

**INCHEON DECLARATION  
(GLOBAL U7 CONSORTIUM DECLARATION OF 29 APRIL 2004)**

Representatives of Member Institutions,

Representing the seven universities in the global consortium (hereafter referred to as the Global U7 Consortium) held at Inha University, Korea on 29 April 2004,

Recognizing the growing demand in the fields of Global Logistics, Business Administration, Marine Affairs and Advanced Technologies (e.g. information technology, bio-technology, nano-technology), and seeking to direct the Global U7 Consortium's cooperative and collaborative efforts on cross-cultural Education, Joint Research and Building Administrative Capacity by working towards a long-term blueprint for a state-of-the-art globalized educational system incorporating innovative curricula in these activities,

Have today adopted the following:

**DECLARATION**

1. Representatives of Member Institutions salute the historic achievement represented by the conclusion of the Steering Committee, which they believe will strengthen, widen and deepen the level of cooperation among these universities in Global Logistics, Business Administration, Marine Affairs and Advanced Technologies. In particular, the representatives support that the Global U7 Consortium will concentrate its cooperative and collaborative efforts on education, joint research and building administrative capacity.
2. Representatives of Member Institutions declare that the establishment of the Global U7 Consortium will comprise Australia's RMIT University, Melbourne, China's Xiamen University, France's University of Le Havre, Israel's University of Haifa, Korea's Inha University, Incheon, and from the United States the University of Rhode Island, Kingston and the University of Washington, Seattle. A Global U7 web site (<http://u7.inha.ac.kr>) has been established to report progress on the Consortium.
3. Representatives of joint Member Institutions agree that upon signing the Agreement on Global U7 Consortium for Education, Joint Research and Building Administrative Capacity in April 2004 the President of Inha University (Seoung-Yong Hong) will become the inaugural Chair of the Council of Presidents for three years. During his term of office the Secretariat of Global U7 will be based at Inha University and Professor Young-Tae Chang will be the Secretary-General.
4. Representatives of Member Institutions also agree to appoint Interim Coordinators who will work towards establishing the composition and terms of reference for the proposed Working Committees on Education, Joint Research, and Building Administrative Capacity.
5. Representatives of Member Institutions welcome the first initiative of the Global U7 Consortium creating the Language Training Center at Songdo New Town, Incheon. This Language Training Center will evolve with English as the language of instruction eventually incorporating the languages of other Consortium members such as French, Korean and Mandarin. Other initiatives include the establishment of a Public Service Institute for building administrative capacity and a Conference on Ports, Multimodal Transport, Logistics and Environment at the University of Rhode Island.
6. Following the adoption and signing of the Agreement on Global U7 Consortium for Education, Joint Research and Building Administrative Capacity, representatives of Member Institutions declare that the work of Global U7 Consortium shall commence.