

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION
PROGRAMME
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND SPORTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CROATIA
AND
JAPAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY**

The Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter referred to as “MSES”) and Japan Science and Technology Agency (hereinafter referred to as “JST”), recognizing the desire of the scientists and research communities in the two countries to further strengthen scientific cooperation, have decided to commence a new programme for the joint funding of Croatian - Japanese research cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “the Programme”).

JST intends to apply its “Strategic International Cooperative Programme” which is being implemented by its Department of International Affairs together with the Directorate for International Cooperation and European Integration of the MSES.

Article I

The Programme will promote research cooperation in the scientific fields which both sides consider important in order to achieve science and technology innovation.

The fields will be selected by mutual consent of MSES and JST (hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”).

Article II

The Programme aims to support collaborative activities such as:

- 1) joint seminars, symposia and other scientific meetings;
- 2) personnel exchanges;
- 3) preparatory visits for planning and formulating joint research projects and seminars in the final stage;
- 4) other cooperative activities as may be mutually agreed upon.

Article III

The collaborative activities to be carried out under the Programme should meet the following requirements:

- All collaborative activities must be of a high scientific standard and beneficial to the advancement of science and technology.
- Each collaborative activity should be significant from a scientific point of view and as a suitable project for bilateral cooperation.
- All cooperation under the Programme should be performed on the basis of mutuality and equality.

Article IV

The Programme will conform to the Joint Guidelines agreed by the Participants.

Article V

The Programme is subject to the budgets available to each Participant and the applicable laws and regulations in each country.

Article VI

This Memorandum will be valid for a period of five (5) years and will subsequently extend thereafter annually, unless a written notice of termination has been given by either Participant, six (6) months in advance. In case of termination of this Memorandum, any activities still in progress or already approved jointly under the terms of this Memorandum will be implemented until completion thereof.

Article VII

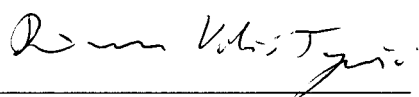
This Memorandum will come into force from the date of its signature by the representatives of the Participants.

Article VIII

This Memorandum may be modified by mutual consent of the Participants.

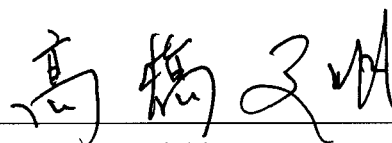
Signed in Split on March 27, 2009 in two originals in English, both texts being equally valid.

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