

**AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
ISTITUTO UNIVERSITARIO ORIENTALE
AND
RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY**

ISTITUTO UNIVERSITARIO ORIENTALE and RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY, wishing to enhance relations between the two universities and to develop academic and cultural interchange in the areas of education, research, and other related cultural activities, agree to cooperate and work together toward the internationalization of higher education.

The areas of cooperation will include any program offered at either university which is determined to be desirable and feasible for the achievement of these objectives. However, any specific program will be subject to the availability of funds and the mutual agreement of the universities. Such programs may include:

- a. Exchange of faculty members
- b. Exchange of students
- c. Joint research projects
- d. Joint conferences
- e. Joint cultural programs
- f. Exchange of publications and research materials

The terms of such mutual assistance and cooperation shall be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the appropriate responsible officers of both parties prior to the implementation of any particular program or activity.

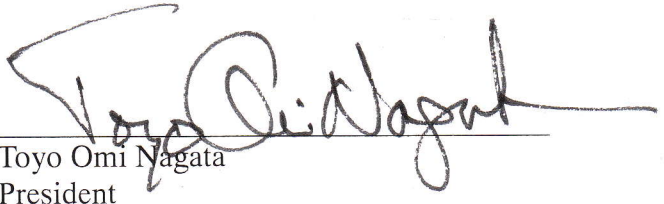
The Ritsumeikan Trust plans to open Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University on April 1, 2000. This agreement is initially effective between Istituto Universitario Orientale and Ritsumeikan University, and will be effective between Istituto Universitario Orientale and both Ritsumeikan University and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University from the date of establishment of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

This agreement will be effective from the date of signature for an initial period of five years. Thereafter, it shall be automatically extended for an additional period of five years at each expiration date unless either party provides written notice to terminate the agreement a minimum of six months prior to the expiration date.

Mario Agrimi
Presidente
Istituto Universitario Orientale

Date: _____

Mario Agrimi
March 2, 2000



Toyo Omi Nagata
President
Ritsumeikan University
The Ritsumeikan Trust

Date: _____

Toyo Omi Nagata
Feb 2, 2000

**AGREEMENT FOR STUDENT EXCHANGE
BETWEEN
ISTITUTO UNIVERSITARIO ORIENTALE
AND
RITSUMEIKAN UNIVERSITY**

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into between Istituto Universitario Orientale, Napoli, Italy, and Ritsumeikan University (hereafter Ritsumeikan), Kyoto, Japan, is made pursuant to the Agreement of Cooperation between the two universities. Both parties hereby agree that:

1. The exchange program shall be administered through the Office of International Affairs, Istituto Universitario Orientale, and the Office of International Affairs, Ritsumeikan University.
2. Each university may in principle nominate one or two undergraduate or graduate students for exchange each year; however, this number may vary in any given year provided a balance of exchanges is attained over the term of the agreement.
3. The normal period of exchange shall be in principle one academic year; however, permission for exchange for the period of one semester may be granted upon the mutual agreement of both universities.
4. Nominees must have completed at least two years of study at the home university prior to commencing the exchange period, with an overall GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 ("B" average) and 28/30 for students from the Istituto Universitario Orientale. Yet According to the regulations of each university, nominees might be requested to have completed more than one year of study. While university students nominated by the home university will normally be accepted for exchange by the host university, the host university reserves the right to review the applications of nominees and make final decisions concerning admission.
5. Istituto Universitario Orientale will forward to Ritsumeikan each year by the end of November for spring semester admission or the end of April for fall semester admission, the appropriate documents required by Ritsumeikan of the student(s) nominated for exchange. Ritsumeikan will inform Istituto Universitario Orientale of the final admission decision at the earliest possible time.
6. Ritsumeikan will forward to Istituto Universitario Orientale each year by the end of June for annual admission or fall semester admission, or by the end of November for spring semester admission (for faculties and courses having a semestral system), the appropriate documents required by Istituto Universitario Orientale of the student(s) nominated for exchange. Istituto Universitario Orientale will inform Ritsumeikan of the final admission decision at the earliest possible time.
7. Each host institution will issue the appropriate documents for visa purposes in accordance with current national laws. It is the responsibility of the individual student(s) to obtain a visa in a timely manner.
8. Students accepted for exchange will be enrolled as non-degree full-time students. Istituto Universitario Orientale students at Ritsumeikan will normally be enrolled in courses offered by the One Year Program; however, those with suitable proficiency in the Japanese language may enroll in regular courses offered by Ritsumeikan, subject to the usual policies and regulations of Ritsumeikan. Ritsumeikan students at Istituto Universitario Orientale will normally be enrolled in courses offered by "Laurea degree courses" according to their proficiency in the Italian language, Ritsumeikan students may attend, free of charge, also intensive courses of Italian language for foreign students organized by C.I.L.A. (Interfaculty Center for Audio and video Labs).

9. Any academic credit received during the course of the program at the host institution may be transferred to the home institution in accordance with the appropriate regulations of the home institution.
10. Participating students will pay normal tuition and fees to the home institution in accordance with the policies of that university. Neither university will make charges upon the other or upon the exchange students for tuition or application fees.
11. Participating students will be responsible for making their international travel arrangements and the associated costs, as well as for expenses associated with room, board, study materials, local transportation, student health insurance, medical care, personal matters, and passport/visa applications.
12. Each host university will assume responsibility for arranging accommodation for the exchange students.
13. Both universities agree to work together toward the integration of exchange students from Istituto Universitario Orientale into Japanese student life and the integration of exchange students from Ritsumeikan into Italian student life.
14. Each institution reserves the right to dismiss any participating student at any time for conduct in violation of their established rules and regulations. The dismissal of a participant shall not abrogate the agreement or the arrangements regarding other participants.
15. Upon completion of the study term at the host university, participating students must return to the home university. No extension of stay will be authorized unless otherwise specifically agreed upon by the home institution.
16. This agreement may be modified through the mutual discussion and consent of the two universities, and shall remain in effect from the date of signature for an initial period of five years. Thereafter, it shall be automatically renewed each year; however, after the initial period either university may terminate the agreement by giving six months written notice of such intent.

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