

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
The Federation of National Colleges of Technology in Kyushu-Okinawa  
and  
Polytechnics in Singapore**

**3 August 2006**

## **1. Introduction**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made between the Federation of National Colleges of Technology in Kyushu and Okinawa ("FNCT") and Polytechnics in Singapore (Republic Polytechnic (RP), Singapore Polytechnic (SP), Temasek Polytechnic (TP)), in a desire to enhance international cooperation for research and teaching as well as to promote cultural understanding of their countries.

## **2. Intention and Objectives of MOU**

This MOU is intended to establish the framework for understanding and cooperation between FNCT and Polytechnics in Singapore (RP, SP, TP) in the following areas that shall be established through mutual consultation:

- (a) to contribute to the enhancement of research, education and the promotion of international cooperation and understanding through exchange activities.
- (b) to provide information, support and orientation for staff and student exchange, teaching and learning for studying and/or cultural exchange programmes.
- (c) to develop a systematic programme for exchange activities.
- (d) to organize joint seminars and/or conferences.
- (e) to offer favorable further education opportunities to students of FNCT and Polytechnics in Singapore (RP, SP, TP).
- (f) to provide internship opportunities in the industry for students.

## **3. Meeting between FNCT and Polytechnics in Singapore (RP, SP, TP)**

The meeting between members of FNCT and Polytechnics in Singapore (RP, SP, TP) will be held to discuss the management of the MOU. A representative from the Polytechnics in Singapore (RP, SP, TP) will be assigned as the chairperson and a representative of FNCT will be assigned the co-chair for the meeting.

## **4. Coordinators**

The MOU will be coordinated by Professor Matsumoto Tsutomu, Dean of Electronic Control Engineering Department from Kumamoto National College of Technology as the main coordinator in Japan, and Professor Arakawa Tomokiyo, Vice President of Okinawa National College of Technology as the co-coordinator in Japan. Representative(s) of Polytechnics in Singapore will also coordinate for their respective Polytechnics. Meetings for coordinators to discuss operational issues will be held when necessary. In the event of a change of nominees, either party should inform the other party in writing as soon as possible.

## **5. Terms & Conditions**

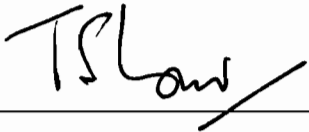
- (a) FNCT and Polytechnics in Singapore (RP, SP, TP) acknowledge that the provisions in this MOU represent their mutual intentions and commitment towards promoting institutional exchanges in accordance with the terms and conditions of this MOU. But this MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations nor contractual relationship between the parties (or partners). In the event that a separate legal agreement needs to be executed in relation to this MOU, both parties may negotiate in good faith on the terms and conditions of a legal agreement to be executed at any other appropriate time.
- (b) This is a general MOU providing a platform for interaction between the members of FNCT and Polytechnics in Singapore (RP, SP, TP). Separate agreements should be developed individually amongst members at a later stage to articulate specific intentions and collaborations between the institutions.

- (c) Notwithstanding the need for separate agreements, it is understood that FNCT and polytechnics in Singapore (RP, SP, TP) would make best efforts to contribute to the success of these same activities. In this context, FNCT and Polytechnics in Singapore (RP, SP, TP) shall have meetings to discuss which institution(s) and organization would attempt to secure financial assistance.
- (d) The MOU will be executed in duplicate, in both Japanese and English versions. The English version will be deemed as original. The Japanese version of the MOU is prepared only for reference and shall not be regarded as the controlling document.

## 6. Duration and Termination

- (a) This MOU will become effective upon signing by representatives of National Colleges of Technology and Polytechnics in Singapore (RP, SP, TP). The MOU shall be in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of this MOU, and may be renewed by an exchange of letters upon mutual agreement after re-negotiation procedures have been completed.
- (b) The MOU may be terminated at any time by any party serving at least six (6) months notice to the other parties in writing, or upon normal completion of programmes that had been initiated before the service of notice.
- (c) Amendments to this MOU will only be made with the written agreement of all parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have caused this MOU to be executed by their respective authorized representatives the date first mentioned above.



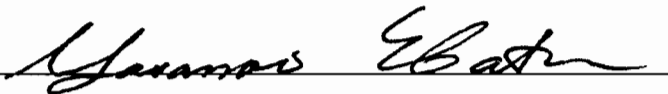
Signed by Representative, Republic Polytechnic  
Professor LOW Teck Seng  
Principal & CEO, Republic Polytechnic



Signed by Representative, Singapore Polytechnic  
Mr. LOW Wong Fook  
Principal, Singapore Polytechnic



Signed by Representative, Temasek Polytechnic  
Mr BOO Kheng Hua  
Principal & CEO, Temasek Polytechnic



Signed by for and on behalf of  
Federation of National Colleges of Technology in Kyushu and Okinawa, Japan  
Dr. EBATA Masanao  
Chair of Federation of National Colleges of Technology in Kyushu and Okinawa  
President of Kumamoto National College of Technology

*Mitsuo Maeda*

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Signed by for and on behalf of  
Dr. MAEDA Mitsuo,  
President of Kurume National College of Technology

*Tatsuo Ozaki*

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President of Ariake National College of Technology

*Yasusuke Jinouchi*

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*Masahiro Inoue*

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Signed by for and on behalf of  
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President of Sasebo National College of Technology

*Hideaki Miyagawa*

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*Shigeru Maeda*

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*Shosuke Itomura*

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President of Okinawa National College of Technology

*Ichiro Kono*

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Signed by for and on behalf of  
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