



**Memorandum of Understanding on Double Degree Program**

**between**

**Graduate School**

**Faculties of Agriculture, Science, and Engineering**

**Chiang Mai University**

**and**

**Graduate School of Science and Technology**

**Niigata University**



**1. Selection of the Double Degree Program Students at the Host Institution**

The host institution shall make admission decisions, according to the application documents specified by the institution, an interview with each applicant, and verification of proficiency in the medium language of instruction at both institutions. Both parties shall be responsible for starting these admission procedures and for giving their admission decisions in advance, in order for the partner institution to avoid any problems that may occur due to differences in academic calendar systems between countries.

**2. The Medium Language of Admission and Instruction**

Prospective students for this double degree program between Chiang Mai University and Niigata University must be proficient in English as it is the common medium language of instruction at each institution. Students from both universities are required to demonstrate an appropriately high level of English proficiency at the time of admission in order to ensure their successful completion of this double degree program. Exchange students are highly encouraged to learn the language and culture of their host country through academic and social life. Academic advisors are highly expected to utilize other university resources and to collaborate with organizations both inside and outside the university community in order to create diversified environments in which students' cultural and linguistic opportunities can be enhanced.

**3. Exchange Contingent**

Up to five (5) students from the home university may be accepted by the host university. In the case of more than five (5) applicants, the host and partner institutions will hold discussions to attempt to come to a mutually acceptable agreement as to whether additional students can be accepted. Should a situation arise that requires the amendment of this exchange contingent, the amendment shall be attached to this Memorandum as an addendum.

4. Advising Students on Course Work and Research Projects

The academic advisors of both universities will confer with the advisee in advance regarding the graduate research subject, and advise the student appropriately in developing his or her Plan and Purpose of Graduate Study and Research in the Double Degree Program. The academic advisors at both the home and host institutions are expected to work collaboratively to give proper academic guidance to the student. The host university shall provide necessary services such as internet and e-mail access, as well as telephone and mailing address information in order for the academic advisors of the sending university to maintain communication with the student(s).

5. Accommodations for Immigration Procedures

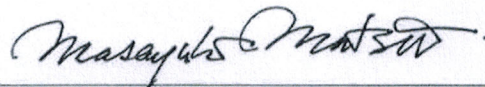
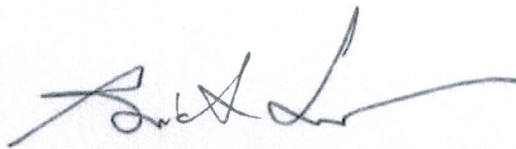
The host university shall make efforts to provide the exchange students with reasonable assistance and sufficient information about immigration procedures prior to their entry to the country by maintaining close contact with the immigration agency.

6. Authenticity

The English language version of this Memorandum is authentic, having been signed by the dean of the Graduate School, Chiang Mai University, and the dean of the Graduate School of Science and Technology, Niigata University. A duplicate shall be retained by each institution.

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Niigata University



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Date Sep / 11 / 2023

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## Agreement on the Double Degree Program for Doctoral Degree

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### 1. Subject and Aims of the Agreement

This Agreement describes the academic and administrative conditions concerning the realization of the double degree program and responds to the broad essential purposes in the Agreement for Cooperation between Chiang Mai University and Niigata University, concluded on July 27, 2015. The program aims to foster the exchange of students between the Graduate School, the Faculties of Agriculture, Science, and Engineering, Chiang Mai University, and the Graduate School of Science and Technology, Niigata University, by enabling students to access more valuable educational opportunities in order to obtain degrees from both universities.

### 2. Selection Procedure

Under this Agreement, both parties agree to exchange graduate students for the double doctoral degrees. The home university shall select participating students in this program according to the academic, personal, and linguistic requirements set forth by the conditions in the attached memorandum to this Agreement. The host university is required to notify the partner institution of its admission decision as soon as it is made.

### 3. Status of Participating Students

Each exchange student under the terms of this Agreement is not only entitled to be recognized and to receive benefits as a regular full-time student of the host university, but also obliged to comply with various regulations in academic and student life matters as set forth by the host institution. Students successfully admitted to this exchange program must register and complete matriculation procedures with both universities by the date determined by the two parties.

### 4. Duration of Study

Each exchange period under the terms of this Agreement shall be one (1) academic year. However, students may be approved for an extension of study (up to one additional academic year) at the host institution upon mutual consent between both universities.

5. Requirements for Awarding Degree

Participating students in this double degree program are expected to complete all required course work, written dissertations, and any other work required to satisfy the requirements and guidelines of his or her doctoral degree program at both Chiang Mai University and Niigata University. In accordance with the regulations in force in each country and based on the conditions established by the contracting parties for the student of this joint supervision program, the degrees will be awarded separately by both universities. Both parties are to exchange official documents related to academic regulations. If any amendment occurs in these regulations which affect the double degree program and/or the students, both universities are obliged to notify to the partner institution as soon as possible. If any issue should arise then, both parties are required to seek for congenial resolution.

6. Academic Advising

The host institution shall assign a proper academic advisor to each exchange student, upon conference between both parties, prior to his or her arrival. Academic advisors from both the home and host institutions are expected to work collaboratively to provide academic guidance and advising to the student. The advisor at the host institution shall be responsible for periodically reporting to the home institution's advisor regarding the student's academic and research progress.

7. Course Subjects, Credits, and Method of Completing the Course of Study

Both universities must make an effort to arrange adequate educational curriculum and requirements so that participating students can be expected to receive significant learning opportunities from the partner institution.

8. Acceptance of Transfer Credits

Credits earned from the host university may be accepted as equivalent to the courses offered by the home university, upon evaluation. For the acceptance of credit transfer, participants of the double degree program shall conform to the academic policies of both universities.

9. Dissertation and Oral Examination

Any candidate who intends to receive his or her degree from the host institution is expected to write his or her dissertation in English in principle. Under exceptional circumstances and with special approval from the graduate school, a student may write the dissertation in a language other than English. In such a case, the candidate is required to submit an abstract written in English. A separate and independent

dissertation must be submitted to each university. The final oral examination should be conducted in English at each university. The committee of the final oral examination will be composed according to regulations set by each university. However, each institution must consider that the composition of the committee members shall reflected the nature of this collaborative agreement. The degrees will be conferred based upon regulations governed by each institution respectively.

10. Committee

Both parties shall encourage their faculty members to be involved in and to play an important role in the examination committee for the candidates in this program.

11. Conferral of Degree

Upon successfully completing the double degree program, doctoral students who meet graduation requirements for this program will be conferred a doctoral degree from Chiang Mai University, Kingdom of Thailand and a doctoral degree from Niigata University, Japan.

12. Tuition, Fees and Insurance

Under this Agreement, students shall pay tuition, insurance, and other fees to the home institution throughout the duration of graduate study, and shall be exempt from tuition, admission, and registration fees at the host institution. However, exchange students are required to enroll in and bear the costs for the health insurance plan and for other insurance plans imposed by the host institution.

13. Accommodation and Financial Assistance

Under this Agreement, both parties shall make efforts to provide services in order to meet the needs of accommodation and financial assistance for exchange students.

14. Handling of Crisis Control

Both parties shall cooperate together regarding the handling of crisis management accompanying the exchange.

15. Amendment, Renewal, or Termination of Terms in This Agreement

This Agreement will remain effective for five (5) years after the date of conclusion by both parties. Amendments in connection with any terms in this Agreement shall be settled as they arise upon consultation between both parties. The partner institution must be notified at least 12 months prior to the proposed date of renewal, premature termination, or termination upon expiry of term of this Agreement. In the event of termination of this Agreement, students who have commenced the double degree program shall be allowed to

maintain the double degree program student statuses and receive its privileges. Except in cases of those intentions expressly agreed upon in writing, a conference may be requested by either party to seek remediation.

16. Memorandum and Other Related Materials

Any matter not stipulated herein, regarding the terms of the "Agreement on the Double Degree Program for Doctoral Degree," shall require an accord between both parties, and thus shall be documented in the "Memorandum of Understanding on the Double Degree Program." Other written materials related to the double degree program shall be shared, recognized, and preserved between the two parties.

17. Authenticity

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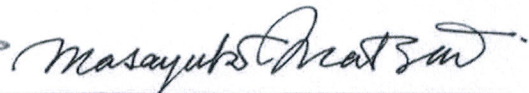


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