



NIAD-UE



Memorandum of Understanding

between

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

and

**National Accreditation Agency for Higher Education
Republic of Indonesia**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between the 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

the National Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (NAAHE, or BAN-PT), of Gd.D, Lt.1, Kompleks Kemdiknas, Jl. Fatmawati, Cipete, Jakarta Selatan 12410, Indonesia, hereafter referred to as BAN-PT

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;

BAN-PT is an independent evaluation agency which determines the feasibility of educational programs and units at the higher education level, referring to National Standards of Education.

NIAD-UE and BAN-PT

Having similar missions and institutional objectives in the advancement of quality assurance in 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 BAN-PT 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 enhance the operation of external quality assurance in both jurisdictions and improve the quality of higher education in Japan and Indonesia.

Article II

Areas of Co-operation and Collaboration

NIAD-UE and BAN-PT will work together on the following areas while respecting the diversity of each country's quality assurance system and background:

- a) To exchange information and expertise on quality assurance and in particular on key policy documents and practical experiences concerning the national quality assurance system and each party's evaluation activity
- b) To provide developmental opportunities as appropriate for staff of both parties
- c) To collaborate on quality assurance projects
- d) To collaborate in joint research of mutual benefit
- e) 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 Chair of BAN-PT (at the time of signing Prof. Dr. Kamanto Sunarto) 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 on 25 March 2011

Shin-ichi Hirano
President
NIAD-UE
Japan

Kamanto Sunarto
Chair
BAN-PT
Indonesia