AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA AND CHUO UNIVERSITY

On behalf of its Faculty of Science and Engineering / Graduate School of Science and Engineering

The University of Messina, Messina, Italy and Chuo Faculty of Science and Engineering / Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Tokyo, Japan, wishing to enhance relations between the two universities and to develop academic and cultural interchange in the areas of education, research, and other activities, agree to cooperate and work together toward the internationalization of higher education.

The areas of cooperation will include any program offered at either university that is felt to be desirable and feasible for the development and strengthening of cooperative relationships between the two universities. However, any specific program shall be subject to mutual consent, availability of funds, and approval by each university. Such programs may include:

- a. Exchange of faculty members
- b. Exchange of students
- c. Joint research projects
- d. Joint conferences
- e. Joint cultural programs

The terms of such mutual assistance and cooperation shall be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the appropriate responsible officers of both parties prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity.

This agreement shall be effective upon approval by both parties and shall remain in effect for an initial period of five years. Thereafter it shall be automatically renewed from year to year; however, after the initial five-year period either university may terminate the agreement at the end of a given year by giving six-month notice of such intent in writing. Any termination will not interfere with activity or activities already in progress.

The text of this Agreement is signed in two original copies in English, one for each signing party.

UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA

CHUO UNIVERSITY

Salvatore Cuzzocrea

Kazuo Kashiyama

| Rector | Dean of the Faculty of Science and |
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