Agreement of Cooperation

between

J. F. Oberlin University

Machida-shi, Tokyo, Japan

and

Brock University

St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada

J.F. Oberlin University (JFOU) and Brock University (BU) agree to formalize an Agreement of Cooperation to strengthen the international links between the two institutions.

ARTICLE I

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide a basis for promoting international and intercultural understanding and exchange between our two institutions. The goals aimed by this Agreement include, but are not limited to, the following:

To improve international understanding;
To increase international contacts;
To increase educational opportunities;
To enrich the educational environment of both universities;
To exchange information and cultural awareness about both countries.

ARTICLE II

The two institutions recognize and agree that:

A strong commitment to international collaboration in education and recognition that a close relationship is of mutual benefit;
Collaborative educational opportunities offered to our students, faculty and administration significantly enhance mutual understanding between our two societies;
The importance of on-going dialogue, consultation, and cooperative efforts in devising programs is to the benefit of our students, faculty and staff.

ARTICLE III

JFOU and BU agree to pursue and promote the following initiatives:

1. Exchange of faculty and staff for teaching, research, and professional development;
2. Student exchange for academic programs, language, and cultural experience;
3. Exchange visits of administrators;
4. Exchange of teaching and research resources;
5. Joint-effort undergraduate and graduate programs, including study-abroad programs, degree-articulation and degree completion programs, and other related initiatives, as agreed upon by both parties.
6. Further avenues of cooperation, such as short-term group exchanges, student internships, and other related initiatives, as agreed upon by both parties.

ARTICLE IV

Themes for collaborative activities will be further discussed and jointly developed for each specific project. The number and length of exchanges, cooperation, and financial arrangements will be negotiated on a project-by-project basis.

Neither institution (JFOU or BU) accepts any liability for accidents, injury or death occurring to student or faculty participants during the term of this agreement, nor any liability for debts or damages, including against loss or damage to any personal property, incurred by participant during the period of the agreement.

This Agreement is effective for a period of FIVE YEARS upon signing by representatives of both parties, and may be amended at any time by mutual consent of both institutions.

SIGNATURES

On behalf of
J. F. Oberlin University

Bruce Batten, Ph.D.
Vice President
International Relations

Date June 6, 2007

Toyoshi Satow
President & Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Date June 5, 2007

On behalf of
Brock University

Terry Boak, Ph.D.
Vice-President Academic and Provost

Date June 5/07

Jack N. Lightstone, Ph.D.
President & Vice-Chancellor

Date June 26 2007