

**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL  
ORGANIZATION**

**AND**

**OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY,  
OKAYAMA, JAPAN**

**CONCERNING**

**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNESCO CHAIR IN  
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**AT**

**THE OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY,  
OKAYAMA, JAPAN**

## Agreement

### concerning the establishment of a UNESCO Chair in Research and Education for Sustainable Development at Okayama University, Japan

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as "UNESCO"), 7, place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris 07 SP, France, represented by its Director-General, Mr Koïchiro Matsuura,

and

The Okayama University (hereinafter referred to as "the University"), 1-1-1 Tsushima-Naka, Okayama, 700-0082, Japan, represented by its President, Professor Kyozo Chiba,

**Considering** that one of the essential factors favouring development in the fields of competence of UNESCO is the exchange of experience and knowledge between universities and other higher education institutions;

**Convinced** that joint work by university teachers, researchers and administrators from regions all over the world will provide important benefits for the entire academic community;

**Bearing in mind** the mission and objectives of UNESCO set forth in its Constitution and its role in promoting international inter-university cooperation;

**Taking into account** the experience of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme as a stimulus for academic mobility and the rapid transfer of knowledge through twinning, networking and other linking arrangements;

#### Agree as follows:

**Article 1** The University shall, in cooperation with UNESCO, establish a UNESCO Chair in Research and Education for Sustainable Development (hereinafter referred to as "the Chair") at its Graduate School of Environmental Sciences.

**Article 2** The purpose of the Chair shall be to promote an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation in the field of education for sustainable development. It will serve as a means of facilitating collaboration between high-level, internationally recognized researchers and teaching staff of the University and other institutions in Japan and the Asia and Pacific region.

The objectives of its activities shall be:

- To contribute to raising the awareness and building the capacity of national and local development cadres as responsible actors through the promotion of environmental education and ethics for a sustainable society.
- To promote applied research, teaching and specialized studies for sustainable development and environmental education from an interdisciplinary approach, with particular attention to natural and social sciences and engineering.

**Article 3** The University, in consultation with UNESCO, shall appoint the Chairholder, who will be selected by means of a procedure to be mutually agreed upon.

**Article 4** The Chair shall consist of the Chairholder and the teaching personnel, researchers and students associated with its training and research programme.

**Article 5** The University shall sign a contract with the Chairholder for a fixed period to be determined by it, giving the holder the same rights and obligations as those of other scholars of the same category at the University. The contract shall also define the Chairholder's salary and benefits, travel expenses, installation grant and housing and medical insurance.

**Article 6** The University shall grant the Chairholder the facilities necessary to accomplish his/her academic research and training activities, i.e. the opportunity to organize and promote an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation and to disseminate the results of research in the field of education for sustainable development.

**Article 7** Wherever possible, UNESCO shall endeavour to provide a "seed-money" contribution, it being understood that any such contribution shall be the subject of a separate agreement between UNESCO and the University. UNESCO shall also collaborate with the University in the search for extrabudgetary funds to continue the activities of the Chair.

**Article 8** The University shall submit an annual report to UNESCO presenting the activities carried out by the Chair. If approved by UNESCO, this report may be distributed to the world academic community. UNESCO shall contribute to the international dissemination of information on the experience and potential benefits of the activities of the Chair at the regional and international levels. The University shall provide a financial report showing the financial support obtained for the Chair from different sources.

- Article 9** UNESCO shall take the necessary steps to facilitate the participation of the University in its programmes and activities with a view to strengthening international academic cooperation in the field of scientific research and its application for national development. Wherever possible, UNESCO shall also promote the exchange of professors, researchers, and students with other universities within the framework of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Programme.
- Article 10** Within that framework, UNESCO shall endeavour to associate the University with the activities of different Chairs and inter-university networks participating in the Programme, especially in Member States in the Asia and the Pacific region, and with those of similar Chairs in other regions of the world.
- Article 11** Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the University shall assume all expenses linked to the execution of activities undertaken by the Chair.
- Article 12** Neither the University nor any member of its staff employed for the execution of the activities linked to the Chair shall be considered an agent, representative or member of UNESCO's staff, nor shall they enjoy any benefit, immunity, remuneration or reimbursement if not clearly foreseen in this Agreement; moreover, they shall not be authorized to present themselves as being part of UNESCO, nor make statements on UNESCO's behalf, nor commit UNESCO to any expense of any nature or to any other obligation.
- Article 13** The University shall be entirely responsible for taking any measures it deems necessary to insure itself against loss, injury or damage incurred during the execution of these activities.
- Article 14** The present Agreement shall enter into force for a period of 2 (two) years on the date of both signatures having been appended. It may be cancelled by either party subject to 60 (sixty) days' written notice to the other party.
- Article 15** Any renewal of the present Agreement shall be effected by an exchange of letters between the parties.
- Article 16** In the event of a dispute, the parties shall make a good faith effort to settle it amicably. In the event that an amicable settlement cannot be reached, any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be settled by a sole arbitrator appointed by mutual agreement, or failing this, by the President of the International Court of Justice at the request of either party.

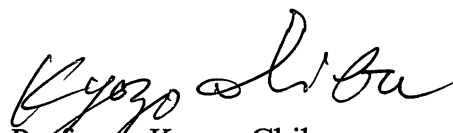
**In witness whereof**, the undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Agreement in two [2] copies in the English language.

For the United Nations Educational,  
Scientific and Cultural Organization

For the Okayama University



Koichiro Matsuura  
Director-General



Professor Kyozo Chiba  
President

Date **9 . MAR . 2007**

Date. *6 . APR . 2007*