

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
IN EDUCATION
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT
AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS
OF AUSTRALIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations of Australia and the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Korea and (hereinafter referred to as "Sides")

Noting the importance of education in national development, and the value of international cooperation and policy dialogue in education,

Have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1
Objective and Principles

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") intends to set out the general principles of mutual cooperation in the field of education, according to which the Sides may jointly identify areas of mutual interest and carry out cooperative activities on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.
2. This MOU will be carried out within the framework of the respective laws and regulations of the two countries and is not intended to create any legally binding rights or obligations.

Paragraph 2
Scope of Cooperation

1. Cooperative activities under this MOU will be carried out in the fields of early childhood, primary, secondary, higher and vocational education.
2. The Sides will endeavour to encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation in the field of education between the interested educational organisations and institutions of the two countries.
3. The Sides will encourage the following cooperative activities, in particular:
 - (a) the exchange of information on their respective educational systems and policies to assist in ongoing education reform and to facilitate the recognition of each other's vocational Certificates, and higher education Diplomas and Degrees and student/staff mobility;
 - (b) the exchange and professional development of officials, academics, scholars, teachers, experts, students and administrative staff;
 - (c) collaboration between education institutions of the two countries in joint delivery and research programs and publications, including exchange of research materials, publications and educational literature;

- (d) joint conferences, exhibitions and symposia on matters of mutual interest; and
- (e) other forms of cooperation in mutually determined and targeted areas, for example language education.

Paragraph 3
Implementation and Funding

1. The Sides will establish a joint committee for policy dialogue to regularly exchange information and experience on education challenges and reforms, and to identify priorities for bilateral cooperation in the field of education.
2. The cost of cooperative activities may be funded as mutually determined. All cooperative activities under this MOU will be subject to the availability of funds to the Sides.

Paragraph 4
Dispute Settlement

The Sides will consult together upon request of either side regarding any matter relating to the terms of this MOU and will endeavour jointly in a spirit of cooperation and mutual trust to resolve any difficulties or misunderstandings which may arise.

Paragraph 5
Amendment

This MOU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Sides.

Paragraph 6
Entry into Effect and Termination

1. This MOU will come into effect on the date of signature.
2. This MOU will remain in effect for an initial period of three (3) years and will be extended for successive periods of one (1) year, unless either side notifies the other side, in writing, of its intention to terminate this MOU at least three (3) months before the expiry date of the relevant period.

SIGNED in duplicate in Seoul on the 11th day of August 2008, in both English and Korean languages.

For the Department of
Education, Employment and Workplace
Relations of Australia



For the Ministry of
Education, Science and Technology
of the Republic of Korea


