

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
SRI LANKAN PRESIDENTIAL TASKFORCE FOR PREVENTION OF CHRONIC
KIDNEY DISEASE
AND
THE AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION
ON A
COOPERATIVE PROGRAMME ON THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF CHRONIC KIDNEY
DISEASE OF UNKNOWN ETIOLOGY**

The Sri Lankan Presidential Taskforce for Prevention of Chronic Kidney Disease, and the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, hereinafter referred to as ANSTO

Recognising Australia and Sri Lanka have developed a cooperative relationship over the past 70 years

Wishing to build upon this relationship and establish ties between the Sri Lankan Presidential Taskforce for Prevention of Chronic Kidney Disease and ANSTO at the agency level

Noting with concern the high incidence of Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown Etiology, hereinafter referred to as CKDu, in some provinces of Sri Lanka

Pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries

Therefore Sri Lankan Presidential Taskforce for Prevention of Chronic Kidney Disease and ANSTO (hereinafter collectively referred to as the Participants)

Have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph 1 - Purpose

The Purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is to collaborate on the epidemiology of CKDu. The Participants will seek to connect nephrologists in Australia and the Epidemiology unit of the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicines of Sri Lanka, and make use of ANSTO's scientific infrastructure and methods, where practicable and relevant, to support further research into CKDu..

Paragraph 2 – Implementation

Any cooperative activity under this MOU will be implemented through an exchange of letters between the Participants that

- a) decides the scope of the activity, its goals and its conduct and
- b) Specifies any necessary procedures and conditions governing the activity, including provisions dealing with intellectual property and confidentiality as required.

Paragraph 3 - Costs

The Participants will bear their respective costs related to the implementation of this MOU, unless mutually decided otherwise.

Paragraph 4 - Settlement of Differences

Any differences arising out of the interpretation or application of this MOU will be resolved amicably by negotiation or consultation between the Participants.

Paragraph 5 - Amendment

This MOU may be amended by mutual consent of the Participants. Such amendment will come into effect on the date as decided by the Participants and will form an integral part of this MOU.

Paragraph 6 - Entry into Effect and Duration

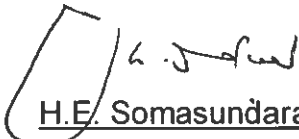
1. This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature, and will be valid for a period of two years. It can be extended for an additional two year term, by mutual consent of the Participants.
2. The termination of this MOU will not affect the validity and duration of any cooperative activity that may have been entered into under this MOU until the completion of such activity.
3. This MOU is not intended to be legally binding.

The foregoing represents the understandings reached between the Participants.

Signed in duplicate in Canberra, on 25 May 2017, in the English and Sinhala language, both original copies being equally valid.

For the

**Sri Lankan Presidential Taskforce for
Prevention of Chronic Kidney Disease**



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For

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