

**NEWPORT DECLARATION
(GLOBAL U8 CONSORTIUM DECLARATION OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2006)**

Representatives of Member Institutions,

Representing universities in the global consortium (hereafter referred to as the Global U8 Consortium) held at the University of Rhode Island, USA on September 27 and 28, 2006,

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 U8 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. The COP endorsed the historic achievements embodied in the conclusions of the Three Committee Meetings on Education, Joint-Research and Building Administrative Capacity respectively, held since the Second Council of Presidents (COP) Meeting in May 2005, which have followed and elaborated the direction of cooperation among universities as agreed by the Consortium
2. The COP agreed that 3 effective years designated in the Agreement on Global U8 Consortium for Education, Joint Research and Building Administrative Capacity signed among member institutions in April 2004 shall be extended to 5 years from the termination date of the Agreement.
3. The COP commended the University of Rhode Island for hosting the successful conference on National Security, Natural Disasters, Transportation and Logistics and congratulated the President and his staff for successfully hosting the 3rd COP Meeting.
4. The COP agreed that its Fourth meeting will be held at the University of Le Havre in June 2007 in conjunction with a High-Tech Conference; and the COP also welcomed the willingness of RMIT to consider hosting the 5th COP meeting in association with a major conference with the theme of Global Cities and Sustainability.

5. The COP elected unanimously the President of the University of Rhode Island, Dr. Robert L. Carothers as the Second Chair of the Council of Presidents for three years commencing from the April 29, 2007. During his term of office, the Secretariat of Global U8 Consortium will be based at the University of Rhode Island and the Chair shall nominate the Secretary-General. The COP acknowledged and commended the strong leadership, creative and innovative ideas and utmost devotion exerted by the inaugural Chair of the Council of Presidents, Dr. Seoung-Yong Hong during his term of office. In appreciation of his contribution to the Consortium, the COP decided to grant him 'Honorary Chair of the COP' upon the termination of his term of office.

6. The COP approved the recommendation by the Education Committee that an educational hub be set up for each of the following four fields with the task of designing and implementing joint education program: (1) Global Logistics: Graduate School of Logistics at Inha University; (2) Marine Affairs: Department of Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island; (3) Advanced Technology: Department of Biotechnology at Inha University; and (4) Business Administration: UW Business School at the University of Washington. The COP members were reminded to fully implement the prior commitment for increasing the number of exchange students that tuition fees for up to three (3) students will be exempted and the remaining seven (7) students will pay fees at a favorable rate.

7. The COP recognized and commended the two successful joint-education efforts of the GU8 Consortium in concluding a double degree program (3+1) in undergraduate logistics between RMIT University and Inha University in July 2006 and establishing the Graduate School of Logistics at Inha University from September 2006. The COP also acknowledged the value and progress made by URI, Xiamen University and Inha University in developing a dual degree program in Marine Affairs and recommended URI and Inha University to expedite the development of a dual degree program in the Engineering arena.

8. The COP appreciated the joint endeavors of the Joint Research Committee in having sponsored five workshops designed to promote collaboration and advance the research agenda of GU8, as agreed by the First Joint Research Committee in Newport, Rhode Island in 2004. The COP acknowledged that the repercussions of the workshops had led to developing various joint research projects to the extent that the target of US\$ 10 million fund-raising stipulated by the Newport meeting could be achieved in the foreseeable future. The COP encouraged members of the GU8 to conduct more active and extensive research with a prime focus on global issues.

9. The COP welcomed the first edition of *Fact Book* of member institutions developed by BACC and encouraged GU8 members to further develop and update their own information on regular basis. The COP recognized the importance and progress in exchanging library information and staff training programs among member universities and recommended that the BACC to accelerate these activities in the near future.

10. The COP endorsed the establishment of the Second Campus of Inha University at Songdo

New Town, Incheon, allowing Inha University to take the first initiative of facilitating the Global U8 Consortium's major activity centers such as: (1) the Language Training Center; (2) Logistics Hub; (3) High-tech Hub; and (4) Marine Affairs Center.

11. The COP welcomed the following meetings and recommended that GU8 members dispatch relevant delegations to : (1) Business Administration Forum to develop joint education and research on October 23-24, 2006 at Inha University; (2) Nano-Technology Workshop at Xiamen University in December, 2006; (3) Marine Affairs Workshop at URI in 2007; (4) Business History Workshop at Xiamen University in 2007; (5) The Third Joint Research Committee and the Third Building Administrative Capacity Committee in conjunction with a Library Workshop at Haifa University in 2007; (6) The Fourth Education Committee at RMIT in April, 2007; and (7) The Fourth COP, in conjunction with a High-Tech Conference, at the University of Le Havre in June, 2007.

12. A GU8 logo and symbol designed by Inha University was officially accepted to be used in all official GU8 activities.

13. A series of amendments were made to the Agreement on Global U7 Consortium for Education, Joint Research and Building Administrative Capacity, which changed all references from Global U7 to Global U8; altered the organization's structure to recognize the role of the Chair and Secretary-General; agreed that the Chair of the COP should be elected for a three-year term; redefined the role of the Secretary-General; noted the change in the agreement from three to five years; and developed a mechanism for dealing with frequently absent member institutions.

14. The COP decided that each member of the Global U8 Consortium shall designate a Coordinator for GU8 activities on their home campuses. The Coordinator shall facilitate meetings of institutional representatives from the Education, Research and Building Administrative Capacity Committees to monitor progress and assist in the implementation of Committee initiatives. The Coordinator shall communicate institutional progress to the Chairs of the respective committees so that each GU8 member institution remains informed of on-going Consortium activities