

AGREEMENT OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN

AND

THE GENE RESEARCH CENTER, THE UNIVERSITY OF TSUKUBA

THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN (FASE-UT)

AND

THE GENE RESEARCH CENTER, THE UNIVERSITY OF TSUKUBA

(GRC-UT) hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties",

CONSIDERING that the mission of the FASE-UT is to contribute to the safe and responsible deployment and application of modern biotechnology through research, education and capacity development in Iran and in the region,

CONSIDERING that GRC-UT, an institution of higher education, actively continues to maintain its traditions of liberal and academic freedom;

CONSIDERING the common desire of the Parties to promote academic exchange and cooperation by carrying out multidisciplinary research, advanced training and dissemination of knowledge contributing for global development and peace;

HAVE AGREED on the followings:

1. This Agreement is to develop academic and educational cooperation on the basis of equality and reciprocity and to promote relations and mutual understanding between the Parties. The Parties shall cooperate with each other in areas of mutual interest on agricultural sciences emphasizing biological resources and biotechnology, including the:
 - exchange of academic, administrative staff, and students;
 - plans for joint research and meetings for research;
 - exchange of academic materials, publications, and information; and
 - identification and development of other cooperative activities of common interest for the mutual benefit of the Parties.

2. The implementation of this Agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by the Parties. Concrete terms and methods related to specific areas of cooperation shall be negotiated and agreed upon in a separate exchange of letters, including matters pertaining to intellectual property rights and funding.
3. This Agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. Nothing in this Agreement, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either Party, nor will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the Agreement.
4. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date when the representatives of both Parties affix their signatures to the Agreement and shall be valid for a period of five (5) years. This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent in writing any time at the request of either Party.
5. This Agreement will be renewed automatically unless either of the parties declares the termination of this MoU.
6. This Agreement may cease to be in force by either Party giving six months prior notice in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, undersigned duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in the English language in TSUKUBA on January 1, 2014

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Signed On behalf of the Director

