



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Japan Institution for Higher Education Evaluation

and

Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between the Japan Institution for Higher Education Evaluation, located at Daini-Seiko Building 2F, 4-2-11, Kudan-kita, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-0073, Japan, and hereafter referred to as “JIHEE”.

and

Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan, located at 7F., No.179, Sec. 1, Heping East Road, Da-an District, Taipei 10644, Taiwan, and hereafter referred to as “HEEACT”.

Whereas

Japan Institution for Higher Education Evaluation (JIHEE), which was established in 2004, works for the development of higher education in Japan by the voluntary efforts and mutual assistance of member institutions. The purpose of foundation is to contribute to the development of institutions of higher education in Japan by evaluating the situation of those institutions, including education and research activities, and supporting the institutions’ autonomous efforts to enhance and improve quality.

Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan (HEEACT) was established jointly by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and all higher education institutions in Taiwan under the University Act in 2005. Since 2006, HEEACT has conducted higher education accreditations that help the universities to contribute to society through the pursuit of quality education and research. HEEACT’s responsibilities include three major areas: (i) to conduct institutional and program accreditation on Taiwan’s universities and colleges; (ii) to carry out quality assurance activities and research projects on higher education and (iii) to cultivate the specialists and experts in quality assurance.

JIHEE and HEEACT

Having comparable missions and institutional objectives in the assurance of quality in higher education, both parties wish to continue and deepen further their cooperation upon the terms

contained herein.

Aims

JIHEE and HEEACT agree through this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to cooperate for the benefit of both parties and to work towards enhancing external quality assurance in both jurisdictions and improving the quality of higher education in Japan and Taiwan, and the internationalization of both systems. This MOU is not intended to create legally binding relations between the parties, and neither party has the authority to act on behalf of or otherwise bind the other party. However, JIHEE and HEEACT agree to work together to implement this MOU in good faith.

The Memorandum of Understanding covers the following areas:

(a) Mutual understanding

Work to enhance their understanding of each other's approach to assuring quality in higher education, the respective systems in place for quality assurance and enhancement in higher education, and the critical matters relating to quality and standards in higher education in Japan and Taiwan.

(b) Information exchange and transparency

Exchange information and offer professional advice about each other's activities and processes, higher education providers operating in each jurisdiction, and about developments in the higher education systems of Japan and Taiwan, having regard for the confidentiality of the information and relevant Data Protection legislation.

(c) Staff development

Where appropriate and possible, support the development of staff from the two agencies through activities such as staff exchange, observing each other's quality assurance review, and provision of training.

(d) Use of each other's expertise

Where appropriate and possible, taking account of operational constraints, draw on each other's expertise and auditors, accreditors or other specialists to strengthen the international dimension of institutional reviews and/or accreditations, including reviews of cross-border education.

(e) Recognition

Where appropriate and possible, in operations relating to quality assurance of higher education within one party's jurisdiction but originating from the other party's jurisdiction, have due regard to the relevant decisions and judgments of the other party.

(f) Collaboration

Where appropriate and possible, collaborate in relation to mutually agreed projects and activities for the benefit of both parties, including the quality assurance of transnational education, the identification of fraudulent institutions, awarding bodies or accrediting agencies in Japan and Taiwan, supporting student mobility, and undertaking research on quality assurance related issues.

(g) Resources

Unless alternative arrangements are specifically agreed to meet particular project requirements, each

agency will normally cover their own costs of implementing the terms of the MOU. For particular areas of cooperation donor funding may be sought from other sources.

Duration of Memorandum and Alteration

The MOU will take effect for a period of five years (date set according to signing date below) and shall continue for five years unless it is terminated by the giving of three months' notice by either party, and may be altered at any time with the consent of both parties. It may be extended on mutual agreement of both parties.

Management and liaison arrangements for the Memorandum

The President of JIHEE and the Executive Director of HEEACT will have responsibility for managing the implementation of the terms of the Memorandum. This responsibility may be delegated to relevant members of the agency's staff in relation to particular areas of cooperation.

Signature as follows:

Masahiko ISHII
President, JIHEE



Japan Institution for
Higher Education Evaluation
(JIHEE)

Date: Mar. 27, 2024

Kuang-Chao Yu
Executive Director, HEEACT



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