
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

WAKAYAMA UNIVERSITY



AND

ÇANAKKALE ONSEKİZ MART UNIVERSITY



Memorandum of Understanding**Wakayama University and Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University**

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter referred to as "this MoU") made

BETWEEN

WAKAYAMA UNIVERSITY, a Japanese National University Corporation, operating a university registered under the National University Corporation Act no. 112 of 2003, and having a registered address at Sakaedani 930, Wakayama City 640-8510, Japan, (hereinafter referred to as "WU") of the one part;

AND

ÇANAKKALE ONSEKIZ MART UNIVERSITY, a Turkish National university, operating a university under the Turkish Higher Education Law No. 2547, and having a registered address at Barbaros Mahallesi, 17020 Çanakkale Merkez/Çanakkale, Türkiye (hereinafter referred to as "ÇOMU") of the other part."

WU and ÇOMU, being hereinafter referred to individually as "the Party" and collectively, jointly, and severally as "the Parties".

WHEREAS

There is a desire from both Parties to cooperate with a view of the achievement of their common objectives, in particular the promotion of educational and research activities, on the basis of the principle of equality and mutual benefit, and in conformity with the relevant laws and regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS**1. OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework for cooperation between the Parties to foster international education, promote collaborative research, facilitate cross-cultural understanding, and engage in activities of mutual interest to ensure the achievement of strategic plans, and enhancement of human resources in accordance with the respective laws and regulation of the countries of both Parties.

2. ACTIVITIES

The Parties shall endeavour to develop and liaise on collaboration activities and general activities that promote collaboration pursuant to their objectives and in accordance with the terms of this MoU.

2.1. Collaboration Activities

The Parties agree to promote collaboration on the educational and research initiatives described in Addendum-I (hereinafter referred to as “Collaboration Activities”). With mutual agreement, the Parties may revise or amend Addendum-I in writing to include further initiatives or exclude existing ones over the course or upon renewal of this MoU.

2.2. General Activities

The general activities pursued by both parties may include, but are not limited, to:

- (i) planning joint activities in areas of mutual interest to both Parties;
- (ii) collecting, disseminating, and exchanging information on matters of interest to the Parties;
- (iii) implementing specific actions aimed at facilitating joint activities that provide societies with better information to promote cross-cultural engagement and mutual understanding;
- (iv) sharing of information, educational materials, and resources to enhance knowledge;
- (v) organizing various forms of cooperation, including meetings between the two Parties on regular basis;
- (vi) evaluating the effectiveness of the cooperation between the Parties on periodical basis.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1. Collaboration activities beyond the exchange of information and faculty exchange visits shall be agreed upon by the Parties in writing and described in a project agreement, (hereinafter referred to as Project Agreement) before the commencement of each activity. The Project Agreement signed by the representatives of both Parties shall describe the objectives, expected outcomes, scope, and work plan of the proposed activity, staff requirements, estimated costs, budget allocations, and other mutual obligations not included in this MoU.
- 3.2. The Project Agreement shall provide explicit definitions of institutional obligations and financial costs for each activity. The activities described in the Project Agreement must follow the institutional guidelines in place for each Party and conform to its policies and procedures. No Party shall incur financial liabilities resulting from the actions of the other party without prior agreement.
- 3.3. The Parties shall endeavor to identify and secure, to the extent allowed by law in their respective countries, the necessary internal resources and any outside funding which may be needed and pledged under the terms of this MoU.
- 3.4. The Project Agreement is a legally binding and separate contract, which derives from the prior arrangement by both Parties to enter into this MoU. No provisions in the separate Project Agreements shall contradict or amend the general terms of this MoU.

3.5. The Parties hereby designate their representatives (the names, titles, and coordinates of these focal points are provided in Addendum II), with overall responsibility to oversee the proper implementation of this MoU, including the development and formulation of the collaborative activities agreed upon in writing and described in Project Agreements.

4. PERSONAL DATA AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**4.1. Personal Data Protection and Accuracy**

The Parties agree to the collection and processing of Personal Data solely for the purposes of the activities set out in this MoU, and for other undertakings that are necessary or incidental to the implementation of this MoU. The Parties shall endeavor to provide accurate and complete Personal Data and promptly update each Party in the event of any significant changes. Where necessary, the disclosure and transfer of Personal Data to third parties authorized by each Party are conditional on the commitment of these third parties to protect and keep such Personal Data confidential. For the purposes of this Clause, third parties are inclusive of each Party's affiliates, advisors, or associated companies, whose contributions are deemed necessary to the implementation of this MoU. The disclosing Party shall obtain prior consent from the relevant individuals to disclose such Personal Data to the other Party in accordance with the terms of this MoU.

4.2. Confidential Information

For the purposes of this MoU, Confidential Information is not inclusive of information made public or made available by a third party without breach of the terms of this MoU or restrictions on disclosure. Confidential Information made available by one Party in the course of implementing this MoU shall be accessed by officers and employees of the other Party on a need-to-know basis, and shall not be used for purposes other than those set out in this MoU. The Parties shall not disclose, disseminate, reproduce or transfer to a third party unless authorized by the other Party in writing or required by law or injunction from competent courts.

5. CONFORMITY WITH THE RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Parties must comply with all applicable laws and policies in their respective countries, including those prohibiting discrimination, misconduct, and harassment. The Parties must ensure that no person shall, on the grounds of disability, religion, race, ethnicity, national origin or ancestry, sex, age, or marital status, be excluded from participating into the collaboration activities agreed under the terms of this MoU. Any breach of laws, regulations and covenants may result in the termination of this MoU. Any disputes arising from the implementation of this MoU shall be settled on amicable and friendly basis.

6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**6.1. Intellectual Property**

Intellectual property rights over any joint work created by the Parties' collaborative activities under this MoU shall be jointly held by the Parties. The Parties acknowledge that this MoU does not grant any Party license of use or rights over the intellectual property held by the other Party over work created outside the framework of this MoU. The use of trademarks and/or denominations representative of either Party is strictly prohibited without written consent, but the Parties agree to permit the free use of names for the purposes of promoting this MoU and implementation of Collaboration Activities.

6.2. Exchange of General Information

The institutional features and general information about both Parties are provided in Addendum-III and in Addendum-IV for WU, and ÇOMU, respectively. Parties are encouraged to share information about any significant change in status or modus operandi by amending or revising their respective General Information Forms on timely and accurate basis.

6.3. Communication

To facilitate communication, this MoU is written and duplicated in the English language, which shall be also used in the conclusion of related Project Agreements. Future translations will be equal in establishing the mutual obligations and rights of the Parties.

7. TERM AND RENEWAL

7.1. Initial Term and Renewal

This MoU shall be in effect for a period of five (5) years from the date of its last signature by the Parties, and it is subject to renewal by tacit agreement. Upon expiration of the initial term, each term shall automatically renew for successive periods of the same duration as the initial term unless either party gives written notice of termination according to Clause 7.3.

7.2. Amendments

Either Party may request amendments to this MoU. The terms and conditions of this MoU may not be changed, altered or modified except in writing signed by the authorized signatories of both Parties wherein specific reference is made to this MoU.

7.3. Termination

The Parties may request the termination of this MoU, in writing, at least one hundred eighty (180) calendar days prior to the effective date of expiration. Unless agreed otherwise in writing, any activities in progress at the time of termination shall be permitted to conclude as planned in the legally binding Project Agreements undertaken by the Parties under the terms of Article 3.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MoU to be executed in duplicate originals by their respective authorized representatives as of the date of its last signature.

Signed by
for and on behalf of
WAKAYAMA UNIVERSITY

Mitsugi Motoyama
PROF. MOTOYAMA Mitsugi

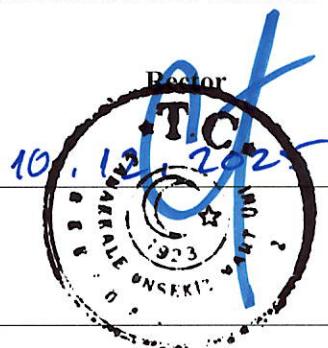
President

1. Dec, 2025

in the presence of _____

Signed by
for and on behalf of
ÇANAKKALE ONSEKIZ MART UNIVERSITY

PROF. ERENOĞLU Ramazan Cüneyt



in the presence of _____

ADDENDUM-I

(referred to under Clause 2.1)

The activities for collaboration between the Parties are described in this Addendum (to be referred hereinafter as “Collaboration Activities”). This Addendum may be modified and revised from time to time by mutual agreement by the Parties in writing, in order to add new Collaboration Activities or exclude any existing ones during the course of the implementation of this MoU.

The Parties agree to cooperate on a best endeavour basis in undertaking the Collaboration Activities:

1. Promotion of Student exchange and mobility programmes;
2. Collaborative research and publications;
3. Faculty exchange programme;
4. Development of joint programmes, including summer and winter school programmes;
5. Staff professional development;
6. Exchange visits of academic and teaching staff;
7. Exchange of technical information and promotion activities;
8. Collaboration on any potential areas of mutual interest to achieve shared aims with the framework of academic and professional partnership.

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ADDENDUM-II

(referred to under Clause 3.5)

Parties Representatives

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ADDENDUM-III*(referred to under Clause 6.1)***GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT WAKAYAMA UNIVERSITY**

Name of Institution	Wakayama University
Type of Institution	National University Corporation
Foundation Date	May 1949
Address	Sakaedani 930, Wakayama 640-8510, Japan
Homepage	www.wakayama-u.ac.jp
President Name	Prof. Dr. MOTOYAMA Mitsugi
Main Undergraduate Degree Programs	Faculty of Education Faculty of Economics Faculty of Systems Engineering Faculty of Tourism School of Socio-Informatics
Main Postgraduate Degree Programs	Graduate School of Education Graduate School of Economics Graduate School of Systems Engineering Graduate School of Tourism
Main Research and Education Centers	Center for Tourism Research Center for Japanology Studies Center for Disaster Science & Resilience Collaborative Development Institute of Kishu Economic and Culture History Center for Innovative and Joint Research Center for Food and Agriculture Research and Education
Number of Faculty & Administrative Staff	Faculty 362 Administrative Staff 139
Student Enrollment	Undergraduate Students 3967 Postgraduate Students 511

Principal reasons for MoU conclusion with Partnering Institution

The intended collaboration activities include the following.

- Student exchange programme and student mobility
- Collaborative research and publications
- Development of joint programmes, including summer and winter school programmes

Past or ongoing collaborative activities, if any, with Partnering Institution

An inter-university agreement was first established in 2014 through the Mevlana Exchange Program. Since then, student exchanges took place in both directions. The agreement expired and was not renewed at the time, but has now been reactivated through renewed discussions.

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ADDENDUM-IV*(referred to under Clause 6.1)***GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ÇANAKKALE ONSEKIZ MART UNIVERSITY**

Name of Institution	Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University
Type of Institution	Public University
Foundation Date	1992
Address	Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Terzioğlu Campus, Barbaros Mahallesi, 17100, Çanakkale, Türkiye
Homepage	http://www.comu.edu.tr
President Name	Prof. Dr. R. Cüneyt Erenoğlu
Main Undergraduate Degree Programs	Faculty of Agriculture Faculty of Applied Sciences at Biga Faculty of Applied Sciences at Çanakkale Faculty of Architecture and Design Faculty of Communication Faculty of Dentistry Faculty of Economics and Administrative Science at Biga Faculty of Education Faculty of Engineering Faculty of Fine Arts Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty of Marine Sciences and Technology Faculty of Medicine Faculty of Music and Performing Arts Faculty of Political Sciences Faculty of Science Faculty of Sport Sciences Faculty of Theology Faculty of Tourism School of Applied Sciences at Çan School of Applied Sciences at Gökçeada School of Foreign Languages
Main Postgraduate Degree Programs	School of Graduate Studies Natural And Applied Sciences Educational Sciences Health Sciences Social Sciences
Main Research and Education Centers	Oral and Dental Health Application and Research Center Academic Ethics Application and Research Center Astrophysics Research Center-Ulupınar Observatory Atatürk and Çanakkale Wars Research Center

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	<p>Fight Against Addiction Application and Research Center Balkan and Aegean Application and Research Center Science and Technology Application Center Çanakkale Ceramics Research and Application Center Child Education Application and Research Center Experimental Research Application and Research Center Sea Turtles Application and Research Center Earthquake Research Application and Research Center Disadvantaged Children Application and Research Center Handicraft Application and Research Center Energy Resources Research and Application Center Disabled Athlete Education Application and Research Center Traditional Turkish Sports and Games Application and Research Center Ibrahim Bodur Entrepreneurship Application and Research Center Women and Family Studies Application and Research Center Music Application and Research Center Health Practice and Research Center Healthy and Active Aging Studies Application and Research Center Non-Governmental Organizations Application and Research Center Sports Sciences Application and Research Center Underwater Research and Application Center Regularly Education Center Tourism Application and Research Center Turkish World Values Application and Research Center Turkish Islamic Culture and Arts Practice and Research. Central Turkish Teaching Application and Research Center Türkiye-Australian Studies Research and Application Center Türkiye-Russia Cooperation in Research and Application Center Remote Sensing Research and Application Center Distance Education Application and Research Center Gifted Application and Research Center Mentally Disabled Children Education Application and Research Center</p>
Number of Faculty & Administrative Staff	2.050 ACADEMIC S. 2.327 ADMINISTRATIVE S.
Student Enrollment	48.309
<i>Principal reasons for MoU conclusion with Wakayama University</i>	
This MoU aims to build a new academic partnership between Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University and Wakayama University. The collaboration will focus on:	

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- Student exchange and mobility programs
 - Joint research projects and publications
 - Developing joint programs like summer and winter schools
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Past or ongoing collaborative activities, if any, with Wakayama University

A bilateral international cooperation agreement was first established in 2014 under the Mevlana Exchange Program, enabling mutual student exchanges. Although no formal MoU or MoA existed at the time, collaboration took place. The agreement expired, and during the pandemic period, the Mevlana Program was suspended by the Turkish Higher Education Council (YÖK) and remains inactive. However, the partnership has now been revived through renewed discussions.

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Agreement for Cooperation on Student Exchange
Between
Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Türkiye
And
Wakayama University, Japan

Based on the “Memorandum of Understanding between Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University and Wakayama University”, signed on [10 / 12 / 2025], Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, hereafter referred to as ÇOMU, and Wakayama University, hereafter referred to as WU, agree to the following, in order to promote cooperation in the field of student exchange.

1. Purpose

The purpose of the student exchange program is to enable students to take courses (classes) or overseas internship offered at the host institution. The courses given at the host institution will normally be accepted as credits for the degree at the student's home institution in which he/she is enrolled. It will be the responsibility of each student in the exchange program to obtain an official approval from his/her own institution for courses taken at the host institution.

In view of the nature of this program, the exchange students shall be considered non-degree/non-regular students.

2. Terms of Exchange

Unless otherwise agreed to in written form, the student exchange shall follow the academic calendar year of each institution. The period of exchange will be up to one year.

Each host institution shall notify the partner as to the acceptance of the nominated students within 30 days after having received applications.

A. Number of Students: Under the provisions listed below, ÇOMU and WU will select a maximum of 2 students (either undergraduate or graduate) for each academic year, beginning on 2026 and send their admission application materials to the host university; the qualified students shall be screened and selected by their home university and will study at the host university for 1 to 2 semesters.

B. Self-funded Student Mobility Scheme: Additionally, ÇOMU and WU agree to accept extra students who are academically qualified and meet all academic and language requirements for admission at the host University. Students under this scheme would first have to be screened by both ÇOMU and WU and have their academic records thoroughly evaluated before acceptance is considered. The tuition fee under this scheme is calculated on a per- credit basis.

C. Fields of Study: Students may study in fields offered at both ÇOMU and WU for which they meet program admission requirements and in which space is available unless,



otherwise, specified by either ÇOMU or WU differently.

D. Accommodations: Students are to be responsible for arranging their own accommodation while studying at either ÇOMU or WU however, they are also advised to live within either the ÇOMU or WU's dormitory if there is availability in such places. ÇOMU and WU shall make the commitment to support incoming students with counseling, advice and information related to housing and living expenses within the host country. Nevertheless, the students are ultimately responsible for taking care of their own housing and livelihood needs/expenses while living in the host country.

E. Visas and Length of Study: The International Office of ÇOMU and WU will assist students in seeking appropriate visas for the successful completion of their stay in the host country. However, under no circumstances must The International Office of both institutions be held responsible for the outcome of visa applications. The obligations of the Parties in matter of visa arrangements for exchange students must not extend to their spouses and/or dependents.

F. Selection of Students:

- (1) All students enrolled at either ÇOMU or WU are entitled to participate in this exchange program, which is subject to approval from the relevant departments and program coordinators.
- (2) The ÇOMU respects the minimum English or Japanese proficiency level and pre-requisites that are required for admission to courses for international students at WU.
- (3) The WU respects the minimum English proficiency level and pre-requisites that are required for admission to courses for international students at ÇOMU.
- (4) The host institution reserves the right to take the final decision on the admissibility of the nominated students.

3. Course Selection

Exchange students will choose their courses from the regular courses offered by the host institution. The host institution shall report the course selection by the exchange students to the home institution within four weeks after the beginning of each academic term.

4. Grade Reports

Within four weeks after the end of each academic term, the host institution shall forward to the home institution the grade reports of each of the exchange students.

5. Tuition & Other Fees

Exchange students shall pay regular tuition fees to their home institution unless exempted. During the term of this Agreement, both sides, as host institutions, agree to waive all the tuition, entrance and registration fees for the exchange students (except for the students enrolled under the Self-funded Student Mobility Scheme mentioned above).



6. Financial Responsibility of Exchange Students

Each student participating in this exchange program shall meet the full-cost of the following:

- (1) Travel expenses
- (2) Books and stationery
- (3) Travel documents and visas
- (4) Living expenses as an exchange student
- (5) Fees for participating in the programs imposed by the home institution
- (6) Health insurance fees at the host institution

7. Students' Privileges and Activities

Exchange students must be entitled to the same rights and benefits enjoyed by regular students in the use of campus facilities, including access to library resources, laboratories, research materials, etc.

8. Other Responsibilities of the Host Institution

- (1) The host institution will provide academic advice and counseling services to the exchange students.
- (2) The host institution must make necessary arrangements for the academic and cultural orientation of exchange students.
- (3) The host institution may assist in the arrangements for accommodation by providing application forms and useful information on housing alternatives. However, neither the host institution, nor the home institution must be under any obligation to provide accommodation for exchange students during their exchange program.

9. Effectuation, Modification, and Cancellation of the Agreement

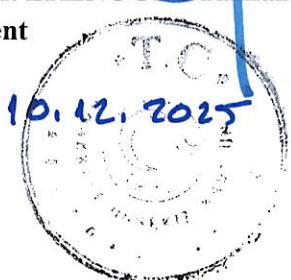
This Agreement becomes effective on the date when signed by representatives of both ÇOMU and WU and may be cancelled by either institution upon written notice, when such notice is provided at least six months in advance before the desired date of termination. This Agreement may also be modified by mutual concession at any time.

This Agreement is provided in English and it may be translated into the native languages of both signatories, but English is the only official language of this document and all disputes in regards to the provisions of this agreement must be resolved in English only.

Agreed and signed on behalf of:

**ÇANAKKALE ONSEKIZ MART
UNIVERSİTY**

Prof. Dr. ERENOĞLU Ramazan Cüneyt
President
Date:



WAKAYAMA UNIVERSITY

Prof. Dr. MOTOYAMA Mitsugi
President
Date:

1. Dec, 2025