

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN HAWtech

- Fachhochschule Aachen
- Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Berlin
- Hochschule Darmstadt
- Hochschule für Technik und Wirtschaft Dresden
- Hochschule Esslingen
- Hochschule Karlsruhe – Technik und Wirtschaft

AND TAItech

- National Chin-Yi University of Technology (NCUT, 國立勤益科技大學)
- National Formosa University (NFU, 國立虎尾科技大學)
- National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (NKUST, 國立高雄科技大學)
- National Taipei University of Technology (Taipei Tech, 國立臺北科技大學)
- National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (Taiwan Tech, 國立臺灣科技大學)
- National Yunlin University of Science and Technology (YunTech, 國立雲林科技大學)

In the interests of expanding opportunities and furthering international understanding, the member universities of TAItech and HAWtech agree to facilitate the educational exchange of faculty and students. They also agree to promote collaborative research between faculty members and other activities that may improve the relationship between the university networks.

A. Faculty Exchanges and cooperation in research shall be developed on an individual basis and the specific terms of each exchange shall be negotiated by the institutions.

B. Student Exchanges shall adhere to the following provisions:

1. Duration of Exchanges

Students (undergraduate / graduate / postgraduate) will normally spend up to 2 semesters at the host institution, with equal numbers of students participating over time.

2. Number of Students to be Exchanged

The number of qualified students to be exchanged and the involved faculties or degree courses will be determined by mutual agreement between the respective institutions.

3. Student Program Fees/Benefits at Host Institution

Each student will pay his or her regular tuition and fees to the home institution and will not be required to pay any tuition to the host institution. Each student will be responsible for paying travel, housing expenses, meal costs, and miscellaneous fees, such as special course fees, contributions to the student union, mandatory fees for public transportation, fees for sport facilities, library fees etc. The host institution will assist students in advance and upon request to make arrangements for visa and immigration procedures, and accommodation. The host institution shall provide a general orientation for incoming students.

4. Insurance

Each participant will provide his or her own health and accident insurance. Proof of adequate insurance coverage must be provided to the international office or registrar of each institution.

5. Student Eligibility

It is understood that the participating institutions will strive to designate only well-qualified individuals for participation in the program and that academic backgrounds will be provided to the host institution. As appropriate, students must meet foreign language proficiency requirements. Each home institution is responsible for recruitment, selection, and pre-program orientation of participants.

6. Balancing the Exchange

Parity in numbers of exchange students is the objective of the agreement. However, each party should be prepared to consider a disparity in any given semester or year during the period of agreement. Any and all imbalances shall be resolved by the end of the period of agreement.

7. Academic Status

All students will remain enrolled as regular degree candidates at the home institution. Credits toward the student's degree are to be awarded by the home institution. Under mutual consent or within the framework of special double award programs, exchange students might be enrolled as degree candidates at the host institution. Students enrolled in the host institution will be subject to the same rules and regulations as local students. The host institution will provide the home institution with a final transcript describing the student's academic performance.

For exchange students who passed already a successful study abroad term, the host institution will assist in the arrangement of internship placements in the industry or in suitable programs within the host institution.

Under mutual consent and joint tutoring of the responsible faculty members at the host and the home institution, the preparation of the final thesis, Ph.D. Thesis or project will be possible at the host institution.

8. Exchange Coordinator

Each participating institution will appoint an officer or officers who will be responsible for the coordination and administration of all aspects of the exchange including the counselling of the exchange participants.

C. Effective Date and Termination of Agreement

This agreement shall be in effect for five years from the date of signature by both university networks. It will renew automatically for a one-year period at a time unless modified or cancelled. Each year, both institutions will exchange brief reports indicating any imbalances in student numbers and/or other issues or problems. Either party may terminate this agreement by serving written notice to the other party. Such termination will take effect six months from the date of that written notice. All students who have started to study in one of the established exchange programmes will have the possibility to finish their study as intended.

D. Further Obligations and Liabilities

This agreement shall not create any financial obligations between the institutions or towards third parties. Neither party shall have the authority to assume or create any obligation on behalf or in the name of the other, to accept legal process or to bind the other in any way. Liability between the parties is limited to deliberate and roughly negligent acts. This agreement can be modified or amended only in writing and signed by all parties.

E. Signatures

TAItech

Date: 2024. 11. 8

Neng Shu Yang
Signature

Prof. Dr. Yang, Neng-Shu
On behalf of TAItech:

President of National Yunlin University
of Technology
Title

University Seal



HAWtech

Date: 8/11/2024

Christof Wolfmaier
Signature

Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Christof Wolfmaier
On behalf of HAWtech:

Rector, Esslingen University of Applied
Sciences
Title

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