Agreement on Academic Exchange and Cooperation

Between

University of Alaska System, USA and I-Shou University, Taiwan

The University of Alaska System, hereafter referred to as UA, located in Alaska, U.S.A. and I-Shou University, hereafter referred to as ISU, located in Kaohsiung County, Taiwan. Both parties hereby enter this agreement of academic exchange and cooperation as partner institutions systems to explore academic collaboration, exchange and international cooperation on the basis of quality and mutual benefit to both partner institutions/systems.

The parties to this agreement agree on the following:

1. UA and ISU agree to explore the feasibility of exchange programs for faculty, staff and students as well as explore the feasibility of offering joint degrees, certificates and other academic ventures/programs.
2. UA and ISU agree to explore exchanging faculty and staff. Faculty and staff should normally be full-time employees at UA and ISU. Their role is to give lectures, engage on collaborative research, teach, as well as introduce culture and history to the academic community. Exchange faculty and staff must meet the institutional requirements of the host partner.
3. ISU agrees to explore sending faculty and qualified students to UA for undergraduate, graduate, and/or PhD programs. UA agrees to allow these applicants to apply and assist students from ISU, should they need assistance applying to graduate or professional programs.
4. Concerning the issues of entrance requirements, research standards and policies, use of facilities, tuition, scholarship and the other academic and financial matters for exchanges and cooperation as set forth above, the partner institutions/systems may mutually agree to all terms on a case-by-case basis.
5. This agreement shall be in effect for a period of three (3) years from the date of signing and may be renewed for additional three (3) year period by the parties, unless terminated by either party.
6. All modifications to this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties to the agreement.

President Mark Hamilton
University of Alaska System
Date: July 11, 2008

President Shen-Li Fu
I-Shou University
Date: July 11, 2008