

**Agreement for Cooperation**  
**between**  
**School of Engineering, School of Materials and Chemical Technology, and School of**  
**Environment and Society, Tokyo Institute of Technology**  
**and**  
**Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary School, Faculty of Engineering, and Faculty of**  
**Science, Chiang Mai University**

The School of Engineering, the School of Materials and Chemical Technology, and the School of Environment and Society, Tokyo Institute of Technology (“Tokyo Tech”) and Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary School, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Science, Chiang Mai University (hereafter, referred to jointly as the “Parties” and each as a “Party”) shall cooperate in areas of education and research to be agreed upon. Cooperation in other areas may also be arranged by mutual agreement.

Within the fields to be mutually designated, the Parties agree to the following general forms of cooperation:

1. Joint research activities and publications;
2. Exchange of invitations to scholars for lectures, talks and sharing of experience;
3. Exchange of invitations to scholars for their participation in conferences, colloquia and symposia;
4. Exchange of information in fields of interest to the Parties;
5. Exchange of faculty members and students for study and research.

The themes of the joint activities, the conditions for utilizing the resulting knowledge and expertise, and the arrangements for specific visits, professional leaves, exchanges, or other forms of cooperation will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

The Parties hereby acknowledge that each Party's performance and obligations hereunder are subject to applicable national laws and regulations.

Whereas, the Parties, recognizing the mutual benefit and value of research collaboration, wish to facilitate mutual exchanges between suitable students within their respective organizations in the framework of “Asia-Oceania Strategic Universities” (“AOSU”), pursuant to the 5 above, “Exchange of faculty members and students” defined in this agreement (hereafter, “Agreement”).

Each of the Parties may also be referred to as the “Home Institution” or “Host Institution” where appropriate.

## **1. Activities**

Under AOSU, postgraduate students or final-year undergraduate students from either Party who have been successfully nominated and selected will be afforded the opportunity to carry out a short (typically three (3) month) research project in one of the other institution's research groups. The objective is to enable such students to broaden their international research experience.

## **2. Duration of Research Projects**

The standard duration of an individual AOSU exchange will be approximately three (3) months. Usually this will be during the designated period from June to December, but the timing may vary when appropriate and agreed in writing by the Host Institution.

## **3. Number of Exchange Students**

The operational assumption is that in any given year there will be equal numbers of students exchanged between the Parties. Initially both Parties will make available up to two (2) AOSU exchange students each year of the Agreement. Prospective AOSU exchange candidates can be PhD students, Master's students, or final-year undergraduate students. While equal numbers every year may not be possible, the Parties will seek to ensure that an equivalence in the numbers of exchange students will be achieved within three (3) years from the time the Agreement comes into effect. The maximum number of students exchanged in any particular year may be changed after mutual review and agreement by both Parties.

## **4. Financial Responsibility**

During the exchange period, AOSU exchange students must remain enrolled at the Home Institution where they pay their tuition and other fees. Upon written approval by the authorized representative of the Host Institution, they may be exempted from paying tuition to the Host Institution.

The Parties agree to provide access to the appropriate research facilities and supervision without charge to incoming AOSU exchange students. Each AOSU exchange student will be responsible, without limitation, for their own travel, accommodation, insurance, and living costs. AOSU exchange students are required to carry adequate health insurance and to provide proof of that fact to the Host Institution. It will be the responsibility of each AOSU exchange student to arrange this insurance. In addition, exchange students are required to purchase insurance under such accident and liability insurance schemes as the Host Institution recommends.

AOSU exchange students proposing to study at Chiang Mai University are required to obtain health/medical insurance that meets specified requirements for the period of their exchange. Chiang Mai University has agreed with Tokyo Tech that it will assist incoming AOSU exchange students in identifying available health insurance options designed for international students that meet specific requirements in Thailand.

AOSU exchange students proposing to study at Tokyo Tech are required to obtain health/medical insurance that meets specified requirements for the period of their exchange. Tokyo Tech has agreed with Chiang Mai University that it will assist incoming AOSU exchange students in identifying available health insurance options designed for international students that meet specific requirements in Japan.

## **5. Governance**

AOSU exchange students will be admitted as non-regular students who do not aim at obtaining a degree from the Host Institution and will be entitled to access all facilities and services available to students studying at the Host Institution. All admitted AOSU exchange students will be required to abide by the charter, statutes, ordinances, and regulations of the Host Institution.

## **6. Selection and Application Procedures**

The Home Institution will provide the Host Institution with a list of nominated students, which shall be exchanged between academic coordinators in each Party. The Home Institution students applying for AOSU must apply to the Host Institution using the exchange program application form indicated in the Addendum. The Host Institution will then decide whether to accept the nomination and will notify the nominating institution at least four (4) months prior to the proposed AOSU start date that year.

## **7. Qualifications**

Selected candidates are required to satisfy language proficiency and academic requirements normally imposed by the Host Institution on its own students.

## **8. Visas**

Although each AOSU exchange student will be responsible for obtaining a visa and related travel documents, the Host Institution will assist in providing the documentation necessary to satisfy visa requirements and other formalities.

## **9. Equality and Diversity**

The Parties, recognising the value of sustaining and advancing a safe and welcoming learning environment, will treat AOSU exchange students with respect and dignity, treat them fairly with regard to all assessments, choices and procedures, and encourage them to reach their full potential. Therefore, the Parties will treat all members and visitors fairly, and aim to eliminate unjustifiable discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, nationality, ethnicity, political beliefs, religious beliefs or practices, disability, marital status, family circumstances, sexual orientation, spent criminal convictions, age, or any other inappropriate grounds.

## **10. Intellectual Property / Confidential Information Agreement**

To ensure the proper handling of intellectual property derived from research undertaken at the Host Institution, the exchange student must first obtain approval from the host supervisor prior to quoting, presenting or publishing any such research results derived at the Host Institution in any publication, written or electronic. The Host Institution has the right to require each participating student to sign an Intellectual Property / Confidential Information agreement. The laws and policies of the Host Institution and its country will determine the ownership of any intellectual property developed during the research.

## **11. Protection of Personal Data**

Regarding the sharing of personal data, the Parties agree to:

- a) use personal data only for the purpose of managing, administering, and making decisions regarding AOSU ("Authorised Purpose");
- b) upon one Party's request in respect of an individual to whom any personal data relates, provide the other Party with information about the ways in which that personal data has been or may have been used or disclosed by the other Party during the year prior to the date of the Party's request;
- c) limit disclosure of personal data only to i) parties deemed necessary by a court of competent jurisdiction or pursuant to any written or common law and ii) employees (if applicable) on a need-to-know basis and ensure that employees who have access to or receive any personal data are aware of the obligations specified in this Agreement and agree to abide by them;
- d) protect personal data against unauthorised or accidental access, collection, use, disclosure, and destruction and ensure that reasonable security measures are implemented; and
- e) not retain personal data for a period longer than is necessary to serve the Authorised Purpose and destroy or return personal data when retention is no longer necessary.

## **12. Health and Safety**

The Host Institution will provide AOSU exchange students with appropriate health and safety training or instruction in the use of equipment in the research group for the duration of their stay.

## **13. Research Evaluation**

The hosting departmental supervisor will provide a short evaluation of the research project undertaken by each AOSU exchange student; this evaluation will be performed at the end of the three (3) month exchange to enable the Home Institution to decide on appropriate credits, if appropriate.

## **14. Accommodation**

AOSU exchange students proposing to study at Tokyo Tech will be responsible for their own housing arrangements. Where possible, Tokyo Tech will assist AOSU exchange students in securing appropriate accommodation.

AOSU exchange students proposing to study at Chiang Mai University will be responsible for their own housing arrangements. Where possible, Chiang Mai University will assist AOSU exchange students in securing appropriate accommodation.

## **15. Duration and Termination of the Agreement**

This Agreement shall come into effect on the date of signing by the representatives of the Parties named herein and shall remain in force for a period of five years. Either Party may choose to terminate this Agreement by giving not less than six (6) months' written notice to the other party. In the event of termination, all AOSU exchange students who have been accepted by the Host Institution at the date of notification of termination, including those who have not yet begun their exchange period at the Host Institution, shall be permitted to conduct and complete their studies at the Host Institution in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

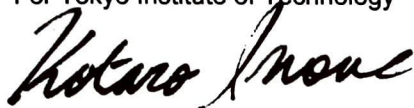
## 16. Revisions and modifications

Any revisions or modifications to this Agreement, including time extensions, must be agreed in writing by both Parties.

The Parties, each acting through its duly authorized representative, have executed this Agreement in duplicate in the English language. Each duplicate is considered an original, and each Party retains one duplicate.

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(Signing page follows)

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Addendum to the Agreement for  
Asia-Oceania Strategic Universities Program

The Home Institution must provide the Host Institution with the exchange program “Nomination Form” and “Student Application Form” In addition, the following documents are required of each nominee/student applicant.

1. Certification of proficiency in English
2. Official transcript of academic record (in English) (from at least the last 2 years)
3. Verification of student status at the Home Institution (in English)
4. Research plan (in English)
5. Recommendation letter from the Home Institution
6. Copy of passport
7. (For an international student at the Home Institution) Copy of Visa to stay in the Home Institution's country