



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Between  
**Japan Institution for Higher Education Evaluation**  
Tokyo, Japan  
and  
**Shanghai Association for Non-Government Education,  
Educational Evaluation Center**  
Shanghai, People's Republic of China

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between Japan Institution for Higher Education Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as JIHEE) and Shanghai Association for Non-Government Education, Educational Evaluation Center (hereinafter referred to as EEC).

### **Foreword**

#### **Whereas:**

**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. Its purpose 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' continuous efforts to enhance and improve quality.

**EEC**, which was set up in 2012 with the strong assistance granted by Shanghai Municipal Education Commission, assumes it as its responsibility to assess the status-quo with regard to the administration and the organization of the teaching affairs, supervise the implementation of the government policies and facilitate the growth of intellectual, communicative, technological and cultural capability within the context of globalization. Taking the private institutions of education as its major clients for evaluation and outweighing the strength and weaknesses of the private individual institutions, EEC also offers the professional advice and managerial expertise with a view to achieving their sustainable development and further expansion.

### **JIHEE and EEC**

Having similar missions and institutional objectives in the advancement of quality assurance in higher education and after conducting friendly consultations, both organizations agree to forge closer links and maintain more harmonious working relations as equal partners. Such a relationship will be conducive to cementing friendship, reinforcing the collaborative mechanism and making the joint achievement on the basis of mutual benefit.

### **BOTH PARTIES HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING CONSENSUS:**

#### **ARTICLE I: Aims of Memorandum of Understanding**

JIHEE and EEC agree hereby to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate for the benefit of both parties and to work towards establishing amicable collaborative fellowship so as to enhance the operation of external quality assurance in jurisdictions and improve the quality of higher education in Japan and China.

#### **ARTICLE II: Areas of Cooperation and Collaboration**

JIHEE and EEC will, by abiding by the laws, regulations and considering the concrete national policies with regard to subject matters in their own country, be committed to taking necessary steps to encourage and promote technical cooperation that will be of mutual benefit to both parties in the following areas:

- (a) to exchange relevant information in terms of quality assurance;
- (b) to collaborate on quality assurance projects and share educational resources that are recognized by each party;
- (c) to cooperate in joint research for mutual benefit, promote academic exchanges on regular basis and introduce the achievements and experience to whoever will be interested in the area in the rest of the world;
- (d) to provide developmental opportunities as appropriate for staff of both parties;
- (e) to provide opportunities for the experts from either party to participate in the evaluation or to work as observers in the assessment of projects in the other country when appropriate;
- (f) to closely cooperate in any other activities that are agreed upon, which are related to the development of quality assurance in the long run.

**ARTICLE III: Alteration of Memorandum**

This Memorandum is signed by both parties in a spirit of amicable cooperation. The terms of the Memorandum may be altered with the consent of both parties.

**ARTICLE IV: Officers Responsible for Managing the Memorandum**

The President of JIHEE and the Director of EEC will shoulder the general responsibility to implement the terms of the Memorandum. The staff of both organizations, on the other hand, should see to it that the specific terms of the agreement should be carried out to the letter in the course of cooperation.

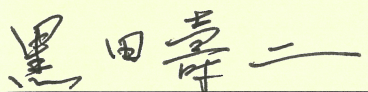
**ARTICLE V: Financial Understanding**

This Memorandum of Understanding will not give rise to any financial obligation by one party to the other. Each party will bear its own cost and expenses, which may arise in implementing this Understanding.

**ARTICLE VI: Validity of Memorandum**

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signing and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. Were there anything that might happen which does not comply with this Memorandum of Understanding, or one party does something without the knowledge of the other or jeopardize the assessment of the other, either party may have the sole right to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by notifying the other party of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding through a written notice at least one (1) month prior to its intention to do so. However, it may be extended on mutual agreement of both parties. This Memorandum of Understanding is written in English language as the sole valid document.

Signed by:

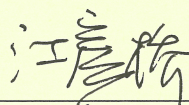


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