

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
Economic Research Group (ERG)
and
Radio Metro Wave (RMW)**

RMW has been broadcasting a pre-recorded Radio Talk Show called the *Arthanitir Haichal* (AH), where several persons affiliated to ERG were regular contributors. With a view to improve the quality of the program (AH), encourage independent views on the economy and policy issues, and institutionalize the process of external contributions to the RMW program and to ERG efforts towards promoting education in economics, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is signed by the representatives of ERG and RMW on 11th August 2004.

1. Under normal circumstances, the program will be recorded once every week. Allowing for last-minute inclusion of a new topic demanding immediate attention, ERG may prepare a list of programs and potential participants. This will allow sufficient time for background research and possible announcement of the programs.
2. ERG agrees to organize the program, contact appropriate contributors and do the necessary research for hosting the program.
3. Both ERG and RMW may seek sponsors to support the program (AH). ERG may seek such sponsorship to support the background research cost to be incurred by ERG, as well as for supporting some items in the broadcasting expenses (such as, salary to the technician, expenses on account of survey of listeners including promotional items for them, etc.). Any expense pertaining to the latter will be channeled through RMW.
4. RMW retains its right to seek sponsors for the program in the form of advertisements.
5. Sponsorship of the program (AH) in any other form, not included in (3) and (4) above, may be accepted only upon mutual agreement between ERG and RMW.
6. Inclusion of a third party in the program (AH) or in making use of the program materials in any other form may be realized through mutual agreement. Such third party inclusion may include television channels to broadcast the program or an improvised version of it. It may also include recording the program in classroom environment in association with an educational institution, or publishing the transcribed version of the programs in print form in association with a publishing house or print media.
7. ERG will give effort to bring out regularly an article in the daily print media on a topic to be selected out of the recent programs broadcast under AH. While individual contributor retains the appropriate right for drafting the piece, its publication will have to acknowledge the Radio program AH and the joint hosts RMW and ERG.
8. RMW retains the right to broadcast the recorded programs beyond the contract period with due acknowledgement to contributions made by ERG.
9. ERG retains the right to bring out print materials from the *Arthanitir Haichal* with due acknowledgement to RMW's contribution in hosting the AH.
10. The RMW will be represented by its Managing Director Mr. Emran Mahmud, or by any other representative nominated in writing by him. The ERG will be represented by its Executive Director (currently, Dr. Sajjad Zohir), or by any other member nominated in writing by the Chairman of ERG.
11. Any dispute arising between the two parties will be amicably settled.
12. This MOU, unless renewed, will remain valid for a period of one year from the date signed.

Signed by



(Emran Mahmud)
Managing Director, RMW



(Dr. Sajjad Zohir)
Executive Director, ERG

Witnesses:

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