

AGREEMENT FOR FORMATION OF CONSORTIUM FOR ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

Preamble

While Asia and Africa have acquired growing importance as key-players in the era of globalization, studies of Asia and Africa still occupy relatively minor position in the fields of academic studies which has been predominated by Science and Technology. Even though we have many excellent scholars in the field of Asian and African studies, they are often dispersed in different faculties and centers and have exerted little power in maintaining their intellectual tradition and launching new research projects. To break a trail through this adversity and to contribute to the better understanding of diversity of human cultures and societies, institutions with long tradition of Asian and African studies need to strengthen their mutual ties and collaborate on advancement of researches and training of younger researchers.

Formation of the Consortium: Recognizing the mutual benefits to be gained through such a cooperative program promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, the signatories to this Agreement hereby form a consortium and agree to the following:

Objectives of the Consortium:

Activities which are carried out under this Agreement will focus on the area of Asian and African Studies. The objectives of this Agreement shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) exchange of faculty members and researchers;
- b) exchange of students;
- c) organization of joint academic and scientific activities, such as conferences, seminars, symposia or lectures;
- d) development of collaborative research projects;
- e) joint efforts to train researchers of younger generation;
- f) exchange of publications and information.

Implementation

1. *Coordinators:* In order to carry out and fulfill these objectives, the Consortium members shall each appoint a coordinator who shall manage the development and conduct of joint activities.
2. *Website:* In order to exchange academic information, the Consortium creates a website, and provides the information on members' activities and lists of publication through it.
3. *Exchange of Faculty and Students:* The terms of exchange of faculty and students shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in written form by the concerned members prior to the initiation of that activity. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the host university shall not bear any financial responsibility for visiting faculty or students.

4. *Facilities:* The Consortium members shall provide as much facility as possible to visitors from other Consortium members.

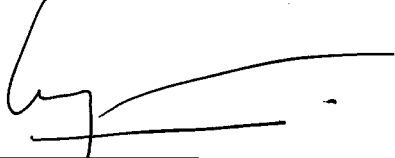
Duration, Addition and Withdrawal


This Agreement shall become effective on the date that it is signed by the Consortium members and shall be valid for a period of five years and may be revised or extended by mutual consent.

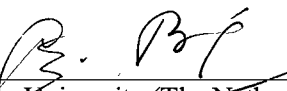
The signatories to this Agreement are the Initial Members of this Consortium. Institutions other than the Initial Members may be admitted to the Consortium upon the approval by all the current members of the Consortium.

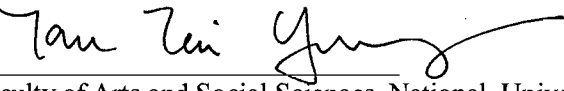
A Consortium member may withdraw from the membership at any time by giving a written notice of its intention at least six months prior to withdrawal.


Done at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, this seventh day of March, two thousand and seven.


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