MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

HOKKAIDO INFORMATION UNIVERSITY

AND

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereafter referred to as "MOU") is made on the day of January 2017.

BETWEEN

HOKKAIDO INFORMATION UNIVERSITY, Ebetsu, Hokkaido, 069-8585, Japan (hereafter referred to as "HIU")

AND

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND, Kingston, Rhode Island, 02881, USA (hereafter referred to as "URI")

WHEREAS

A. HIU and URI wish to develop academic exchanges and cooperation in teaching and research in furtherance of the advancement and dissemination of learning.

B. HIU and URI wish to cooperate to promote, facilitate and implement cooperation in the following programs and activities. The cooperation is not limited to these areas and could be expanded at will.

C. The areas of potential interest at this time include:

   - Computer Science
   - Computer Engineering
   - Nutritional Sciences
   - International Engineering Program and development of similar programs in other Areas

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1
AREAS OF COOPERATION

HIU and URI agree to the following goals and objectives in order to initiate the collaboration:

a) exchange of scientific, academic, and technical information, appropriate academic materials and other information of mutual interest;

b) academic exchanges, including mutual visits of faculty and students to pursue research and innovation opportunities on a reciprocal basis;

c) Identifying opportunities for exchange and cooperation, and joint research and development in disciplines of mutual interest;

d) Identifying opportunities for commercialization of technology;
e) organization and participation of joint academic and scientific activities such as seminars and conferences, and

f) exploring development and implementation of programs similar to the URI International engineering program (joint engineering and language degrees) to allow students from one university to learn languages and intern with corporate partners in another country.

ARTICLE 2
ARRANGEMENTS AND FUNDING

To implement the collaboration envisioned under this MOU, representatives of HIU and URI may meet periodically to negotiate and conclude project agreements and programs of cooperation, which meetings may include negotiations regarding the financing of such project agreements and programs of cooperation. Prior to the final agreements and the implementation of any projects or academic programs arising from this MOU, both HIU and URI must obtain the agreement in writing of their respective appropriate departments, which could include the Provost, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Research, the Vice President for Administration and Finance, and the Director of International Education. The appropriate signature will depend on the policies of each institution. With regards to individual projects and academic exchanges, where students are involved, an individual research agreement or a student exchange agreement detailing the nature of the students’ participation must be generated and approved as appropriate in addition to this overall MOU.

The financial arrangements, rights to intellectual property and arrangements regarding publications of articles arising out of each project agreement and program of cooperation will be in accordance with formal arrangements to be entered into in respect of each project arrangement and program of cooperation. HIU and URI acknowledge that in the absence of any specific arrangements to the contrary, all expenses of salary, travel, living and allied costs will be determined at the discretion of and will be the responsibility of the visitor’s home University.

ARTICLE 3
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HIU and URI will appoint representatives to manage and oversee the joint management activities. The representatives of HIU and URI may meet as and when necessary to review progress in the implementation of the agreed arrangements, define new areas for agreements and programs of cooperation as well as discussing matters related to this MOU.

ARTICLE 4
ADHERENCE TO LAWS

Staff and students of either University involved in any activities under this MOU shall adhere to the laws of the host country and the applicable rules, regulations and procedures of the host University when attending, studying, teaching or performing research at and under the auspices of the host University.
ARTICLE 5
AMENDMENTS

This MOU may only be amended by mutual agreement evidenced in writing by a duly authorized representative from each of HIU and URI.

ARTICLE 6
TERM OF AGREEMENT

This MOU shall commence on the date of its execution by the last signature of HIU and URI. This MOU shall remain in force for a period of five years and may be renewed upon its expiry, with the agreement of both parties. If any project or program under this MOU remains dormant for three (3) consecutive years, it will be deemed to have lapsed.

Either HIU or URI may cancel this MOU by giving six (6) months notice, in writing, to the other. The termination of this MOU shall not affect the implementation of the projects or programs established under it prior to such termination.

ARTICLE 7
LEGAL STATUS

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating any legal relationship between the two collaborating Universities. This MOU is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation.

HOKKAIDO INFORMATION UNIVERSITY

Takashi Fuji
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DATE: March 3, 2017

DATE: March 8, 2017