

**XIAMEN DECLARATION
(GLOBAL U8 CONSORTIUM DECLARATION OF 27 MAY 2005)**

Representatives of Member Institutions,

Representing the eight universities in the global consortium (hereafter referred to as the Global U8 Consortium) held at Xiamen University, China on 26 and 27 May 2005,

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. Representatives endorse the historic achievements embodied in the conclusions of the Three Committee Meetings on Education, Joint-Research and Building Administrative Capacity respectively, held since the First Council of Presidents (COP) Meeting in April 2004, which have followed and elaborated the direction of cooperation among universities as agreed by the Consortium.
2. Representatives of the founding members of Global U7 Consortium, comprising 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, approve the addition of Japan's Meiji University, Tokyo. Hereafter, the official name will be the Global U8 Consortium (GU8), which will be reflected in all subsequent official documents, including the Consortium's Agreement and web site (<http://u8.inha.ac.kr>).
3. Representatives approve the action plans stipulated in the Melbourne, Newport and Xiamen Resolutions stemming from the respective Committees for Education, Joint-Research and Building Administrative Capacity, and authorize the three elected Committee Chairs, Associate Professor Eveline Fallshaw from RMIT University, Vice-Provost Janett Trubatch from URI and Mr. Tongwen Mao from Xiamen University, to promptly implement action plans. To this end, the three Committee Chairs will hold their next Committee Meetings at least once before the Third COP meeting in 2006.
4. Representatives agree that the Third COP meeting will be held at the University of Rhode Island (URI), preferably in September or October 2006, and the Fourth COP

meeting at the University of Le Havre, 2007, and further, as agreed at the First COP meeting, 2004, future COP meetings will be held on rotational basis.

5. Representatives welcome, as a joint-effort among Members, the first initiative of the Global U8 Consortium in commencing the Master of Global Logistics Management (MGLM) Program at Inha University from March, 2006. A double degree program in undergraduate logistics between RMIT University and Inha University will also commence in March 2006. The Representatives also welcome other double undergraduate degree programs, notably in Marine Affairs between Xiamen University, URI and Inha University and in Engineering between URI and Inha University.

6. Representatives welcome the decision by the Education Committee that for the first three (3) years, a prearranged number of exchange students, up to ten (10) per year, shall be agreed between each university. The Committee will review the balance of exchange students among member institutions at the end of current Chair's terms of office. Meanwhile, member institutions will explore and encourage the possibility of increasing the number of exchange students.

7. Representatives acknowledge the value and results of two Workshops held on Bioengineering in 2004 at Inha University and Port: Logistics, Environmental Impact, Economics and Security in 2005 at the East-West Center, Hawaii, and therefore support holding three further Workshops on: (1) Nano-Technology in 2005 at Xiamen University; (2) Information Technology in 2005 at Inha University; and (3) Economics and Logistics in 2006 at the University of Le Havre. Following these Workshops, Representatives strongly encourage Joint-Research Committee members to make and implement further joint research proposals among member institutions.

8. Representatives welcome the decision by the Joint-Research Committee that member institutions will pursue fund-raising from their own resources, government agencies and industrial sectors to develop a US\$10 million dollar research fund over the next three years. To expedite this fund-raising process, member institutions will endeavor to explore all possibilities in donating US 150,000 dollars per institution as seed money, some of which may be 'in kind'. This proposition will be sent to individual presidents and their response is requested within one month as to its feasibility and its achievability by June 2006. The COP should act as an *ad hoc* Committee for fund raising purposes, aided by a financial plan and strategies provided by the Building Administrative Capacity Committee.

9. Representatives agree that all members should supply information on research activities, based on the Haifa model, to the Secretariat so that a *Research Directory* can be developed by 31st December, 2005.

10. Representatives agree that research proposals should be developed with the prospect of reporting results at future COP Meetings through Conferences, Workshops and Keynote Lectures. In 2006 an International Conference on Logistics will be held in conjunction with the Third COP at the University of Rhode Island.

11. Representatives welcome the decision by the Building Administrative Capacity Committee to hold a Workshop at the University of Washington which will focus on both financial planning and library matters. Further, if no other option is forthcoming, a staff training program shall be conducted within the First Semester 2006 through the University of Rhode Island College Student Personnel (CSP) program with Inha, Xiamen and, possibly Meiji, Universities sending staff.

12. Representatives agree that a *Fact Book* needs to be further developed with information from all eight GU8 members, based on the RMIT model, by 31st October, 2005 so that comparative analysis can be developed by the Secretariat and the Consortium's website updated.