

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

The Department of Education 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 Co-operation between Australia and Japan* (Tokyo, 16 June 1976),

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

Noting the growth in cooperation and two-way mobility since the signing of the original 2007 Memorandum of Cooperation in Education,

Have renewed the original 2007 Memorandum of Cooperation in Education.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

1. This renewed Memorandum of Cooperation in Education (hereinafter referred to as “this Memorandum”) intends to set up the general principles of 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. Cooperative activities under this Memorandum will cover the fields of higher education, schools, vocational education, language education, online education, and research.

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. Both sides will endeavour to cooperate in regional and global fora in areas of mutual interest.

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

FIELDS AND FORMS OF COOPERATION

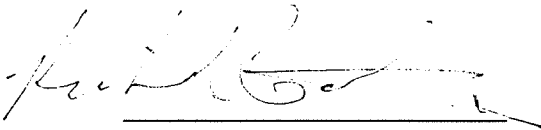
6. Both sides will encourage:
- collaboration between both countries to provide leadership in regional education issues and development;
 - cooperation and exchange of information on their respective educational systems and policies to assist in ongoing education reform and to facilitate the recognition 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;
 - cooperation in vocational education;
 - collaboration between education institutions of both countries in joint delivery and research programmes and publications, including research-industry collaboration and the 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.

IMPLEMENTATION

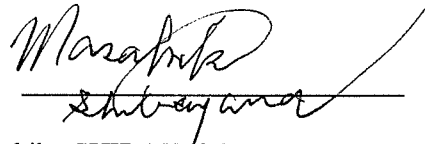
7. Both sides will have regular high level policy dialogues to exchange information and experiences on education challenges and reforms, and to identify priorities for bilateral education cooperation.
8. The cost of cooperative activities may be funded as mutually determined. All cooperative activities under this Memorandum will be subject to the availability of funds of both sides.
9. Both sides will consult together upon request of either side regarding any matter relating to the matters of this Memorandum and will endeavour jointly in a spirit of cooperation and mutual trust to resolve any difficulties or misunderstandings which may arise.
10. This Memorandum will commence on signature and will continue for ten years from the date of signature.

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

SIGNED in duplicate in Tokyo on the fourth day of December 2018 in the English language.



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Australian Ambassador to Japan



Masahiko SHIBAYAMA
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