

Memorandum of Understanding

between

**Korean Council for University Education - Korean University Accreditation Institute,
Republic of Korea**

and

**National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education,
Japan**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between Korean Council for University Education - Korean University Accreditation Institute at 22~23F, Daesung DPOLIS-A 606, Seobusaet-gil, Geumcheon-gu, Seoul, Korea, hereafter referred to as KCUE-KUAI, and National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education at 1-29-1, Gakuen-nishimachi, Kodaira-shi, Tokyo, Japan, hereafter referred to as NIAD-QE.

Whereas:

KCUE, established in 1982, works for the sound development of higher education in Korea by promoting inter-institutional cooperation concerning major issues common to four-year universities and colleges, and increase the autonomy, initiative, public accountability, and overall quality of higher education institutions in South Korea by making recommendations to the government and ensuring their realization in education policies.

KUAI, Korean University Accreditation Institute, affiliated to KCUE presents the standards and guidelines for quality enhancement of universities, and contributes to promoting the development of university education and producing outstanding individuals by carrying out evaluation, including the assessment and accreditation of universities. On May 1, 2019, Korea Academic Recognition Information Center (KARIC) was established within KCUE as Korea's official national information center (NIC).

NIAD-QE is an incorporated administrative agency created in 2016 by the Japanese Act of General Rules for Incorporated Administrative Agency and the NIAD-QE Act. National Institution for Academic Degrees (NIAD) was established as an academic degree-awarding institution in 1991, and was renamed and reorganized in 2000 as National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation (NIAD-UE), an entity charged with evaluating universities in addition to its existing functions. On April 1, 2016, NIAD-UE and the Center for National University Finance and Management (CUFM) merged to form NIAD-QE. On September 1, 2019, National Information Center for Academic Recognition Japan (NIC-Japan) was established within NIAD-QE as Japan's official national information center (NIC).

KCUE-KUAI and NIAD-QE

Having similar missions and institutional objectives towards the advancement of quality assurance and international cooperation in qualification recognition issues in higher education, KCUE-KUAI and NIAD-QE now wish to continue the closer relationship as equal partners that was established with the initial Memorandum of Understanding in 2010 and was agreed upon with the renewed Memorandum in 2015 for the purpose of creating cooperative and collaborative mechanisms for the mutual benefit of both parties.

HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING as follows:

Article I: Aims of this Memorandum of Understanding

KCUE-KUAI and NIAD-QE collaborate for reciprocal cooperation and to work towards a strategic alliance, facilitating collaboration to enhance the operation of external quality assurance in respective jurisdictions, improve the quality of higher education in Korea and Japan, and the international education community.

Article II: Areas of Co-operation and Collaboration

NIAD-QE and KCUE-KUAI will work together:

- a) To exchange information and expertise as appropriate. This will include:
 - Documents and information related to higher education institutions and higher education system in Japan and Korea
 - Information on research projects and institutions in which each party has an interest, subject to any overriding requirements of confidentiality to which either agency may be subject
 - Information on activities related to programs or evaluation provided by higher education institutions in Japan or Korea
- b) To provide developmental opportunities and secondments for selected staff of both parties;
- c) To collaborate on quality assurance projects;
- d) To collaborate in academic qualification recognition projects;
- e) To collaborate in joint or international activities for mutual benefit;
- f) To collaborate in any other mutually agreed upon activity that is beneficial to both parties and serves the interests of their stakeholders.

Article III

Alteration of the Memorandum of Understanding

The parties sign this Memorandum of Understanding in a spirit of amicable cooperation. The terms of the Memorandum of Understanding may be altered with the consent of both parties.

Article IV

Officers responsible for managing the Memorandum

The President of NIAD-QE (at the time of signing FUKUDA Hideki, Ph.D.) and the Chairman of KCUE and President of KUAI (at the time of signing In Chul Kim, Ph.D. and Sekeun Ahn, Ph.D.) shall have overall responsibility for the implementation of the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding. This responsibility will be delegated to the relevant staff members in both organizations.

Article V

Resources

Unless alternative arrangements are specifically agreed upon to meet particular project requirements, the two organizations will cover its own costs for implementing the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding. For particular areas of cooperation, donor funding may be sought from other sources and applied to that activity.

Article VI

Schedule of projects and activities

Specific details on any projects or other activities that are undertaken under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be negotiated and agreed to by both parties in writing and will be described in administrative schedules as annexes to this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article VII

Duration of Memorandum

This Memorandum of Understanding will take effect from the date of its signature. The Memorandum of Understanding shall continue for five consecutive years and be automatically renewed for successive five-year terms, unless one party provides written notification to the other party three months prior to the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Date: 2021/2/23



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