

# Agreement for Academic Collaboration Between Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages And



#### National Institute of Technology ( KOSEN ) , Niihama College

#### Aims

Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages (Kaohsiung, Taiwan, R.O.C.) and National Institute of Technology (KOSEN), Niihama College (Niihama city, Ehime, Japan) hereafter, WENZAO and National Institute of Technology (KOSEN), Niihama College wish to develop reciprocal academic and cultural cooperation and agree to the following:

#### **Areas of Cooperation**

Subject to mutual consent, the areas of cooperation offered at either institution in which the two institutions believe cooperation is feasible and desirable and will contribute to fostering and developing a mutually beneficial relationship between the two institutions.

#### **Implementation**

Subject to both the approval of the President/Vice-Chancellor of each institution, assistance will be provided for any one or more of the following activities or programs as mutually agreed by the parties:

- 1. Exchange of students and faculty
- 2. Joint research activities
- 3. Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- 4. Exchange of academic materials and other information
- 5. Special short-term academic programs

The terms of such activities and any required budget will be mutually discussed and agreed in writing and signed by the two parties prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity.

Each program or activity will be negotiated and agreed on an annual basis and carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries after appropriate consultation and approval.

Where collaborative research activity is undertaken under this agreement creating the potential for intellectual property, both institutions shall seek agreement and understanding about its ownership based on principles of equity and fairness.

Each institution will designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities and programs.

#### Term and Length of Agreement

The Parties have agreed to enter into this Agreement in order to record their wish to explore the potential for further cooperation. For the avoidance of doubt, this document is not legally binding and shall not commit the Parties to a sole or exclusive relationship; to any legal liability or obligation or to the incurring of any expenditure.

Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will be mutually discussed and agreed in writing and signed by the two parties prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity.

An annex is added and attached to this Agreement.

The Agreement will remain in force for a period of five years, and shall be automatically renewed thereafter unless either party gives notice of termination six months prior to the expiration of the initial term.

Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages

National Institute of Technology (KOSEN), Niihama College

Hwei-Lin Chuang, Ph.D.

**President** 

Date: July 16, 2024

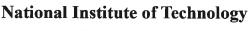
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## Annex to the Cooperation Agreement Between Venzao Ursuline University of Language

### Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages









The purpose of this annex is to further promote the academic exchange between Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages and National Institute of Technology (KOSEN), Niihama College. Both have agreed to promote cooperation under the following terms:

#### 1. Duration of Exchange

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The duration of stay for exchange students at the host institution shall be one semester (4.5 months) or one academic year (9 months) subject to the agreement of the host institution.

#### 2. Number of Students Exchanged Per Semester

Each institution will send up to four qualified students to study per semester at the partner institution.

#### 3. Academic Status

All students will remain enrolled as regular degree students at their home institutions and will not be enrolled as candidates for degrees at the host institution. Students are expected to maintain full-time status at their host institution.

#### 4. Student Eligibility

The Exchange Coordinator at each institution, acting after consultation with the appropriate academic unit, will be responsible for the selection of suitable nominees for exchange. It is understood that the Coordinator will nominate students who are academically, personally, and emotionally suitable for exchange abroad and that details of academic and personal background as well as references will be provided to the host institution.

#### 5. Academic Record and Accreditation

Both institutions agree to provide a transcript at the end of the period of study, giving details of the courses studied and grades and credits awarded.

#### 6. Reciprocity

Both institutions should strive for reciprocity in the exchanges.

#### 7. Tuition, Fees and Expenses

Participating students will pay tuition and any other required fees to their home institutions. Expenses related to transportation, housing, and food are also the responsibility of the student. Each student will be responsible for obtaining the required medical and other insurance. Other costs, including course-specific fees, international travel, books, supplies, meals, health insurance, and other incidental expenses arising out of the exchange, will be the responsibility of the exchange student. These conditions will be specified on a case by case basis and subject to prior approval by both institutions.

At the Chinese Language Center of Wenzao, exchange students are entitled to 10 hours per week of complimentary Chinese lessons. Exchange students taking more than 10 hours per week will have to pay the difference.

#### 8. Accommodation

Both institutions agree to provide accommodation to exchange students or to assist them in finding accommodation on or near the host institution's campus. Exchange students will shoulder the rental fees, utilities, and other housing-related expenses.

#### 9. Insurance

Each student will provide his or her own health and accident insurance. Proof of adequate insurance coverage must be provided to the international office of each institution prior to or upon arrival.

#### 10. Government Requirements

Exchange student will meet all laws and regulations of the host country. Exchange student shall ensure that they keep their host institution fully informed of their movements and their contact details during the period of their exchange. The host institution will act as the point of contact with the student.

#### 11. Commencement and Duration of the Agreement

This Agreement may be modified solely through the mutual discussion and written consent of the two institutions, and shall remain in effect from the date of signature for an initial period of five years. Thereafter it shall be automatically renewed each year; however, after the initial period either institution may terminate the agreement by giving six months written notice of such intent.

In the event that either party terminates the Agreement, the host institution shall honor the terms of the Agreement for students whose exchange has been approved prior to termination, as if the Agreement remained in force for the period of exchange.

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