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Dear Professor Miyahara

RE: Agreement of Co-operation in Higher Education

I am writing to you regarding the signed Agreements on Co-operation in Higher Education between the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (AVCC) and The Japanese Association of the Conferences of Universities for International Exchange (JACUIE) and The Japanese Association of National Universities (JANU).

I have attached a copy of the signed Agreement on Co-operation in Higher Education between the AVCC and JANU which is due for renewal in July 2006. This is a broad agreement that states that our organisations will work together to promote academic links and develop co-operation between universities in Australia and Japan.

In addition to this Agreement the AVCC also had signed a joint statement on Co-operation between Universities in Australia and Japan with JACUIE. This agreement was a specific statement that confirmed our organisations would work together to conduct the second Australia-Japan Higher Education forum. As you know, this meeting was held in Sydney in May 2006. The success of this meeting lead to the agreement that a third Japan - Australia Presidents Meeting should be scheduled in 2008 and will be held in Japan.

Given that the AVCC agreement with JANU will soon expire and the joint statement on co-operation with JACUIE has expired, it is timely that the AVCC review the agreements we have with Japanese universities. The AVCC values the strong link and co-operation that exists between our organisations and the intention is to maintain and continue to build this relationship. To achieve this, it is important that the AVCC does have in place a formal agreement with the peak Higher Education body in Japan and it is in relation to this that I seek your response.

The AVCC proposes that, rather than having the two separate agreements with JACUIE and JANU, it has one agreement that encompasses each of the Japanese educational bodies. I propose, subject to your agreement, that the AVCC sign an Agreement on Co-operation in Higher Education with JACUIE as JACUIE is the umbrella organisation for the four university peak bodies in Japan. I would also seek that this agreement has one signature from the AVCC and one signature from JACUIE on behalf of the four university peak bodies.

I believe that signing one Agreement on Co-operation in Higher Education that is signed by JACUIE and the AVCC will simplify our formal agreement signing procedures, now and again in the future when

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it is time to renew the agreement. I also believe that this type of agreement would not affect the level of collaboration between the AVCC, JACUIE and JANU. Under this arrangement a specific agreement would not be signed with JANU, however the AVCC would maintain the strong links it has developed and values with JANU and views that this connection is an integral component of the agreement of co-operation with JACUIE.

I look forward to your reply on the AVCC's proposal and I am very happy to consider any alternative suggestions from JACUIE and JANU. Regardless of the type of agreement in place the AVCC anticipates the strong relationship that currently exists between our organisations and the universities in Japan and Australia will remain and continue to develop.

I am keen to progress the signing of any new agreement so that we can ensure the continued development of the relationships between our bodies, our universities and our countries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Mullarvey", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

John Mullarvey
Chief Executive Officer



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JACUIE

*Japan Committee of Universities
for International Exchange*

AGREEMENT ON CO-OPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

between

**Council of
Australia's University
Presidents**

**Japan Committee
of Universities for
International Exchange**

The Council of Australia's University Presidents and the Japan Committee for University International Exchange (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") wishing to co-operate in the promotion of academic links between their two countries, in the interests of the universities in both countries, make the following agreement:

ARTICLE 1

Purpose

- 1.1 Under this agreement the Parties intend to promote co-operation which will advance university teaching, research, scholarship and management in their member institutions.
- 1.2 All member institutions of the Parties shall be eligible for consideration as participants in the program of co-operative activities.

ARTICLE 2

Fields of Co-operation

- 2.1 Co-operation between the Parties will involve the following areas:
 - information sharing
 - staff and student exchanges
 - mutual recognition of qualifications
 - staff development
 - researcher exchange programs
 - university management
- 2.2 Further areas for co-operation may be agreed upon from time to time.

ARTICLE 3

Implementation

- 3.1 To implement this agreement the Parties will establish a Joint Working Group. The Joint Working Group shall consider and approve the program of activities for co-operation under the agreement. Meetings of the Joint Working Group shall be held alternately in India and Australia as required.

ARTICLE 4

Duration

- 4.1 This agreement shall be valid for 5 years from the date of signing. Amendments to the agreement shall come into effect after the Parties have agreed in writing.

Professor Gerard Sutton
President

Professor Hideo Miyahara
Chairman

**Council of Australia's University
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**Japan Committee of Universities for
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