



AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC EXCHANGE BETWEEN ASIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND KITAMI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

This Agreement on Academic Exchange is drawn up and agreed upon to establish the cooperation between the Asian Institute of Technology (hereinafter referred to as AIT), located at P.O. Box 4 Klong Luang, Km. 42 Paholyothin Highway, Pathumthani 12120, Thailand and the Kitami Institute of Technology (hereinafter referred to as KIT) located at 165 Koen-cho, Kitami, Hokkaido, 090-8507, Japan.

The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) is an international institute of higher learning. It is Asia's pioneer institution established in 1959 to help meet the region's growing needs for advanced learning in engineering, science, technology and management, research and capacity building. AIT's mission is to develop highly qualified and committed professionals who will play a leading role in the sustainable development of the region and its integration into the global economy.

The **Kitami Institute of Technology (KIT)** is the northernmost national university in Japan. It is established in 1960. KIT's vision is to nurture people, develop technology, contribute to the community, and work toward a better future. KIT's goals are to pursue unique research that is related to the regional characteristics of this area, and which leads to intellectual advancement, to meet the needs of the community, and to promote education and research that has a global outlook.

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to enable cooperation between AIT and KIT in promoting both academic and educational opportunities for researchers and students.

ARTICLE II: SCOPE

The activities under the scope of this Agreement are:

- 2.1. Exchange of students
- 2.2. Aim to offer International Unified Bachelor's and Master's Degree Program
- 2.3. Exchange of faculty members and researchers
- 2.4. Organization of joint research projects, including conferences and meetings
- 2.5. Exchange of academic materials, publications and information
- 2.6. Other activities mutually agreed upon by the two institutions

ARTICLE III: DURATION, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

- 3.1 This Agreement will be effective from the date of signing by both parties up to a period of five (5) years, and will be automatically renewed for successive (5) years unless either party gives written notice.
- 3.2 Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving six (6) months advance notice in writing to the other party.
- 3.3 The provisions of this Agreement may be amended at any time with the mutual consent of the Parties in writing.
- 3.4 The amendment, termination and expiration of this Agreement will not affect the terms of activities ongoing at the time of notification of amendment, termination, and expiration unless otherwise agreed upon between the parties.

ARTICLE IV: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- 4.1 Each party will consult with and take approval of the other party to use the latter's name, the names of the latter's officials/faculty members, and the logo for the activities under this Agreement, and dissemination of results, on a case-by-case basis.
- 4.2 Modalities of each type of collaboration, associated activities and financial aspects shall be mutually agreed upon on a case-by-case basis in separate Memorandum of Agreements (MoA).
- 4.3 This Agreement on Academic Exchange shall be governed and construed under the laws of the Kingdom of Thailand and of Japan depending upon where the activities take place.
- 4.4 The two parties will consult with each other and attempt to resolve disputes or misunderstandings that arise in the administration of this Agreement or any subsequent associated agreement informally. Any dispute, controversy or claim arising under, out of or in connection with agreement shall be settled amicably.
- 4.5 Neither Party shall be liable for any unforeseeable event beyond its reasonable control not caused by the fault or negligence of such Party, which causes such Party to be unable to perform its obligations under this Agreement, and which it has been unable to overcome by the exercise of due diligence. In the event of the occurrence of such a force majeure event, the Party unable to perform shall promptly notify the other Party. It shall further use its best efforts to resume performance as quickly as possible and shall suspend performance only for such period of time as is necessary as a result of the force majeure event.

ARTICLE V: CONTACT PERSONS (DETAILS)

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This Agreement is prepared in two identical copies. Each party holds one original copy duly signed by the President of AIT and the President of KIT.

Signed for and on behalf of:

Asian Institute of Technology

Dr. Eden Y. Woon President

Date: 12.02.2021

Kitami Institute of Technology

Professor Soichiro Suzuki

President

Date: 29.0/, 202/