



# Japan Center for Michigan Universities

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## **AN AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE BETWEEN THE JAPAN CENTER FOR MICHIGAN UNIVERSITIES AND KYOTO NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU) and Kyoto Notre Dame University (KNDU), linked via mutual agreement documented on 19 March 2014, affirm and renew this General Agreement to foster international cooperation in education and research.

This Document constitutes the agreement between JCMU and KNDU, continuing the two institution's engagement in a series of cooperative activities for mutual benefit in future years.

This agreement is based on several considerations:

- A. The scholars of these institutions seek to cooperate in their common commitment to high academic principles and to scholarly activity in the service of human needs, and;
- B. These institutions are a common commitment to human freedom, peace and welfare, an equitable and improved quality of life, and to the service of the peoples of their countries.

### **AREAS OF COOPERATION**

JCMU and KNDU agree to encourage the following activities to promote international academic cooperation:

1. Exchange of materials in education and research, publications, and academic information;
2. Exchange of faculty and research scholars;
3. Exchange of students;
4. Joint research and meetings for education and research.

Before these activities can be implemented, JCMU and KNDU shall discuss the problems involved to the satisfaction of each institution and enter into specific Activity Agreements based on the forms of implementation mutually agreed upon.

### **AGREEMENT STIPULATIONS**

1. This General Agreement shall be applicable to educational and research organizations attached to each institution.
2. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the institutions; and all prior discussions, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, is merged in this agreement.
3. This Agreement is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial relationships between the institutions. Rather, it is designed to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial exchange research/education relationship.

### AGREEMENT STIPULATIONS (continued)

4. This General Agreement shall become effective as of the date of the last signatures of each institution's authorized signatory; for JCMU, the Interim Provost of Michigan State University (JCMU's fiscal and administrative agent), and for KNDU, the President.
5. The Agreement may be amended via the written consent of the institutions.
6. It may be terminated by either institution with a minimum of 120 days written notice. In the case of termination, activities in progress shall be permitted to conclude as planned unless otherwise agreed.
7. This Agreement should be reviewed every five (5) years to evaluate the progress and quality of the mutual cooperation.
8. The Agreement may be extended for additional five (5) year periods upon the written consent of both institutions.
9. The institutions subscribe to the policy of equal opportunity and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability status.
10. Each institution shall designate a person and/or office to serve as the liaison for the implementation of this Agreement:

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Kumi NAKAMURA, Ph.D.  
President  
Kyoto Notre Dame University

Date: 11/5/2024

Date: Nov. 12, 2024

By:  11/5/2024

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