

**MEMORANDUM
ON COOPERATION IN EDUCATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE, SPORTS, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY OF JAPAN
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING OF
AUSTRALIA**

The Department of Education, Science and Training of Australia and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (hereinafter referred to as “both sides”)

Recalling the Basic Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between Australia and Japan, and

Noting the importance of education in national development, and the value of international cooperation and policy dialogue in education for realising national objectives,

Have made, on the basis of common recognition, this Memorandum on Cooperation in Education (hereinafter referred to as “this Memorandum”).

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

1. This Memorandum intends to set up the general principles of education exchange and cooperation, according to which both sides may jointly identify fields of mutual interest and create opportunities to develop dialogue or other cooperation in education on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

FRAMEWORK

2. Educational cooperative activities under this Memorandum will cover the fields of higher education, schools, vocational education and distance education.

3. Both sides will endeavour to encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation in the field of education between the interested educational organisations and institutions of both countries.

4. Cooperative activities under this Memorandum will be subject to the respective laws and regulations of each country.

FIELDS AND FORMS OF COOPERATION

5. Both sides will encourage:

- collaboration between the two countries to provide leadership in regional education issues and development;
- cooperation and exchange of information on their respective educational systems and policies to assist in ongoing education reform and to facilitate the recognition of each other's educational qualifications and student/staff mobility;
- the exchange and professional development of officials, academics, scholars, teachers, experts, students and administrative staff;
- collaboration between education institutions of the two countries in joint delivery and research programs and publications, including exchange of research materials, publications and educational literature;
- joint conferences, exhibitions and symposia on matters of mutual interest; and
- other forms of cooperation in mutually determined and targeted areas, for example language education.

IMPLEMENTATION

6. Both sides will have regular high level policy dialogue to exchange information and experience on education challenges and reforms, and to identify priorities for bilateral education cooperation.

7. The cost of cooperative activities may be funded as mutually determined. All cooperative activities under this Memorandum will be subject to the availability of funds to both sides.

8. Both sides will consult together upon request of either side regarding any matter relating to the terms of this Memorandum and will endeavour jointly in a spirit of cooperation and mutual trust to resolve any difficulties or misunderstandings which may arise.

9. This Memorandum will commence on signature and will continue for ten years from the date of signature.

10. This Memorandum may be modified or extended by mutual determination and may be terminated by either side by giving six months' written notice to the other side.

SIGNED in duplicate in Tokyo on the twelfth day of March 2007 in both Japanese and English languages.

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