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AGREEMENT ON STUDENT EXCHANGE
between
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
and
Kobe University, Japan

This Agreement is to promote the exchange of students and thereby partially implement the ideals expressed in the Memorandum of Understanding for Academic Cooperation between the two parties concluded on 29.06.2026. Both parties agree to enter into this Agreement, which shall supersede and replace the Memorandum of Understanding for Student Exchange between Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Graduate School of Science, Technology and Innovation, Kobe University, concluded on October 22, 2021.

1. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (hereinafter referred to as "AUTh") and Kobe University (hereinafter referred to as "KU") will exchange students under the following terms:

1.1 Nomination of exchange students
Each exchange student shall be nominated according to the relevant procedure and at the direction of the home institution. The host institution will admit exchange students according to its established policies and procedures.

1.2 Number of exchange students
The number of students to be sent from each institution will not exceed three (3) for each year, balancing the number of students over a period of five (5) years. Two one-semester exchange students are equivalent to one full-year exchange student.

1.3 Duration
In principle, the period of stay for each exchange student at the host institution will be for one full academic year. However, if the exchange student so desires, the period of stay can be shortened. In that case, the minimum duration of study period is three (3) months, or one (1) semester. The period of sending and receiving exchange students can be flexible, e.g. for one or more academic periods, based on the discussions between two institutions.

1.4 Status of exchange students
The status of each exchange student at AUTh will be "International exchange student" or "Erasmus+ International exchange student." The status of each exchange student at KU will be "non-degree special auditing student" or "non-degree special research student."

1.5 Tuition exemption
The exchange program is based on the principle of reciprocity. The exchange students will remain enrolled at their home institution where they pay their tuition and other related fees. The host institution will exempt relevant fees for admission, examination and tuition for the exchange students.

1.6 Credit transfer

After the completion of the courses, the host institution will send an official academic transcript for each exchange student to their home institution. It shall be the sole responsibility of the home institution to decide how many transfer credit units the student may receive for courses taken at the host institution.

1.7 Regulations

Each exchange student will be subject to the same regulations as those pertaining to the students of the host institution. In case where an exchange student fails to observe the host institution's rules or regulations, the student must take full responsibility for their behavior. This may further lead to the reconsideration of this student's admission to this exchange program.

1.8 Accommodation

In case university accommodation is not available, each institution will assist the exchange students in making room arrangements for the period of exchange. However, room charges will be the responsibility of the exchange students.

1.9 Expenses and insurance

Travel and other incidental expenses, as well as health and accident insurance will be borne by each exchange student. Exchange students from AUTh who enroll in the program at KU must obtain the National Health Insurance as well as additionally required insurances as designated by KU.

2. Duration, amendment and termination

This Agreement shall remain in force for the period during which the Memorandum of Understanding for Academic Cooperation is valid, and will come into force upon signature by authorized representatives of both parties. It may be terminated by either party giving twelve (12) months prior notice to the other party in writing, without prejudice to the completion of ongoing programs. The Agreement may be amended by the exchange of letters between both parties.

3. Personal Data Protection

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and with the provisions of the legal system for the Protection of Personal Information in Japan, the signatories of this document undertake to treat the personal data to which they have access in the development of the functions conferred by this Agreement as strictly confidential information and utilize it appropriately.

The purpose of the treatment is to carry out a student exchange according to the terms set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement is the basis that legitimizes the parties involved in the processing of personal data derived from its execution.

To comply with data protection laws both in Greece and in Japan, exchange students from the home institution will need to sign a consent form to permit the host institution to process, store and transfer their personal data to their home institution. Each party shall act as a controller in respect to the processing of the personal data. If necessary, the parties may communicate with each other to deal with any queries or incidents.

The confidentiality obligations established in this Agreement will last indefinitely and will remain in force after the termination, for any reason, of the relationship between the parties.

4. Dispute resolution

Should any disputes arise between the parties in connection with this Agreement or any items not covered by this Agreement, the parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the dispute through negotiation between the parties.

Any dispute arising under or in connection with this Agreement which cannot be resolved by amicable discussions between the parties shall be jointly referred to the legal authorities or other private/public agency for resolution in either party's country. In the unlikely case the dispute remains unresolved, it shall be resolved by the competent jurisdiction regarding the defendant.

In the event of a dispute, both parties shall continue to carry out all their respective responsibilities under this Agreement not affected by the dispute.

5. This Agreement is written in English and both parties retain one copy of the authentic texts.

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis, MD, PhD
The Rector

Date: 29/06/2026

Kobe University

Professor FUJISAWA Masato, MD, PhD
President

Date: June. 24. 2026