Protocol on Educational and Scientific Cooperation between Yıldız Technical University, Turkey and Osaka Prefecture University, Japan

In accordance with a mutual desire to promote educational and research opportunities between the two institutions, Yıldız Technical University ("YTU") and Osaka Prefecture University ("OPU") join in the following understanding on educational cooperation and agree on the following principles under which the two institutions may develop activities of mutual interest.

Article 1

Both of YTU and OPU will encourage direct contact and cooperation between their faculty members and departments, as they are able, and will act as coordinators of contacts with other faculties whenever appropriate.

Within fields of mutual collaboration, a general form of cooperation is envisaged as follows:

- (a) Joint research activities
- (b) Exchange of information in the area of scientific education and research which is of mutual interest to both of YTU and OPU
- (c) Exchange of faculty members for research, lectures, and discussions
- (d) Exchange of graduate and undergraduate students for study and research
- (e) Access to the various facilities of each institute

Article 2

The themes of the joint activities and the conditions for utilizing the results achieved as well as arrangements for specific visits, exchanges, and other forms of cooperation will be negotiated for each specific case whenever necessary in accordance with mutual requirements.

Both of YTU and OPU understand that the financial arrangements will be negotiated at each time and will depend on the availability of funds.

Article 3

Exchange staff and/or students will be required to purchase health insurance and casualty insurance or give evidence that they have comparable insurance coverage. In either case, medical evacuation and repatriation coverage must be included.

Article 4

This protocol will go into effect from the date of signing by the representatives of both institutions. This protocol is valid for a period of five years following its date of approval. The validity of the protocol may be extended after mutual consultation.

Article 5

On the occasion of dissolution of the protocol, it is necessary for one university to provide not less than six months notice in writing to the other.

Article 6

If any question arises in this protocol, both universities should resolve it by mutual agreement in the Appendix to be attached to this Protocol.

Article 7

The protocol shall be written in English and will be held by both parties.

Hereupon, the signature of the representatives YTU and OPU will follow in hope of promoting mutual friendship and goodwill.

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