

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Asian Association for Public Administration

And

American Society for Public Administration

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA) and the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Associations.”

The American Society for Public Administration is the largest and most prominent professional association for public administration. It is dedicated to advancing the art, science, teaching and practice of public and non-profit administration. ASPA’s four core values are Accountability and Performance, Professionalism, Ethics and Social Equity. ASPA is the leading interdisciplinary public service organization that advances the art, science, teaching, and practice of public and non-profit administration, promotes the value of joining and elevating the public service profession, builds bridges among all who pursue public purposes at home and internationally, provides networking and professional development opportunities to those committed to public service values, and achieves innovative solutions to the challenges of governance.

The Asian Association for Public Administration is the premier professional organization for public administration across the Asia-Pacific region. It is dedicated to expanding excellence in public administration education, research, and practice, and fostering robust collaboration among scholars, practitioners, and academic institutions. AAPA serves as a critical interdisciplinary platform that advances public governance, promotes comparative public policy research, and builds bridges among public service professionals both regionally and globally. Through its annual conferences, academic networks, and collaborative development initiatives, the Association provides key opportunities for knowledge exchange, supports the cultivation of next-generation scholarly capacity, and drives innovative solutions to the unique and evolving governance challenges facing Asian societies and the wider global community.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a formal framework for cooperation between AAPA and ASPA. Both Associations share a commitment to advancing the field of public administration, fostering international scholarship, and improving public service through global collaboration. This agreement seeks to leverage the expertise and networks of both organizations to benefit their respective memberships and the broader global community of public policy professionals.

2. Areas of Collaboration

The Associations agree to explore and support collaboration in the following areas:

2.1 Mutual Conference Support

- The Associations will encourage their leadership and members to participate in each other's annual conferences.
- Where feasible, the Associations may coordinate dedicated panels, "meet-and-greet" sessions, or international forums within the framework of these annual events.

2.2 Knowledge Exchange and Joint Programming

- Collaborating on the development and hosting of joint webinars or virtual workshops on emerging trends in public management and policy.
- Sharing information regarding calls for papers, research initiatives, and professional development opportunities.

2.3 Doctoral and Early Career Development

- Exploring the co-hosting of Doctoral Workshops or PhD symposiums, potentially held in conjunction with annual conferences, to mentor the next generation of public policy researchers.
- Facilitating networking opportunities specifically designed for junior scholars and students to foster cross-continental research collaboration.

2.4 Institutional Promotion

- Cross-promoting major initiatives and events through respective newsletters and websites to increase global visibility.

3. Administrative Clauses

3.1 Non-Binding Nature

This MOU is a statement of intent and does not create any legally binding obligations or financial commitments on either Association.

3.2 Financial Arrangements

Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing for specific projects, each Association shall bear its own costs associated with the activities outlined in this MOU.

3.3 Intellectual Property and Logo Usage

All intellectual property remains the property of the originating Association. The use of either Association's logo for promotional purposes related to this MOU requires prior written approval from the respective organization.

3.4 Non-Exclusivity

This agreement is non-exclusive; both Associations maintain the right to enter into similar agreements with other organizations.

3.5 Duration and Review

This MOU shall be effective upon the date of the final signature and will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years. It may be renewed or modified by mutual written consent.

3.6 Termination

Either Association may terminate this MOU by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

4. Signatures

For the Asian Association for Public
Administration (AAPA):

For the American Society for Public
Administration (ASPA):

(Signature)

Name:

Title:

Date:

(Signature)

Name:

Title:

Date: