



COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR TRAINEESHIP

BETWEEN

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING**

AND

**THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING**



The University of Messina, Department of Engineering, legally represented by the Rector, Prof. Pietro Navarra,

and

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Department of Computing, legally represented by Prof. Cao Jiannong

hereby “the Parties”;

The Parties agree as follows:

Definitions:

Home institution refers to the University awarding the degree in the student is enrolled.

Host institution refers to the University which has agreed to admit the student for mobility for research activities, traineeship and/or training activities.

Article 1: General Principles

The Parties are engaged to promote students mobility for research activities, traineeship and/or training activities.

The purpose of the traineeship is to enable students to develop specific skills in the field of Engineering and Computer Science and to improve understanding of the economic and social culture of the country concerned.

Students on the exchange programme will abide by academic rules and regulations of the Host institution and will have equal access to all privileges and facilities available to local students at the Host institution.

Article 2: Selection Process

The Home institution shall assume full responsibility in the assessment and selection of qualified candidates according to the admission requirements of the Host institution.

The selection process shall take into account student's overall academic records, language proficiency as well as his/her attitude to live in an international academic environment. The Host institution reserves the right of final approval on the admission of an exchange student.

Article 3: Financial Arrangements and Accommodation

Students on the exchange will pay tuition fees at their Home institution and have academic charges waived at the Host institution.

The Host institution will assist students on the exchange with their housing arrangements. Unless otherwise agreed, students will be liable for accommodation and their normal living expenses.



Article 4 Organisation of Students Mobility

Before beginning the mobility, selected students in accordance with scientific coordinators of the cooperation agreement, draw up a training agreement regarding its specific programme for placement period. If it is the case, the training agreement will also report ECTS credits.

Trainees are engaged to fulfill the agreed training agreement.

Any tasks undertaken by the student while on a traineeship period will have the purpose of promoting the trainee's competence.

At the end of the exchange the Host institution will provide an official academic transcript of work reporting training activities carried out.

Article 5: Balance of Exchange

Each institution shall accept 1 student per semester or 2 students for a full academic year.

In case a student does not complete the exchange programme there will be no replacement.

Article 6: Health Insurance

Students on exchange programme must have a suitable health insurance valid for the entire period abroad and must be covered by an accident and liability insurance provided by the Home institution.

Article 7: Scientific coordinators

The Parties designate the following coordinators to facilitate implementation of the exchange programme.

For The University of Messina, the Exchange Programme will be coordinated by:

Prof. Marco Scarpa - Department of Engineering

For The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, the Exchange Programme will be coordinated by:

Dr. Vincent Ng (or the student exchange officer) of Department of Computing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Article 8: Duration

The present agreement shall be in force for a period of 3 years from the date of the last signature by the Legal Representative of the Parties. The agreement may be modified by mutual agreement, in writing, and signed by the two Parties.

Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by giving six months' notice in writing to the other party. Regardless of termination, the Parties shall continue to fulfill their ongoing obligations.

Article 9: Exclusion of third party rights

Nothing in this agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any person other than the contracting parties hereto any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this agreement. The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance shall not apply to this agreement.



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