

Agreement between the Korean Council for University Education (**KCUE**) and the German Rectors' Conference (**HRK**)

◆ OBJECTIVES

The Korean Council for University Education (KCUE) and the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) agree to collaborate in order

- to widen mutual understanding and cooperation for the development of higher education;
- to promote the exchange of students, professors and researchers;
- and to increase the cooperation in various academic fields, while respecting the autonomy and cultural diversities of both Korean and German universities.

◆ BACKGROUND

KCUE and HRK co-hosted the Higher Education Policy Forum 2006 in Seoul under the title "Excellence in Research and Promotion of Young Researchers". With a view to enhancing mutual cooperation and exchange, the two organizations agreed to exert mutual efforts to fulfil the items of understanding mentioned below.

◆ ITEMS OF UNDERSTANDING

KCUE and HRK (hereafter, we) agree on the following items of understanding for the development of higher education and the active interchange of the two organizations based on the principle of equality and mutual benefit.

1. We promote the exchange of students and academic staff.
2. We intensify, based on a spirit of solidarity, the interchange between the two organizations by holding joint conferences on higher education policy issues.
3. We exchange information and materials related to higher education. We provide publications written in English for each other, and we agree to offer materials on the request of the other organization.
4. We link each other's homepage on the internet, including a special section documenting our joint activities.



5. The representatives of both organizations hold meetings on a regular basis, where they exchange views on current issues, such as the development of the higher education systems in both countries and the support of academic exchange among the universities of the two countries.
6. We will engage into a process of discussion, as may be necessary in cooperation with other relevant institutions, to promote issues of mutual recognition of academic qualifications at all levels in both countries.
7. We strive to build networks with higher education-related organizations in other countries and to increase the member organizations. We will exchange opinions and information on this issue frequently.
8. We agree to have working-level discussions to elaborate and implement the items mentioned above.
9. This agreement will come into effect on the day of signing.

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