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### **Centurion University of Technology and Management and Horizon JHSSR Forge a Transformative International Partnership for Research Excellence, Ethical Artificial Intelligence, and Global Scholarly Leadership**

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The Horizon Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences Research (Horizon JHSSR), published by Beyond Proofreading Services (Malaysia), proudly announces the successful signing of a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India**, during a distinguished virtual ceremony held on **13 July 2026**. The event brought together senior academic leaders from both institutions in a celebration of shared vision, scholarly excellence, and international collaboration, marking one of the most significant milestones in Horizon JHSSR's continuing journey towards global academic leadership.

The ceremony was led by **Professor Dr. Nayan Kanwal**, Chief Executive Editor of Horizon JHSSR, alongside **Professor Supriya Pattanayak**, Vice Chancellor of CUTM, **Professor Anita Patra**, Registrar, and **Professor Rabi Narayan Subudhi**, Senior Professor, School of Management. Their collective presence underscored the importance of the partnership and reflected a shared commitment to fostering sustainable international cooperation in research, innovation, and higher education.

In his keynote address, Professor Nayan Kanwal emphasised that Memoranda of Understanding should never be viewed merely as ceremonial documents. Instead, they represent enduring commitments to collaborative research, scholarly publishing, faculty engagement, editorial cooperation, knowledge exchange, and the creation of sustainable international academic ecosystems. He highlighted Horizon JHSSR's remarkable expansion over the past two years through strategic partnerships with leading universities across Asia, positioning the Journal as an increasingly influential platform for global scholarly communication.

A defining feature of the ceremony was the inspiring address delivered by Professor Supriya Pattanayak, Vice Chancellor of CUTM, who reflected upon the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in higher education. She observed that while AI presents unprecedented

opportunities for innovation and learning, its application must remain firmly anchored in ethical scholarship, critical thinking, and academic integrity. Professor Pattanayak encouraged educators and researchers to cultivate a culture in which Artificial Intelligence complements rather than replaces human creativity, intellectual curiosity, and original inquiry. She further highlighted CUTM's impressive standing among the world's leading universities in sustainability, recognising the institution's outstanding achievements in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings.

The newly established Memorandum of Understanding provides a comprehensive framework for collaboration encompassing joint research projects, international publications, faculty and student engagement, editorial cooperation, scholarly workshops, professional development initiatives, and co-hosted academic conferences. Together, these activities will strengthen research quality, broaden international visibility, and promote meaningful interdisciplinary collaboration between the two institutions.

The partnership also reflects Horizon JHSSR's unwavering commitment to promoting ethical scholarly publishing and responsible innovation in the era of Artificial Intelligence. As research methodologies and scholarly communication continue to evolve, both institutions recognise the importance of fostering digital literacy, transparency, and responsible AI practices that preserve the integrity of academic research while embracing technological advancement.

Beyond formal collaboration, the agreement embodies a shared philosophy that universities and scholarly publishers have a collective responsibility to prepare future generations of researchers for an increasingly interconnected academic landscape. Through capacity-building programmes, editorial mentorship, publication support, and interdisciplinary knowledge exchange, the partnership seeks to inspire a new generation of scholars equipped to address complex global challenges through rigorous research and ethical innovation.

For Horizon JHSSR, the collaboration with CUTM represents one of the most prestigious milestones in its internationalisation strategy. It demonstrates the growing confidence placed in the Journal by leading universities and reinforces its position as a trusted international partner dedicated to advancing scholarly excellence across disciplines and borders.

Looking ahead, Horizon JHSSR and Centurion University envision a dynamic and enduring relationship characterised by collaborative discovery, academic leadership, and meaningful societal impact. Together, they will continue to explore innovative pathways for research, publication, education, and international engagement while strengthening the foundations of responsible scholarship for generations to come.

The Memorandum of Understanding between Centurion University of Technology and Management and Horizon JHSSR stands as a powerful affirmation that the future of higher education will be shaped not by individual institutions working in isolation but by visionary partnerships built upon trust, innovation, and a shared commitment to advancing knowledge for the benefit of humanity.

 Together, Centurion University of Technology and Management and Horizon JHSSR are creating more than an international partnership—they are building a global community of scholars united by excellence, ethical innovation, and the enduring pursuit of knowledge without borders. 🌟