

THE AGREEMENT ON DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM
FOR DOCTORAL DEGREE
BETWEEN

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
KUMAMOTO UNIVERSITY – JAPAN**

AND

FACULTY OF MEDICINE, KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY – THAILAND

Following the signing of an Agreement on Academic and Student Exchange between Kumamoto University and Khon Kaen University, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, KUMAMOTO UNIVERSITY – JAPAN and FACULTY OF MEDICINE, KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY – THAILAND, hereby agree to determine the following items to implement the Double Degree Program for doctoral course in the area of medical sciences.

Article 1 Entrance examination & Enrollment Fee and Tuition Fee

1. Both universities shall give entrance examinations to the students separately.
2. Each university shall independently make decision to accept the students.
3. The Program shall provide joint supervision on study and research of the students.
4. The entrance examination fee shall be paid to both universities. The enrollment fee and tuition fee shall be paid only to the home university.

Article 2 Required Period & Student's Status

1. Students shall spend at least one year in the host university in principle, and be recognized and receive benefits as a regular full-time student of both universities.
2. Student's home university shall approve the extension of enrollment, if necessary.

Article 3 Acceptable Students Number

Each university will accept up to a maximum of two students yearly under this agreement. However, more than two students may be accepted, if necessary, based on the discussion between both universities. The number of students in this double degree program is counted separately from the number slot designated under the "Student Exchange Agreement between Kumamoto University and Khon Kaen University" concluded at University level.

Article 4 Supervision & Accreditation of Credits

1. Host University is responsible for providing supervision on the study and research to accepted students.
2. Upon evaluation, credits earned from the host university may be accepted as equivalent to the courses offered by the home university. For the acceptance of credit transfer, students shall confirm to the academic regulations of both universities.

Article 5 Doctoral Thesis Review & Degree Awarded

1. Doctoral thesis review shall be held separately by each university.
2. The home university shall award a doctoral degree when the student has fulfilled the requirements of the home university. The host university shall award another doctoral degree when the student has fulfilled the requirements of the host university.
3. Both universities shall award a completion certificate of the double degree program at the point that the both degrees have been awarded. However, the completion certificate will not be awarded in the case that the students fail to receive the degree by either university

Article 6 Regulations

Regulations regarding the entrance examination, credit accreditation, organization of an advisory committee, and confirmation of a degree shall be decided by each university and subjected to mutual consent.

Article 7 Responsible Faculty person for contact and coordination

Each university shall designate a contact faculty person who will be responsible for communication between both universities and for coordination of this double degree program.

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Article 8 Effect of Agreement

This Agreement shall take effect from the day this document is signed by the representatives of both universities, and remain in effect while the Student Exchange Agreement is valid. It may be renewed by mutual consent, if proposed by either university. A review shall be conducted at every extension of the Student Exchange Agreement.

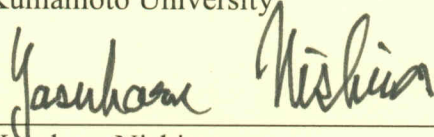
Article 9 Amendment & Termination of Agreement

This Agreement may be amended or terminated by mutual consent, if proposed by either university, by giving at least six months notice in writing to the other university. However, students already admitted to and participating in the program must be allowed to complete the program.

This Agreement is written in English and signed in duplicate by both universities. It may be translated into other languages for reference purposes.

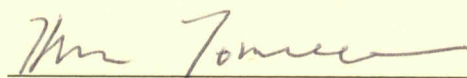
For and on behalf of

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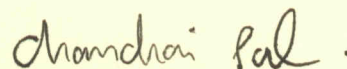
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