

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CYPRUS
AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, SPORTS, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY OF JAPAN**

The Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (hereinafter referred to singularly as "Participant" and collectively as "the Participants"),

RECOGNISING the need to expand and intensify their cooperation;

DESIRING to further enhance their close and friendly relations;

CONSIDERING their common interest to promote and encourage their cooperation in the fields of higher education and research for the mutual benefit of both States, by strengthening partnerships and strategic collaboration that supports education and lifelong learning; and

SHARING the conviction that cooperation in these fields will enhance the economic and social development of both States;

have reached the following decisions:

Paragraph I

1. This Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as "MoC") is signed with the objective of strengthening and developing cooperation between the Participants and does not constitute a binding agreement under international law.
2. No reference in this MoC may be construed and implemented as creating legal rights or obligations under international law.
3. The cooperation in the framework of this MoC will not prejudice the rights and obligations of the Participants that derive from international agreements to which both States are Parties.

Paragraph II

1. The Participants will encourage the direct and manifold cooperation in activities in the fields of higher education and research between universities and other research institutions in both States.

Cooperation activities may, inter alia, include:

- a. Promotion of joint research activities;
- b. Exchange of information, scientific material and academic publications;
- c. Exchange of faculty members, researchers and administrative personnel;
- d. Exchange of graduate and undergraduate students for study and research;
- e. Facilitation of the exchange of internship projects of vocational and technical students in both States; and
- f. Co-organisation and participation in lectures, seminars, conferences and other scientific events.

2. Cooperative activities under this MoC will be subject to the respective laws and regulations of each State.

Paragraph III

The Participants will encourage universities in both States to organise joint study programmes, especially at Master and/or Ph.D. level, within the framework of direct institutional arrangements.

Paragraph IV

Each Participant will welcome applications of students, scholars and researchers of the other State for participation in programmes of study and/or research projects.

Paragraph V

The Participants will encourage the cooperation and support strong linkages between their respective universities and research institutions in both States.

Paragraph VI

The Participants will support discussions between associations of universities of the two States for signing agreements and memoranda of cooperation which will facilitate the access and continuation of studies among institutions of higher education in both States.

Paragraph VII

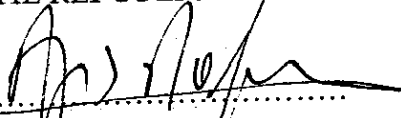
This MoC may be modified at any time by the mutual written consent of the Participants. The modifications will commence in the way described in Paragraph VII.

Paragraph VIII

1. This MoC will commence on the date of signature by the Participants and will continue in operation for an indefinite period of time.
2. Either Participant may terminate this MoC by giving six months' advance notice in writing to the other Participant.
3. The termination of this MoC will not affect the existing or ongoing programmes and projects, unless the Participants decide otherwise.

Signed in duplicate at Tokyo on this 23rd day of March 2017, in English.

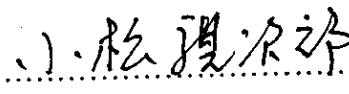
For the MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF
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Sign: 

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(title) Ambassador
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For the MINISTRY OF EDUCATION,
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