

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**National Quality Assurance Agency for Education**

**Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

and

**Japan University Accreditation Association,**

**Tokyo, Japan**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between **National Quality Assurance Agency for Education** at 7 University Street, Almazar District, Tashkent City, Uzbekistan (hereafter referred to as **NQAAE**) and **Japan University Accreditation Association** at 2-7-13 Ichigayasadohara-cho, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, 162-0842 (hereafter referred to as **JUAA**)

### Foreword

### Whereas:

**NQAAE** is the national governmental body under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan responsible for coordinating the unified external quality assurance system, including accreditation of educational institutions and programmes, development of national rankings, and advancement of education quality reforms in line with international standards.

**JUAA** was established in 1947 as a voluntary organization of higher education institutions. The mission of the **JUAA** is to promote the qualitative improvement of higher education institutions in Japan through the voluntary efforts and mutual assistance of member institutions.

### NQAAE - JUAA

Having similar missions and institutional objectives in the advancement of quality assurance in higher education, the above two organizations now wish to establish closer relations as equal partners for the purpose of creating cooperative and collaborative mechanisms for the mutual benefit of both parties.

**HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING** as follows:

### ARTICLE I: Aims of Memorandum of Understanding

**NQAAE** and **JUAA** agree hereby to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate for the benefit of all two parties and to work towards establishing amicable collaborative fellowship to enhance the operation of external quality assurance in all two jurisdictions and improve the quality of higher education in Uzbekistan and in Japan.

## **ARTICLE II: Areas of Co-operation and Collaboration**

NQAAE and JUAA will, subject to the laws, rules, regulations, and national policies from time to time in force governing the subject matter in their respective countries, endeavour to take necessary steps to encourage and promote technical co-operation that will be of mutual benefit to both Participants in the following areas:

### **(a) Exchange of Information and Expertise**

To exchange unclassified information, experiences, and expertise related to quality assurance and accreditation of higher education institutions (HEIs).

### **(b) Collaboration on Quality Assurance Projects**

To collaborate on quality assurance projects and disseminate educational resources and best practices which are recognized by each party.

### **(c) Joint Research and Academic Exchange**

To undertake joint research of mutual benefit, promote academic and expert exchanges periodically, and share the outcomes internationally.

### **(d) Professional Development and Staff Exchange**

To provide developmental opportunities for the staff of both parties.

### **(e) Exchange of Experts and Evaluators**

To exchange experts who would take part in the evaluation on HEIs of the other party when appropriate.

### **(f) Other Cooperative Activities**

To co-operate in any other mutually agreed activities related to quality assurance for the benefit of both parties thereto.

## **ARTICLE III: Alteration of Memorandum**

This Memorandum is signed by the two parties in a spirit of amicable co-operation. The terms of the Memorandum may be altered with the consent of all two parties.

## **ARTICLE IV: Officers responsible for managing the Memorandum**

The Director of NQAAE (at the time of signing, Bakhtiyor Yuldashev Gayradjonovich, Ph.D.) and the President of JUAA (at the time of signing, Yuko Takahashi, Ph.D.) will have responsibility for managing the implementation of the terms of the Memorandum. This responsibility may be delegated to relevant members of the agencies' staff in relation to particular areas of co-operation. For JUAA, the Executive Director is authorized to sign this Memorandum on behalf of the President.

## **ARTICLE V: Financial Understanding**

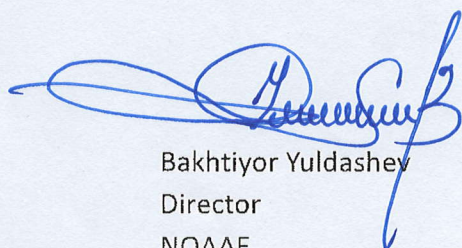
This Memorandum of Understanding will not give rise to any financial obligation by one Participant to the other. Each Participant will bear its own cost and expenses in relation to this Understanding.

#### ARTICLE VI: Validity of Memorandum

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signing and will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years. Notwithstanding anything in this Memorandum of Understanding, either Participant may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by notifying the other party of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by a notice in writing at least one (1) month prior to its intention to do so. It may be extended on mutual agreement of both parties.

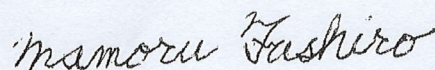
In witness whereof, the undersigned duly authorized have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in duplicate in English language.

Date: 30 June, 2026



Bakhtiyor Yuldashev  
Director  
NQAAE  
Uzbekistan

Date: 30 June, 2026



Marmoru Tashiro  
Executive Director  
JUAA  
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