articles of this agreement shall be agreed and entered into by the President of the SLGS and the President of IGS with the consent of their Executive Committee.
- 5.4 Amendments to the agreement may be made at any time, and to be implemented shall be mutually confirmed in writing by both organizations with the approval of their Executive Committees.

Date: 15th Dec. 2023

For Sri Lankan Geotechnical Society




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