



上智大学
SOPHIA UNIVERSITY

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
BELARUSIAN STATE UNIVERSITY, BELARUS
AND
SOPHIA UNIVERSITY, JAPAN**

Belarusian State University (hereinafter BSU), located at 4 Nezavisimosti ave., 220030 Minsk, Belarus, represented by its Rector, Academician Sergey Ablameyko, and Sophia University (hereinafter Sophia), located at 7-1 Kioi-Cho Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, represented by its President, Professor Yoshiaki Terumichi, agree to cooperate in regard to international programs based on the principle of reciprocity. BSU and Sophia are referred to individually as a “party” and collectively as “parties”.

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter MOU) serves as a legal document for both parties to establish and develop their bilateral relationships. This will also help enhance research and educational processes at both institutions and thereby expand the academic spectrum and culture awareness between the institutions’ respective faculties, staffs and students.

The parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Both parties will work together to develop mutual agreements for cooperation based on their respective academic, scientific and educational needs. The activities in which specific agreements may be developed include:

- Exchange of faculty members, research scholars and students at all levels;
- Exchange of academic information, materials and programs;
- Developing and implementing joint research programs, including developing proposals for funding purposes;
- Co-organizing joint conferences and workshops as well as international training programs;
- Supporting staff and students from the two institutions for studying towards degree and non-degree programs; and
- Other cooperative activities as appropriate

2. The development and implementation of each exchange/activity based on this MOU shall be separately discussed and determined by both parties under a supplemental agreement, which shall reflect the parties’ mutually agreed objectives, the funding arrangements, and the allocation of responsibility for that activity. Each Supplemental Agreement will be appended to this MOU, and the terms of the Supplemental Agreement will control the administration of the activity or activities described therein.

3. Both parties will use their best efforts to find financial sources for carrying out the activities.
4. Nothing in this Agreement shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, or impose constraints on either party in carrying out the agreement. Each party acknowledges and agrees that this MOU creates no financial obligations between the parties.
5. Both parties agree that, in the event of research collaboration leading to patent rights, copyrights, or other intellectual property rights, a further agreement must be negotiated in each case in accordance with the policies of the two parties on intellectual property.
6. All programs and activities under this MOU will be operated in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries.
7. If either party wishes to disclose confidential data and/or information resulting from the cooperation activities under this MOU to any third party, the disclosing party must obtain prior consent from the other party before any disclosure can be made. Consent is not to be unreasonably withheld.
8. Any differing viewpoints and interpretations of this MOU shall be settled amicably by mutual consultation or negotiation. Both parties agree to refrain from unilateral action and to consult and negotiate mutually agreeable decision. In the event that the process of discussion and mutual consultation fails to achieve a resolution of the disagreement which is acceptable to both parties, the disagreement will be submitted to arbitration. Any such arbitration shall be governed by a separate agreement.
9. This MOU shall become effective on the first day after both parties have signed the document, and shall remain in effect for a period of five years from that date. It will be automatically renewed for further periods of equal time, if it is not resigned by either party. Any necessary modifications or early termination of this MOU require written notice six months in advance. In case this MOU ceases to be effective on account of termination, the provisions of all valid supplemental agreements shall continue to apply to the extent necessary to secure the implementation of existing activities as agreed upon in the supplemental agreements.
10. This MOU is executed in English in two copies, one for each party, which have equal legal effects.

Duly authorized representatives of BSU and Sophia executed this MOU as of the date and year given below.

For Belarusian State University



Academician Sergey Ablameyko
Rector

Date:

For Sophia University

Yoshiaki Terumichi

Professor Yoshiaki Terumichi
President

2017. 5. 03
Date:

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