## MoU Between ELTAI and BELTA

#### **ELTAI**

English Language Teachers' Association of India (ELTAI), a pioneer in establishing such a professional association of English language teachers in India, was officially registered in 1974, although it was started much earlier, in 1965. It was started with the prime motto of professionalizing teachers of English at all levels – primary, secondary and tertiary. It has now about 5,000 members and 32 chapters in different parts of the country. The association is an affiliate of international organizations, such as IATEFL and TESOL.

The two most significant activities of the association are holding an international conference in various parts of the country every year and bringing out both print and online journals. (3 e-journals and The flagship print journal is *The Journal of Teaching English Language Teaching (India)* is a 53-year old bi-monthly, which is distributed freely to all its members; it is also now available in its e-version.

### **BELTA**

Established in 1984, BELTA is a non-profit professional forum for ELT practitioners connected to teaching and learning English in Bangladesh. Its aim is to develop and empower teachers at all levels in order to facilitate effective communication within the English language teaching community in order to improve standards of learning and teaching throughout the country. It has fourteen regional chapters, which reach out to marginalized communities. BELTA also networks with International Teachers Associations in South Asia and beyond.

# Scope of the MOU

The main areas covered in this agreement include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Sharing of information and resources between the two associations;
- 2. Exploring opportunities and resources for the benefit of the two associations and their members;

- 3. Undertaking collaborative initiatives in the field of ELT, such as publications and research;
- 4. Providing registration fee waiver and local hospitality for two conference presenters as recommended by either side;
- 5. Offering discounted conference registration fees and concessions in local hospitality charges mutually for other registered members of the two associations to facilitate participation in conferences organized by both;
- 6. Sharing the expertise of resource persons such as key speakers and presenters between the two associations:
- 7. Exchanging five copies of each of the journal issues published by the two associations;
- 8. Disseminating information about each other's conference announcements electronically and otherwise; and
- 9. Offering any other facilities and resources to each other, as deemed fit.

#### Duration of the MOU

This MOU will come into effect from the date of signing by both parties and will remain active for three years.

Signed for and on behalf of ELTAI

BY

PRESIDENT, ELTAI

14 May 2018

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Signed for and on behalf of BELTA

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Date: 12 May 2018
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