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**1. BACKGROUND TO THE PROGRAMME**

- 1.1 National Chengchi University and Tohoku University have agreed to negotiate a collaboration to launch a Double Doctoral Degree Programme (hereinafter the “Programme”) and to promote post-graduate teaching and research between the two universities.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Programme is to enable regular students from the Department of Political Science of the College of Social Sciences at NCCU and regular students from the Graduate School of Law at Tohoku to be awarded degrees from both institutions by fulfilling the criteria laid out below, and for staff of both Faculties to collaborate on teaching and research.
- 1.3 The Programme will enable the two universities to newly accept on an annual basis up to three (3) NCCU regular students at Tohoku and up to three (3) Tohoku regular students at NCCU starting in April 2018.

- 1.4 NCCU and Tohoku students are required to spend a minimum of one (1) academic year at each other's institution during the period of their registration on the Programme.
- 1.5 NCCU regular students accepted onto the programme will also become regular students at Tohoku from the date of their initial registration at Tohoku until the completion of their degree and the regular students at Tohoku will also become regular students at NCCU from the date of their initial registration at NCCU until the completion of their degree.
- 1.6 The parties shall negotiate the detailed terms of the Programme on the basis of the principles set out in this document ("Memorandum of Understanding" or "MoU").

## **2. CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROGRAMME**

NCCU agrees to

- 2.1 provide a full tuition and fee waiver during the period of registration on the Programme for up to three (3) Tohoku students annually from the 2018 academic year.
- 2.2 provide teaching, supervision and research skills training for Tohoku students during their stay in NCCU or approved research location.
- 2.3 provide access to university library and other facilities as with other regular students in the Department of Political Science.

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- 2.4 provide a full tuition and fee waiver during the period of registration on the Programme for up to three (3) NCCU students annually from the 2018 academic year.
- 2.5 provide teaching, supervision and research skills training for NCCU students during their stay in Tohoku or approved research location.

- 2.6 provide access to university library and other facilities as with other regular students in the Graduate School of Law.

### **3. ADMISSION TO PROGRAMME**

- 3.1 NCCU uses the following criteria in the selection of students:

- Previous academic performances;
- Workability of study plan; and
- English proficiency to complete the Programme,

among others. NCCU reserves the right of final approval for the acceptance of students to the Programme.

- 3.2 Tohoku uses the following criteria in the selection of students:

- Previous academic performances;
- Workability of study plan; and
- English proficiency to complete the Programme,

among others. Tohoku reserves the right of final approval for the acceptance of students to the Programme.

### **4. DOUBLE DEGREE**

- 4.1 Each enrolled student shall prepare one doctoral thesis in partial fulfilment of the requirements for doctoral degree both of NCCU and of Tohoku. The thesis can be written in Chinese, Japanese or English, provided that the student does not write in his or her native language.

- 4.2 NCCU agrees to award a regular doctoral degree, *Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science*, to a Tohoku student on his or her satisfactory completion of all the prescribed courses and credit hours of study as stipulated in all related regulations at NCCU, and of the joint examination of the dissertation submitted.

- 4.3 Tohoku agrees to award a regular doctoral degree, *Doctor of Law*, to a NCCU student on his or her satisfactory completion of the prescribed courses of study

as stipulated in all related regulations of the Graduate School of Law at Tohoku, and of the joint examination of the dissertation submitted.

## **5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

No intellectual property is expected to emerge from the Programme. Both parties shall discuss intellectual property-related issues based on the laws in their respective countries when they arise.

## **6. FUNDING**

The funding for this Programme is borne by both institutions as detailed in the individual clauses and separate agreements based on this MoU.

## **7. ANCILLARY ARRANGEMENTS**

NCCU agrees to

- 7.1 coordinate with the National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior, the visa application process for Tohoku students.
- 7.2 assist Tohoku students to find suitable accommodation on or near campus.

Tohoku agrees to

- 7.3 coordinate with the Immigration Bureau of the Ministry of Justice, the visa application process for NCCU students.
- 7.4 assist NCCU students to find suitable accommodation on or near campus.

## **8. STATUS**

The parties do not intend this MoU to be legally binding. Any matters arising from this MoU will be negotiated in good faith.

## **9. RENEWAL, TERMINATION & AMENDMENT**

- 9.1 This MoU shall remain in force from the date of signature by the representatives of both parties and become valid for five (5) years, with the

understanding that it may be terminated by either party with twelve (12) months' notice to the other in writing but may at any time be revised or modified by mutual written consent. The termination will not affect the students in completing their expected period of activities at the host institutions. It may also be extended by mutual consent of the two parties. Such amendments, once approved by both institutions, will become part of this MoU.

- 9.2 The MoU shall be concluded in two original documents written in English, both of which are authentic.

**Date:** 2017. 11. 28



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