



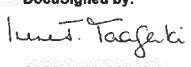
**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS**

The College of the Marshall Islands and the University of the Ryukyus (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Parties” or individually referred to as “Party”), enter into this memorandum of understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”), based on a foundation of mutual trust established by previous exchange programs, to promote further exchange of students, faculty, and staff in order to advance scientific research, education, and cultural understanding, and to contribute to the mutual benefit and development of the Parties.



1. The Parties shall promote the following exchange activities based on their respective academic and educational needs:
 - (1) Exchange of students
 - (2) Exchange of faculty and staff members
 - (3) Exchange of academic materials, publications, and information
 - (4) Joint hosting of seminars, conferences, and symposia
 - (5) Joint research
 - (6) Other academic exchanges
2. Nothing shall diminish the full autonomy of either Party, nor will each Party impose any constraints upon the other regarding enforcement of the MOU.
3. All activities developed under the auspices of this MOU will respect and conform to the corresponding international laws, norms, traditions and regulations of each institution, its country and region.
4. The implementation of each exchange based on this MOU shall be separately negotiated and determined by the Parties. Exchange activities shall be carried out within the scope of each Party’s financial, material, and institutional limitations. With this understanding and the mutual agreement of the Parties, any agreement based on this MOU may be executed.
5. The Parties shall respect each other’s rights concerning confidentiality and intellectual property. Intellectual property rights resulting from exchange activities shall be separately discussed and agreed upon between the Parties.
6. If any dispute arises between the Parties, they shall respond in good faith and endeavor to reach an amicable settlement. Disputes that cannot be amicably resolved shall be subject to legal measures including, but not limited to, arbitration and lawsuit.
7. This MOU is subject to revision by mutual consent. It is also understood that each Party may

terminate the MOU at any time, although such action shall only be taken after mutual consideration in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to each Party.

8. This MOU shall be effective when the representatives of the Parties have signed the MOU and is valid for a term of five years. It may be automatically renewed for any successive period of five years unless terminated by each party by giving notice of termination to the other party.

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Dr. Irene Taafaki
President
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Date: 7/6/2022

NISHIDA Mutsumi
President
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Date: July 26, 2022



**STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE RYUKYUS**

The College of the Marshall Islands and the University of the Ryukyus shall exchange undergraduate students for the purpose of education and research under this agreement based on the Memorandum of Understanding between the College of the Marshall Islands and the University of the Ryukyus signed on 7/6/2022

1. Number of Exchange Students

Each university may send and accept under this agreement not more than three students each academic year.

2. Duration of Stay

Duration of stay for exchange students at the host university shall be in principle up to one academic year.

3. Selection of Exchange Students and Acceptance Procedures

The home university shall initially select students to participate in the exchange program under the terms of this agreement, but the host university shall make final admission decisions in each case.

4. Study Program

The host university shall determine a study program suitable for each student with the student's academic background and preferences taken into consideration.

5. Status of Exchange Students

Each university shall accept exchange students as non-degree-seeking students at the host university.

6. Academic Record and Accreditation

The host university shall evaluate the academic performance of each student pursuant to its rules and shall send the academic record or transcript of each exchange student to the home university. The home university may give credit to each student in accordance with its requirements.

7. Waiver of Tuition and Fees

Each host university shall provide waiver of entrance examination fees, admission fees, and tuition for the exchange students.

8. Financial Responsibility

Exchange students shall take out comprehensive health insurance that is valid at the host university, and shall be responsible for such expenses as travel, accommodations, living costs and health care.

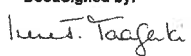
9. Accommodations

The host university shall do its best to secure appropriate accommodations for exchange students.


10. Personal Information

Both universities agree that they will ensure that all student records and personal information are held securely and confidentially and undertake to further ensure that the aforementioned data is not used or disclosed for any purpose other than the administration of the student exchange program. Both universities acknowledge that personal information relating to participating students supplied by their home university is to be processed by the host university only in accordance with the terms of this agreement and otherwise of the express instructions of the home university, as well as the legislation of both countries on the subject, and agree that they will take appropriate technical and organizational measures against unlawful or unauthorized processing and accidental loss, destruction or damage of such personal information.

11. This agreement shall not ensure the availability of scholarships for exchange students, but each university shall endeavor to provide useful information on scholarship programs that will financially assist the students.
12. This agreement is subject to revision or annulment by mutual consent, although such action shall only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other university.
13. This agreement shall become effective when the representatives of both universities have affixed their signatures hereunder and shall be effective for five years. It may be automatically renewed for any successive period of five years unless terminated by either party by giving notice of termination to the other parties.

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