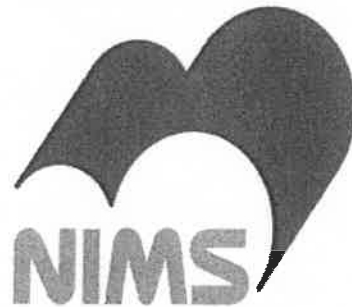


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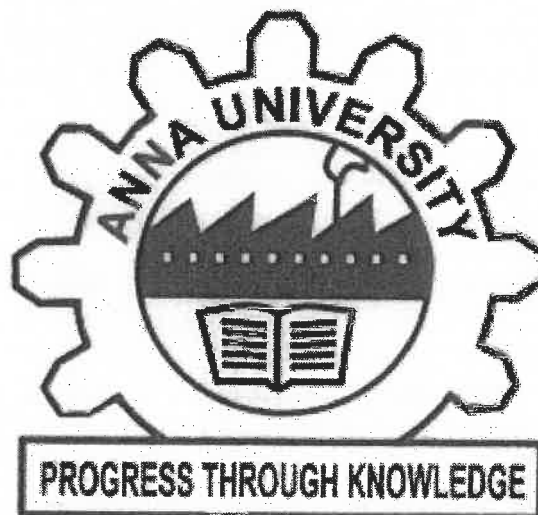
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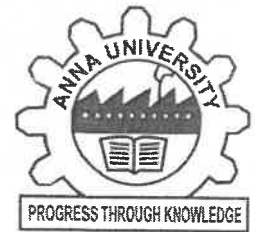
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MATERIALS SCIENCE, TSUKUBA, JAPAN



and

ANNA UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI  
INDIA





## **COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

**Between**

**ANNA UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI, INDIA**

**And**

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR MATERIALS SCIENCE, JAPAN  
ON THE EXCHANGE OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS**

### **Article I. Scope and objectives**

The purpose of this Cooperation Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") is to provide a mechanism for the acceptance of PhD students of Anna University, Chennai, India (hereinafter referred to as "AU") to the National Institute for Materials Science, Japan (hereinafter referred to as "NIMS") and for exchanging key researchers within the partnering institutions.

### **Article II. Exchange Program**

1. Students are required to be full-time students registered in doctoral programs at AU (hereinafter referred to as "the students").
2. NIMS shall accept the students as trainees conducting research works under the guidance of NIMS researchers. The research activities thus conducted shall be regarded by AU as part of the students' academic career and the results may be included in their thesis.
3. AU and NIMS shall jointly appoint NIMS researchers, who supervise the students, as adjunct professor of AU allocated to doctoral programs with the approval of the appropriate faculty board.
4. The duration of stay of the students at NIMS shall be from Six (6) months to twelve (12) months.
5. AU is responsible for notifying the academic records of the students to NIMS and conferring the degree on the students.
6. The student shall determine the research topic to be undertaken at NIMS after consultation with supervisors both at AU and NIMS. Depending on the study program, some prerequisites may be imposed.
7. AU may send a maximum of two (2) students each year in total. The number of students may be changed each year through mutual consultation between both Parties.

8. Candidate students for the Cooperative Graduate Program shall be selected initially by AU. These selected students will then be assessed by NIMS personnel for final approval.
9. AU shall pay travel expenses between India and Japan and NIMS shall pay living allowance in Japan. The living allowance shall be determined in accordance with the rules and regulation of NIMS. AU is not precluded from providing financial assistance to the students to supplement their living expenses in Japan. The students shall live in Ninomiya House or other designated lodging booked by NIMS.
10. AU shall take out and maintain appropriate insurances in relation to any loss, damage or injury caused by the Students to NIMS. In addition, AU shall give the Students guidance in providing his or her own travel and health insurance.
11. NIMS shall neither levy tuition fees nor charge the students for the use of research facilities and utilities in NIMS.
12. NIMS shall evaluate the academic performance of each student according to the rules of NIMS and shall provide this record to AU for their information.
13. Both the faculty of Materials Science and Engineering of AU and NIMS are encouraged to dispatch and accept supervising researchers to and from the counterpart institution(s) for a period of one month. The hosting institution(s) are expected to fund accommodation and living expenses for these visits.

### **Article III. Intellectual Property**

1. Publication: The students are encouraged to make publicly available the results of their research after consultation with supervisors both at AU and NIMS.
2. Agreement Inventions: The intellectual property (patent right etc.) made by the students during his or her stay at NIMS as a cooperative graduate program trainee under the guidance of NIMS supervising researcher shall belong to NIMS. In case the intellectual property will be made with contribution of the supervisor who belongs to AU, during the student's stay at NIMS as the program trainee, will be agreed upon in an additional agreement by both AU and NIMS.

### **Article IV. Planning and Review of Activities**

The parties should name representatives from the participating institutions who, at mutually acceptable times, shall plan and review activities under this Agreement and do their utmost to resolve any disputes that may arise.

## **Article V. Notice**

Any notice to the other Party hereunder shall be made in writing in English and shall be served by personal delivery, registered airmail, e-mail or facsimile to the following addresses and number as follows;

If to AU:  
(Please fill the following contact info.)

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: Director, Centre for International Affairs  
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If to NIMS:

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Tel : +81-29- 859-2534  
FAX : +81-29- 859-2799  
E-mail: TAKEUCHI.Takao@nims.go.jp

## **Article VI. Export Controls**

It is understood that the Parties are respectively subject to their own country's applicable laws and regulations controlling the export of technical data, computer software, laboratory prototypes and other commodities, and that their obligations hereunder are contingent on compliance with applicable export laws and regulations severally.

## **Article VII. Applicable Law**

This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder, shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Japan.

## **Article VIII. Duration of Agreement and Termination**

This Agreement is effective from the date of full execution for a period of five (5) years, unless terminated earlier by either party by giving 6 months written notice.

This Agreement may be amended or extended by written agreement for the Parties.


**Article IX. Applicable Law**

This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the Parties hereunder, shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Japan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be signed by their duly authorized representative as of the respective dates indicated below.

This Agreement is made in two (2) originals, one (1) for each party.

  
For and on behalf of  
Anna University  
Chennai, INDIA


  
Mr. Sunil Paliwal, I.A.S.  
Chairperson, Convener Committee /  
Vice-Chancellor

For and on behalf of  
National Institute for Materials Science,  
Tsukuba, JAPAN

  
Kazuhito HASHIMOTO,  
President

Date : Dec. 28. 2017

  
Prof. S. Ganesan  
Registrar

  
Prof. N. Rajendran  
Director  
Centre for International Affairs

Date :

