



Memorandum on the Implementation of the Cotutelle Double-Degree Doctoral Program

between

**Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University, Japan
and**

Faculty of Medical Science and Graduate School, Naresuan University, Thailand

1. Subject and aims of agreement

Based on the "Agreement on the Cotutelle Double-Degree Doctoral Program between Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University, Japan and Faculty of Medical Science and Graduate School, Naresuan University, Thailand", Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University, Japan, and the Faculty of Medical Science and Graduate School, Naresuan University, Thailand have decided to mutually exchange graduate students and establish a cotutelle double-degree doctoral program with the aim to nurture outstanding talent with the capacity to succeed on the international level and thus to contribute to the social development of Japan and Thailand, while encouraging friendly relations between both countries and enhancing the international reputation of both graduate schools.

The completion of the Cotutelle Double-Degree Doctoral Program awards two separate degrees, one from each of:

- a) Faculty of Medical Science and Graduate School, Naresuan University;
- b) Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University.

2. Duration of study

In principle, the number of students participating in this program shall be the same from both graduate schools each year, but this rule can be subject to change through negotiations of the chairs of the Cotutelle Double-Degree Doctoral program. **Participating students shall stay at the host university for 24 months in principle in total. ???At least one year with may be extended ???** Students participating in this program shall graduate from each graduate school around the same time. **Alternatively, they shall graduate from one graduate school within one year after graduation from another graduate school.**

3. Selection process

It is necessary that both graduate schools select participating students who have the capacity to obtain the cotutelle double-degree. For that purpose, the screening of applicants shall be based on the overall evaluation of an achievement test, including an oral examination, the previous academic record and other necessary methods requested by the host graduate school. **The selection of students of Kumamoto University will be carried out in the 1st year among the students enrolled into Graduate School of Medical Sciences who wish to participate in the Cotutelle Double-Degree Doctoral Program. The selection of Naresuan University students will be conducted in the 1st year to applicants who wish to participate in the Cotutelle Double-Degree Doctoral Program after conducting a search on hope for students who plan to enroll in a doctoral program at Naresuan University.**

The schedules of the study abroad and the research plans of participating students at the host graduate school will be decided based on an agreement between both graduate schools after their enrollment.

4. Tuition and fees

Kumamoto University will charge students from Naresuan University [no fees for entrance examination, enrollment or tuition](#). However, in the case when participating students stay at Kumamoto University longer than 4 years (standard duration of doctoral course at Kumamoto University), they are obliged to pay Kumamoto University the tuition fee corresponding to the excess period.

Naresuan University will charge students from Kumamoto [University no fees for entrance examination, enrollment or tuition](#). However, in the case when participating students stay at Naresuan University longer than 3 years or 4 years (standard duration of doctoral program at Naresuan University), they are obliged to pay the host university tuition fee corresponding to the excess period.

[Tuition fees for home institute ??? @ Nigatta](#)

5. Acceptance of transfer credits

[Credits earned from the host university may be accepted as equivalent to the courses offered by the home university, upon evaluation](#). For the acceptance of credit transfer, participants of the double degree program shall conform to the academic policies of both universities.

[Distance learning is possible for subjects approved by each graduate school.](#)

6. Accommodation, insurance and supporting details

Both graduate schools shall provide [the partner graduate school with information about the study abroad in the framework of the present program, information about scholarships and expected expenses related to the study abroad \(accommodation, health insurance, other living expenses, etc.\)](#) for the convenience of the participating students.

Both graduate schools shall [provide guidance and instructions on the study and life abroad, and orientation and counseling for the participating students](#).

Both graduate schools shall provide [reasonable assistance in helping to arrange inexpensive and safe accommodation such as student dormitories for the participating students](#).

Participating students are expected [to carry health insurance, accident insurance, casualty insurance, etc.](#) at their own expense.

7. Requirements for graduation

Participating students must comply with the rules of the host university [regarding curriculum](#) etc., the stipulations of the home university concerning study abroad, and the regulations agreed on by both universities with respect to the Cotutelle Double-Degree Doctoral Program. They are also [required to complete the respective curricula and receive research guidance at both graduate schools](#).

[The host graduate school can cancel the acceptance of participating students if any of the following situations is applicable:](#)

a) [When the continuation of study proves difficult due to financial reasons or health problems.](#)

b) [When it turns out that, the student's grades are unacceptable.](#)

c) [When the student violates the law or school regulations.](#)

The host graduate school shall evaluate the study of participating students and prepare a certificate of academic record (research results report) which is to be submitted by the student to his/her home graduate school.

Detailed regulations concerning the implementation and the educational program will be determined after negotiations between both graduate schools.

8. Amendment, renewal, or termination of terms in this agreement

The term of validity of the present memorandum is [3 years](#) from the date when the persons in charge sign it. In the case that one of the graduate schools wishes to terminate the cooperation, it must notify the partner graduate school in writing at least 6 months in advance.

After the expiration of 3 years, if there is no request in writing to suspend or alter the program from of the graduate schools, then the present memorandum will remain valid.

This memorandum shall be produced in English and effective from the date of signature by both parties.

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