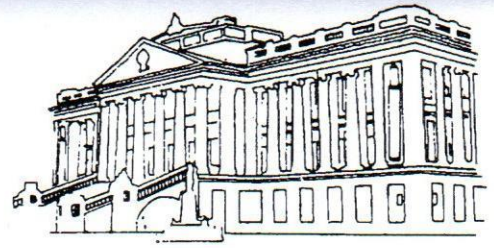


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My No. PS/M&E-3/04/04  
May 27, 2022

TO: AU Vc *[Signature]*

**Chairman**  
University Grants Commission

**Obtaining prior approval for Signing Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs)/ Agreements to be entered into by State Universities**

This refers to your letter dated 23.05.2022, letter no. ER/GEN-SC-4 dated 14.09.2021 sent by Director General, Department of External Resources and Circular no. PS/SP/SB/Circular/06/2019 dated 19.12.2019 issued by Secretary to the President on the above matter.

Having considered concerns of undue delays raised by you, His Excellency the President has instructed that you may proceed to enter into MoUs/Agreements which are to be signed between Sri Lankan and foreign higher academic institutions, where there is no monetary or other obligation by the Government of Sri Lanka, and where the collaboration is only between the relevant academic institutions. Further, action will be taken by this office to amend the aforementioned circular accordingly.

*[Signature]*  
**Chandima Wickramasinghe**  
Additional Secretary to the President

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