



NIAD-UE



Memorandum of Understanding

between

**National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation,
Japan**

and

**Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation
in Higher Education, The Netherlands**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation, of 1-29-1, Gakuen-nishi-machi, Kodaira-shi, Tokyo 187-8587 Japan, hereafter referred to as NIAD-UE

and

Netherlands Organization for International Cooperation in Higher Education, Kortenaerkade 11, 2518 AX, the Hague, The Netherlands, hereafter referred to as Nuffic

Recitals

Whereas:

NIAD, which was the predecessor of NIAD-UE, was established in 1991 as an academic degree-awarding institution, and in 2000, was reorganized and renamed NIAD-UE as a new entity charged with carrying out the evaluation of universities in addition to its existing functions to contribute to further development of higher education in Japan;

Nuffic is a not-for profit, professional organization established in 1952 with the aim of fostering international cooperation in higher education between The Netherlands and other countries and making education accessible all over the world.

NIAD-UE and Nuffic

Having similar missions and institutional objectives in the advancement of international cooperation and transparency in recognition at the level of higher education, now wish to establish closer relations as equal partners for the purpose of creating cooperative and collaborative mechanisms for the mutual benefit of both parties.

Article I

Aims of Memorandum of Understanding

NIAD-UE and Nuffic agree hereby to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to co-operate for the benefit of both parties and to work towards establishing a strategic alliance to facilitate the cooperation in the field of internationalization of higher education and improve the quality of higher education in Japan, The Netherlands, and the international community.

Article II

Areas of Co-operation and Collaboration

NIAD-UE and Nuffic will work together:

- a) To exchange information and expertise as appropriate. This will include:
 - Key policy documents and operational information where appropriate and in particular documents provided by NIAD-UE, Nuffic and, if possible, by higher education institutions from both countries
 - Latest information from either party on changes to national policy or system as they emerge
- b) To provide developmental opportunities as appropriate for staff of both parties
- c) To collaborate on recognition projects
- d) To collaborate in joint activities of mutual benefit, particularly cooperating on credential evaluation
- e) To facilitate in the cooperation on internationalization of higher education, in particular on mobility issues and education promotion
- f) To co-operate in any other mutually agreed activities for the benefit of both parties thereto.

Article III

Duration of Memorandum

The Memorandum of Understanding will take effect from the date of its signature and shall continue for five years unless it is terminated by the giving of three months' notice by either party. It may be extended on mutual agreement of both parties.

Article IV
Alteration of Memorandum

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

Article V
Officers responsible for managing the Memorandum

The President of NIAD-UE (at the time of signing Shin-ichi Hirano, D.Eng.) and the President of Nuffic (at the time of signing Mr. Sander van den Eijnden) will have responsibility for managing the implementation of the terms of the Memorandum. This responsibility may be delegated to relevant members of the agencies' staff in relation to particular areas of cooperation.

Article VI
Resources

Unless alternative arrangements are specifically agreed to meet particular project requirements, the two agencies will normally cover their own costs of implementing the terms of the Memorandum. For particular areas of cooperation, donor funding may be sought from other sources.

Article VII
Schedule of projects and activities

Specific details on any projects or other activities that are entered into under the terms of this Memorandum shall be negotiated and agreed by both parties and will be described in administrative schedules to be annexed to the Memorandum.

Signed in Tokyo, Japan on 17 June, 2010

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