Memorandum of Understanding

between the

Ministry of Education, Republic of China (Taiwan)

(hereafter “MOE”)

and the

Washington University in St. Louis

(hereafter “WUSTL”)

on the establishment of the

Taiwan Washington University Scholarship

1) The scheme

MOE and WUSTL agree to collaborate in a scheme of scholarships for postgraduate students at the Washington University in St. Louis. The scholarships will be known as the Taiwan Washington University Scholarships.

2) Objective

To support Taiwanese students of outstanding talents on PhD degree courses at Washington University in St. Louis.

3) Number of scholarships

Up to five (5) scholarships may be awarded each year.

4) Fields of study

Scholarships are tenable in all fields of study.

5) Conditions of eligibility

Applicants should be ROC citizens normally resident in Taiwan, although those currently studying outside Taiwan are not excluded.

Applicants should gain admission to Washington University in St. Louis in the normal way.
6) **Value of scholarship**

Each scholarship will be normally for three (3) years, but can be extended to four (4) years upon request, and will cover:

- University tuition fee for foreign students;
- An annual stipend, at a rate which shall not be less than the minimum for foreign students prescribed by Washington University in St. Louis.

Scholarships are tenable at any College/School at Washington University in St. Louis.

7) **Application and selection procedures**

Applicants must apply to the MOE before the required deadline.

Applicants must also apply to Washington University, before January 31 in the year prior to that in which they wish to start their degree course at Washington University. Final decisions on admission to Washington University will be the sole responsibility of the University, and no award will be made to an applicant who has not already gained admission.

Joint selection of scholars will be made by MOE and WUSTL before the end of March each year.

8) **Costs and administration**

The total costs of each scholarship will be divided in the ratio 1:1 between MOE and WUSTL.

MOE will be responsible for the administration of the scheme in Taiwan, and WUSTL will be responsible for the administration of the scheme in Washington University.

WUSTL will be responsible for the payment of the scholarships, and will submit to MOE an annual invoice, in the autumn term of each academic year, for its contribution to those costs. The MOE’s share of the costs will be transferred to WUSTL via MOE’s office in the US, the Cultural Division of the Taipei Representative Office in Houston, TX, USA.

The detailed working procedures will be discussed between MOE and WUSTL from time to time, as required.

9) **Promotion and publicity**

MOE and WUSTL will promote the scholarship jointly and as widely as possible. Both parties will be recognized in all promotional material.

10) **Duration of scholarship scheme**

The scheme will commence in August 2012, and run for five (5) years in the first instance. The scheme will be reviewed annually, and any renewal will be agreed by both parties by August 1st of its fifth year.

The agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason on or before March 1st each year. Upon termination or expiry of the agreement, the parties will remain responsible under the terms of the agreement for the funding of students who have already started their degree program at Washington University, until completion of their scholarships.
11) **Duration of individual scholarships**

The continuation of each scholarship for its full three years or four years is conditional upon the scholar making satisfactory progress in his/her studies.

12) **Memorandum of Understanding**

This document is intended for the mutually satisfactory operation of the scholarship scheme. It does not constitute a legally binding agreement.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective authority, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in the English and Chinese languages, with both versions having equal validity.

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