

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
and
The Research Council of Lithuania

Recognizing the importance of international research cooperation, the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and the Research Council of Lithuania (RCL), hereafter referred to as the Parties, wish to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in order to further develop cooperation between Japanese and Lithuanian researchers.

Article I (Purpose, Fields of Cooperation)

The purpose of this MoU is to form sustainable scientific networks by bilateral research teams. The Parties, will, on a basis of scientific excellence, promote and support cooperation between highly qualified researchers affiliated with higher education institutions and research institutions in their respective countries in all fields of the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, including physical sciences, biomedical sciences, technology and agricultural sciences.

Article II (Forms of Cooperation)

The major activities under this program are:

- a) Joint Research Project
- b) Joint Seminar
- c) Other cooperative activities as may be mutually agreed upon

Article III (Practice)

Each Party will facilitate and fund the above-mentioned activities through its regular funding programs, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. The Parties will select research collaboration projects via consultation based on their respective review results of submitted proposals.

Article IV (Observance of Regulations)

The Parties will require participating researchers to abide by the laws of the respective countries and the regulations of the respective Parties and of the host institutions.

Article V (Intellectual Property Rights)

Intellectual property issues will be agreed upon by the researchers and their institutions. Acknowledgement of support received from the Parties should be made in any publication resulting from the funded research.

Article VI (Others)

Administrative procedures and implementation details not stipulated in this MoU shall be agreed upon separately and placed in the Addendum to the MoU or via correspondence.

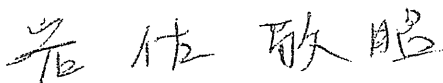
Article VII (Effectiveness of the Memorandum)

This MoU shall go into effect on the date of its signature and shall be automatically extended each year thereafter, unless a written notice of termination is given by either Party six months in advance. Further, the MoU may be amended at any time by mutual written agreement of the Parties. Termination of or significant amendment to this MoU shall not cause the completion of any ongoing, not-fully concluded activities at the time of such termination or amendment.

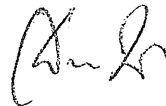
This MoU is written in English in two original copies and duly signed for and on behalf of the Parties.

Signed on September 13, 2016

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for
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**Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
and
The Research Council of Lithuania
on
Scientific Cooperation**

In accordance with the provision of article VI of the MoU between the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and The Research Council of Lithuania (RCL), both parties have agreed on the following joint guidelines for implementation.

1. Joint Research Project/Joint Seminar

(1) Purpose

The purpose of these activities is to further advance existing cooperation while establishing a concrete partnership between the two countries by supporting team-to-team collaboration.

(2) Format and Eligibility

Joint research projects and joint seminars are to be carried out by research teams comprising researchers from the two countries. The Japanese and Lithuanian team leaders must hold a position at a higher educational establishment or research institution in their respective countries.

(3) Number and Duration of Projects

<Joint Research Project>

Up to two (2) new projects will be selected each year. Each project will normally run for two years.

<Joint Seminar>

Up to one (1) seminar will be supported each year. It is to be held in either Japan or in Lithuania. The duration of the seminar will not exceed one week.

(4) Financial Support

<Joint Research Project>

Each party will bear the costs of the participants from its own country including the overseas airfares, daily allowance and limited amount of research expenses.

For each project, JSPS will provide annual funding of up to JPY2,500,000 to the Japanese team and RCL will provide up to 80 000 Euros to the Lithuanian team.

The following expenses will be covered in connection with the projects:

- International travel expenses between Japan and Lithuania
- Daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel expenses in the receiving country and the participants' own country
- Expenses related to conducting the research

RCL will cover the costs of accident/illness insurance.

<Joint Seminar>

For each seminar, JSPS will provide up to JPY2,500,000 to the Japanese team, and RCL will provide up to 20 000 Euros to the Lithuanian team.

The following expenses will be covered in connection with the seminars:

- The sending party will cover
 - International travel expenses between Japan and Lithuania
 - Daily allowance, accommodations, and domestic travel expenses in the host country
- The hosting party will cover
 - Domestic travel expenses, daily allowances, accommodations for the participants of its own country
 - Expenses related to holding the seminar

RCL will cover the costs of accident/illness insurance.

(5) Application procedure and Timetable

The leader of Japanese team should submit a joint application to JSPS and the leader of Lithuanian team to RCL.

The parties will conduct respective reviews of the applications. Based on their review results, Parties will make joint selections.

The time table will be as follows:

- (a) Call for applications: Issued in June of previous year
- (b) Deadline for submitting applications: Mid-September of previous year
- (c) Exchange lists of applications that meet the eligibility requirements: By the end of September of previous year
- (d) Exchange of respective review results: By the end of December of previous year
- (e) Selection decision and announcement: By the end of January of subject year

- (f) Start date: From April of subject year to March of following year
- (g) Submission of final reports: Upon completion of each project

(6) Review Criteria

The following criteria are to be taken into consideration when evaluating the applications.

- (a) Scientific excellence of the projects/seminars
- (b) Mutual advancement of research through the transfer of knowledge and expertise
- (c) Impact of outcomes on improving the quality of life, contributing to socioeconomic development, and/or solving prevailing social issues
- (d) Contribution to fostering young researchers
- (e) Feasibility and concreteness of the research plan and expectation of its advancing the research.

2. Others

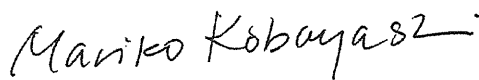
Communication with regard to the implementation of the above activities will be carried out between the International Program Department at JSPS and the International Programmes Unit of the Research Foundation at RCL.

Amendments to this Addendum may be proposed by either JSPS or RCL. Such amendments will become effective when JSPS and RCL have mutually agreed upon them, and will be made in both versions.

The validity of this Addendum to the MoU corresponds with the effective period of the MoU between JSPS and RCL.

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