

**Inha Version**

**Agreement on Global U7 Consortium for Education, Research and Building  
Administrative Capacity**

**Preamble**

The member institutions to this Agreement,

Envisioning a long-term blueprint for a state-of-the-art globalized tertiary education system,

Characterizing the Global U7 Consortium as a global educational strategic alliance,

Meeting a growing demand for cross-cultural education, joint research, and building of administrative capacity,

Agreed as follows:

Article I. Scope

1. Based on the principles of equality, mutual benefit, and reciprocity, the Global U7 Consortium shall promote the following three main areas:
  - (a) Education;
  - (b) Joint research;
  - (c) Building Administrative Capacity.
  
2. The Global U7 Consortium shall facilitate bilateral and multilateral cooperation in Global Logistics, Business Administration, Marine Affairs and Advanced Technologies such as information technology, bio-technology and nano-technology. This may include interdisciplinary activities that meet the needs of the broader community.

Article II. Functions

1. The Global U7 Consortium shall facilitate the implementation, administration and

operation of this Agreement.

2. The Global U7 Consortium shall provide the forum for educational, research, and organizational cooperation among its member institutions concerning challenges confronting tertiary education.
3. **The agreement and associated instruments included in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 are integral parts of this Agreement. The Annexes do not create either obligations or rights for Members that have not accepted them.**

Reason : There is no ground in the body of the Agreement to create Annexes. However, the Annexes are not binding for the member institutions which do not want to accept them.

#### Article III. Structure

There shall be a Council of Presidents, comprising the principal officers (or their alternates) from member institutions, which will do their utmost to facilitate the functions and objectives of the Global U7 Consortium.

#### Article IV. Meetings

The Council of Presidents shall meet once a year. Ad hoc meetings may be held as determined by the Council of Presidents.

#### Article V. Decision-Making

The Global U7 Consortium decision-making shall be by consensus.

#### Article VI. Membership

1. As of the date of entry into this Agreement, the universities, which accept this Agreement shall become founding Members of the Global U7 Consortium.
2. Other university may accede to this agreement, on terms to be agreed between them and the Global U7 Consortium.
3. Any member institution may withdraw from this Agreement by given six month written notice.

Article VII Budget

The Global U7 Consortium should seek creative ways of undertaking education, joint research and building administrative capacity. **“The Council of Presidents shall decide the financial contribution of the member institutions in the programmes of action which will have been jointly decided”.**

Reason : As Le Havre proposed, Inha University agree with this idea. This is what Inha University originally intended.

Article VIII Implementation

1. The Council of Presidents will review the programs and their financial considerations on an annual basis.
2. The effective date of this Agreement shall coincide with the first Council of Presidents' meeting **(and will continue for three years)**.

Reason: There is no Agreement three years after the date of entry into force of this Agreement if Member institutions do not take proper action. Section 4 is proper tools to review and adjust.

3. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the member institutions and only by an instrument in writing duly executed on behalf of the member institutions.
4. The member institutions mutually agree to review this Agreement every three years.

For [Inha] University:

[Authorized Official Signature/April 29, 2004]

For [B] University:

[Authorized Official Signature/ April 29, 2004]

DONE at Incheon this twenty-ninth day of April two thousand four, in a single copy.

## **Annex I**

### **Joint Education**

#### **A. General provisions**

The Global U7 Consortium's cooperation in joint-education can be considered in three ways, by exploring: (1) the development of joint-curriculum and credits transfer among member universities; (2) conferring joint-degrees; and (3) the development of intensive language programs.

#### **B. Developing joint-curricula and credits transfer**

1. The Committee on Education shall explore the possibilities of establishing Selective Track Courses (STC) considering the cataloguing of course descriptions and degree requirements, and harmonizing curricula.
2. The Committee on Education shall develop rules and procedures, especially on the credits transfer.
3. The Committee on Education shall make reciprocity agreement which provides reduced (or eliminated) admission fees and tuition for students attending member universities.

#### **C. Conferring Joint-degrees**

The Committee on Education will explore the possibilities of conferring joint-degree program.

#### **D. Establishing U7 Language Training Center**

1. A Language Training Center shall be established by one of the U7 member universities with Inha University taking a leading role with possible government support. Located in Songdo New Town, the Language Training Center will evolve with English as the language of instruction eventually incorporating other languages (e.g., Dutch, French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin and Russian).
2. A suggested two prong approach will involve: (1) the integration of English language acquisition (vertical integration) with specialized fields such as, Global Logistics, Business Administration, Marine Affairs, and Advance Technologies (horizontal integration); and (2) the training of students in a cross-cultural environment. While the

integration of vertical and horizontal elements is expected to expand to new fields of interest (e.g., other languages, services, and disciplines), a cross-cultural focus will heighten the participants' awareness of each other.

3. Tuition for member institutions (i.e., Global U7 consortium) will be reduced; while nonmember participants will be assessed a market program fee. Programs will vary in duration, size and scope.

#### **E. Committee on Education**

1. A Committee on Education is hereby established, shall be composed of representatives from each of the Members. The Committee shall elect its own Chairperson and shall meet as necessary, but no less than once a year, for the purpose of affording a regular forum for cooperation.
2. The Committee on Education shall carry out such responsibilities as may be assigned to them by the Council of Presidents and the functions necessary to implement the provisions of the Agreement and the furtherance of their objectives.
3. Where appropriate, the Committee may submit to the Council of Presidents proposals to implement the Agreement.

## **Annex II**

### **Conducting Joint Research**

**Member institutions hereby agree as follows:**

#### **A. Objectives**

The purpose of developing the joint-research program among the participating universities is to encourage researchers to work together in the areas of Global Logistics, Business Administrations, Marine Affairs, and Advanced Technologies. The joint research may be based on interdisciplinary investigations covering areas of mutual interest particularly, those receiving wide public and private sector support.

#### **B. Procedures**

1. The Joint Research Committee (referred to herein as the "JRC") is hereby established to (1) disseminate a data base on the research interests of likely member institutes; (2) identify potential sources of public and private sector grants; and (3) assist in the formation of possible inter-institutional joint research groups.
2. Discussions in the meeting of the JRC shall be governed by the objectives set forth in paragraph A. The JRC shall maintain close contact with the relevant research organizations in the areas of Global Logistics, Business Administrations, Marine Affairs, and Advanced Technologies, with the objective of securing the best available scientific and technical cooperation and in order to ensure that unnecessary duplication of effort is avoided.
3. The JRC shall develop a procedure to implement this Agreement.
4. The JRC shall establish working research groups as may be appropriate, which shall carry out such responsibilities as may be assigned to them by the JRC.

#### **C. Reporting**

In order to achieve the fullest possible degree of transparency and information exchange, each joint research group shall report regularly the progress of research to the Council of the Presidents.

#### **D. Intellectual and Industrial Rights**

Each Research Program, prior to implementation, shall be subject to an agreement concerning intellectual and industrial rights.

## **Annex III**

### **Administration**

#### **A. Information**

Each Member universities shall ensure that a contact point exists which is able to answer all reasonable enquires from other Members.

#### **B. The Secretariat**

1. There shall be a Secretariat of the U7 Consortium headed by a Director. The Secretariat shall facilitate the implementation, administration and operation, and further the objectives, of this Agreement and the Annexes.
2. The Council of Presidents shall appoint the Director and set out the powers, duties, conditions of service and term of office of the Director.
3. The Director shall appoint the members of the staff of the Secretariat.
4. The Director shall present to the Council of Presidents the annual budget estimate and the scale of contributions apportioning the expenses of the joint programmes in accordance with Article VII of the Agreement.
5. To the extent practicable, the provisional Director of U7 Consortium shall serve as Director of the Global U7 Consortium, until such time as the Council of the Presidents has appointed a Director in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article B of Annex II.

#### **C. Building Administrative Capacity**

1. Member universities may desire to upgrade the capacity of the administrative staff through a collaborative training program, which may include: sharing visions and strategies in formulating long-term development plans; assistance with administrative restructuring; and exchange of library information (Note Inha University has opened a state-of-the-art electronic library).
2. Member universities may, if requested, advise other Members and may grant assistance on mutually agreed terms and conditions regarding building administrative capacity.

#### **D. Consultation**

Member universities shall consult with other Members upon request with respect to any matter affecting the operation of this Agreement.