## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI L'ORIENTALE, ITALY AND HIROSAKI UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale (hereafter referred to as "UniOr") and Hirosaki University, [Hirosaki, Aomori, Japan] (hereafter referred to as "HU") enter into this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") for the purpose of strengthening, expanding and enriching cooperation in higher education that will make collaborative programs and activities possible. HU and UniOr are referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

Collaborative programs and activities may include the following:

- Exchange of faculty for teaching, including joint research and development projects
- Exchange of students
- Exchange of research output and materials in fields of mutual interest; and,
- Participation in joint international conferences, seminars, lectures, various forms of faculty training and development, and similar academic meetings.

The specific terms of this MOU do not preclude the development of future collaborative ventures or projects not mentioned in this document.

This MOU implies that activities to be started in order to realize the aforementioned objectives shall be determined in each case through a particular Supplemental Agreement in accordance with the rules and regulations of each Party, and subject to available funding sources on the part of each of the two Parties. Each Supplemental Agreement will be appended to this MOU as a schedule, and the terms of the Supplemental Agreement will control the administration of the activity described. To the extent that the MOU and the Supplemental Agreement are ever determined to be inconsistent, the language of the Supplemental Agreement shall be deemed controlling for the purposes of the activity described in that Supplemental Agreement.

Representatives of the Parties to this MOU shall consult each other at periodic intervals to review the implementation of collaborative programs and to propose other mutually beneficial programs. Any amendment or modification of the terms in this MOU shall be done only by means of a written agreement signed by both Parties.

Both parties agree to treat information received from the other party as confidential and shall not disclose it to third parties without the prior written consent of the other unless it is already published.

Both parties shall manage personal information appropriately and not use it for improper purposes.

If intellectual property is created under this agreement, the handling of the rights

shall be decided in consultation with the affiliated party. Both parties shall not violate the protection of intellectual property rights, confidentiality obligations, or the legitimate interests of the owner(s) of the results.

This MOU shall become effective on the day both Parties have signed the document, and shall remain in effect for five (5) years from that date or until terminated in writing by the Parties hereto, whichever shall come first. It will be automatically renewed every five years unless either Party notifies the other of its intent to terminate. Upon any such termination, any activity that may have commenced at either Party pursuant to a Supplemental Agreement before the effective date of termination may be completed, and the applicable terms of the MOU and the applicable Supplemental Agreement shall continue to govern the activity.

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior discussions, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or in writing.

Each Party shall designate a person or office to serve as liaison for implementing this MOU. For HU, the contact person will be the Director of the Department of International Education & Collaboration or his/her designee. For UniOr, the contact person will be the Director of the Center for International Affairs or his/her designee.

Any notice to either Party hereunder must be in writing signed by the Party giving it, and shall be served either personally or by registered or certified mail, or by overnight or expedited delivery service, addressed as follows:

## To Hirosaki University:

Hirosaki University Department of International Education & Collaboration 1 Bunkyo-cho, Hirosaki, Aomori 036-8560 Japan

## To Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale:

Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale Ufficio Relazioni Internazionali e mobilità studentesca Via Nuova Marina 59 80133 Napoli - Italy

or to such other addressee as may be hereafter designated by written notice. All such notices shall be effective only when received by the addressee.

Hirosaki University and Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale have executed this MOU as of the day both Parties have signed this document.

HIROSAKI UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI L'ORIENTALE Dr. Shinsaku Fukuda President

Date Mark / 2024

Prof. Roberto Tottoli

Rector

