

**Double Doctoral Degree Agreement between
Graduate School of Law, Tohoku University, Japan and
Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences,
National Chengchi University, Taiwan**

Preamble

This Agreement sets forth the academic terms and conditions for the implementation of a double doctoral degree programme (hereinafter the “Programme”) between Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences, National Chengchi University, a national university duly organized and existing under the laws of Taiwan, having an address at No. 64, Sec. 2, ZhiNan Road, Wenshan District, Taipei City 11605, Taiwan, R.O.C. (hereinafter NCCU) and Graduate School of Law, Tohoku University, a national university duly organized and existing under the laws of Japan, having an address at 27-1 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8576, JAPAN (hereinafter Tohoku) (NCCU and Tohoku will be referred to collectively as the “Parties” and individually as the “Party”).

The Programme implemented under this Agreement aims to strengthen the cooperation between NCCU and Tohoku by providing regular students with valuable educational opportunities to obtain doctoral degrees from both Parties.

In furtherance of their mutual interests in the fields of education and research, NCCU and Tohoku and hereby agree to the following articles:

Article 1: Aim of the Agreement

This Agreement defines the conditions of NCCU and Tohoku in establishing the Programme. The Programme developed and organized jointly by the Parties leads to two recognized doctoral degrees, one from the student’s home university (hereinafter the “Home University”) and one from the other Party (hereinafter the “Host University”).

Article 2: Award of Degrees

Each Double Degree Student (hereinafter the “DD Student”) who satisfactorily meets the academic requirements for the award of the degree shall receive a doctoral degree from the Party. The degrees expected to be granted under the Programme by NCCU will be a *Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science*, and by Tohoku a *Doctor of Law*.

Article 3: Number of Students

In every academic year, as defined in Article 4, the number of DD students for the Programme at the Host University shall not exceed three (3).

Article 4: Academic Year

Commencement of the academic year is September/February at NCCU and in April/October at Tohoku. Students who intend to obtain a double degree under the Programme shall enroll at NCCU in September/February and Tohoku in April/October respectively.

Article 5: Required Documents and Deadline for Application

1. The deadline for filing the application to NCCU for nomination to study at Tohoku in the coming April is the last day of the first week of June. The evaluation and recommendation by NCCU shall be completed and the result shall be submitted to Tohoku by early August.
2. The deadline for filing the application to NCCU for nomination to study at Tohoku in the coming

October is the last day of the first week of December. The evaluation and recommendation by NCCU shall be completed and the result shall be submitted to Tohoku by early January.

3. The deadline for filing the application to Tohoku for nomination to study at NCCU in the coming September is the end of December. The evaluation and recommendation by Tohoku shall be completed and the result shall be submitted to NCCU by early March.
4. The application must include a completed copy of any relevant application form, a curriculum vitae, a transcript of the student's academic records, a study plan, and a letter of confirmation from the Home University stating that the applicant has been nominated for the Programme.

Article 6: Selection

1. Students intending to participate in the Programme under this Agreement shall first be nominated by the Home University (hereinafter the "Nominated Student").
2. The Host University reserves the right of final approval for the acceptance of the evaluated and recommended student(s).
3. The following criteria shall be used in the selection of DD Students:
 - Previous academic performance;
 - Workability of study plan; and
 - English proficiency to complete the Programme
4. After a final decision on selection has been made, acceptance letters should be posted by the Host University to the successful student and his/her Home University.

Article 7: Period of Study

1. The DD students shall spend at least one semester at the Home University before moving to the Host University.
2. In principle, NCCU DD Students who enroll in September/February and move to Tohoku in April/October of the following calendar year shall spend one full year (two semesters) at Tohoku. The DD Student shall complete all programme requirements at Tohoku during this period of study and then return to NCCU for thesis submission and examination.
3. In principle, Tohoku DD Students who enroll in April/October and then move to NCCU in September shall spend one full year (two semesters) at NCCU and complete all programme requirements at NCCU during this period of study and then return to Tohoku for thesis submission and examination.
4. The maximum length of stay in the Host University is three (3) years.

Article 8: Transcripts Report and Credits Recognition

1. Each DD student permitted under this programme must earn more than thirty (30) course credits at NCCU, among which up to ten (10) course credits will be recognized as elective courses by Tohoku. Each DD student permitted under this programme must earn eight (8) course credits for required courses and selectively can earn other course credits from elective courses at Tohoku, among which up to twelve (12) course credits will be recognized by NCCU.
2. The Host University shall communicate to the Home University an academic transcript for each

DD Student at the end of each academic semester.

3. Both Parties agree to recognize the credits obtained by the DD Student at the Host University in the awarding of the degree by the Home University, subject to their respective internal rules and regulations.

Article 9: Thesis and Oral Examination

1. DD Student shall prepare one doctoral thesis which satisfies the requirements both of the Home University and the Host University.
2. The thesis can be written in Chinese, Japanese or English, provided that the student does not write in his or her native language.
3. The joint oral examination shall be conducted in the way as required by the university where it is taken place.

Article 10: Intellectual Property

The Parties agree that, in the event of research collaboration leading to patent rights, copyrights or other intellectual property rights, a further written agreement shall be negotiated in each case in accordance with the intellectual property policies of the two Parties.

Article 11: Fees and Other Rights and Privileges

1. The DD student will remain enrolled at the Home University and pay tuition and other related fees to the Home University during the term of the study. The Host University shall waive application and examination fees, registration fees and tuition fees for the DD Student.
2. The DD Student will be responsible for travel costs to the Host University and living costs during the stay, including accommodation, books, equipment, consumables, language tuition prior to the commencement of coursework (where necessary), health and travel insurance, student union fees (if applicable) and other personal expenses arising from the Programme.
3. Both Parties shall affirm and agree that the DD Student will be entitled to the same rights and privileges and subject to the same rules, policies, penalties and discipline as other enrolled students at the Host University.

Article 12: Assistance for DD Student

The Host University shall provide DD Student with necessary support, including visa assistance. The Host University shall assist the students in finding adequate accommodation on or near the campus.

Article 13: Visa

Both Parties will ensure that each DD Student will be responsible for obtaining a proper student visa in a timely manner, although the Host University will directly assist in any visa application. The cost for obtaining the visa shall be borne by the DD Student.

Article 14: General Obligations of DD Student

1. Upon completion of all the required coursework, research project, written thesis, and any other work necessary to satisfy the requirements of the Programme at the Host University, the DD Student must return to his/her Home University.
2. The DD Student will be expected to abide by the laws and customs of the host country.

3. The DD Student will remain enrolled at the Home University and will not be accepted for enrolment as a candidate or student for any other degree than the *Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science* at NCCU and the *Doctor of Law* at Tohoku.

Article 15: Terms of Agreement

1. This Agreement shall come into effect from the date of signature by the representatives of both Parties for an initial period of five (5) years to run the Programme. This Agreement may be extended for further periods of five (5) years by mutual consent of the Parties in writing twelve (12) months prior to the termination of initial period.
2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by written notice given twelve (12) months in advance to the other Party, notwithstanding all commitments already in progress shall be fulfilled.
3. Any termination shall not affect any right which either Party has accrued up to and on the termination date. Both Parties will co-ordinate and make arrangements for the DD Students to be able to finish their studies under the Programme.

Article 16: Notices

Every notice, request or any other communication required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing, in English and delivered personally or sent by registered or certified air mail or by courier or fax (which shall be acknowledged by the other Party) to the Parties at the addresses as stated below :

If to NCCU: Department of Political Science
 College of Social Sciences
 Attention: Chair
 Fax: +886-2-2939-0201
 Tel: +886-2-2939-3091

If to Tohoku: Graduate School of Law
 Attention: Dean
 Fax: +81-22-795-6249
 Tel: +81-22-795-6170

Article 17: Miscellaneous

1. Any other issues arising in this Programme shall be negotiated by the Parties on the basis of the principles set out in this Agreement.
2. Amendments or changes to this Agreement shall be made in writing and signed by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.
3. This Agreement is written in English in duplicate and both Parties retain one copy each of the authentic text.
4. The Parties understand that the Party's coat of arms, logo and name are valuable intellectual property rights of the concerned Party. The Parties agree that, when one Party intends to use any intellectual property rights of the other Party, a further written agreement shall be negotiated in each case in accordance with the intellectual property policies of the two Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have put their hands on the day and year first above written

On behalf of
Graduate School of Law
Tohoku University

Date 2017. 11. 28

Takeshi Hirata

Takeshi Hirata
Dean

On behalf of
Department of Political Science
College of Social Sciences
National Chengchi University

Date June 5, 2017

Shing-Yuan Sheng

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Chair