



香港城市大學
City University of Hong Kong



**AGREEMENT ON STUDENT EXCHANGE
BETWEEN
CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG,
HONG KONG SAR
AND
NATIONAL CHENG KUNG UNIVERSITY,
TAIWAN**



This Agreement applies to an exchange of students between Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, City University of Hong Kong (“CityU”) of Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon, HKSAR and Department of Civil Engineering, National Cheng Kung University (“NCKU”) of No.1, University Road, Tainan City, Taiwan. Both institutions shall, on the basis of reciprocity, support and promote the spirit of this Agreement to encourage academic collaboration and to facilitate as much as possible the academic progress, physical relocation and cultural orientation of all exchange students.

1. Principles

- 1.1 Student exchange shall be on a one-to-one academic exchange basis with up to EIGHT (8) semester-long places each year.
- 1.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the absence of exchange during any particular academic year does not nullify the Agreement.
- 1.3 Exchange students shall enroll as full-time, “not-for-degree” students and are exempt from application and tuition fees at the host institution.
- 1.4 If there are more students interested in participating in the exchange programme than there are places available in any year, these students may apply for enrollment as “not-for-degree” visiting students and pay the full standard fees applicable to visiting students.

2. Selection

- 2.1 The exchange programme shall be open to undergraduate students of both institutions who have completed at least one year of undergraduate study.
- 2.2 Participating students shall be selected by the home institution, usually on the basis of academic merit and suitability, to undertake a period of study abroad, subject to acceptance by the host institution under normal admission procedures.
- 2.3 If the host institution rejects any proposed candidates, the home institution may nominate suitable candidates for consideration.



2.4 Both institutions shall respectively reserve the right to determine dates by which exchange student candidates must be selected in order to guarantee efficient processing of their documents.

3. Exchange Students' Rights and Obligations

3.1 Exchange students shall pay tuition and any other study-related fees to their home institution.

3.2 Exchange students shall be responsible for their own financial support including international transportation, accommodation, living expenses and insurance. The host institution shall bear no responsibility for providing funds to any exchange student for any purpose.

3.3 Exchange students shall be responsible for securing their own accommodation. Assistance will be provided by the host institution to locate appropriate accommodation. On-campus accommodation shall be provided subject to availability but is not guaranteed.

3.4 Exchange students shall abide by the laws of the country or territory of the host institution and the rules and regulations of the host institution.

3.5 It is the responsibility of the exchange students to obtain consent from their home institution that upon successful completion of study at the host institution, full credit will be granted towards the degree at their home institution.

3.6 Each exchange student is responsible for ensuring that he or she obtains his or her official academic records covering the subjects taken during the period of the exchange.

3.7 It is not anticipated that spouses and dependents will accompany an exchange student. Such an arrangement is subject to the approval of the host institution on the understanding that the exchange student will be responsible for all additional expenses. Facility access, student services and other privileges of a full-time student will not apply to the exchange student's spouse or dependents.

3.8 Exchange students attending CityU or NCKU are required to purchase their own insurance policy (which shall include but not limited to travel and health/medical insurance with worldwide protection) before they arrive at Hong Kong or Taiwan. It is the responsibility of the students to obtain and maintain insurance coverage throughout the entire period of their study at the host institution.

3.9 Each exchange student is responsible for obtaining the correct visa, passport, and other necessary personal travel documents for study in the other country or territory.

3.10 Participation in an exchange under this Agreement does not give rise to any rights of subsequent transfer to the regular degree programmes of the host institution.



4. The Host Institution's Obligations

- 4.1 The host institution shall provide exchange students with an identifiable contact who is responsible for assisting students with enrollment and welfare issues.
- 4.2 The host institution shall send a pre-departure package to each of the incoming exchange students, and organize an orientation programme for the students upon their arrival.
- 4.3 The host institution shall provide information to exchange students on local transportation from the airport to the campus.
- 4.4 The host institution shall maintain records of exchange students with the same personal and academic information tracking as for regularly enrolled students. On completion of the exchange, the host institution shall mail an official transcript to the responsible officer of the home institution.
- 4.5 Each institution shall assist participating exchange students in obtaining the appropriate visa for the period of the exchange. Notwithstanding, each student shall be responsible for obtaining his or her visa, passport or other required documents and for any necessary charges. The institutions shall not be liable for the failure on the part of the students to obtain the required documents.
- 4.6 While the host institution is not obliged to arrange housing for the participating students, it should assist participating students in locating the appropriate housing for the period of the exchange to the extent possible.
- 4.7 In the event of an emergency involving the exchange student (such as an accident or hospitalization), the host institution shall notify the home institution immediately when the host institution becomes aware of such situation through the following contact persons of the home institution:
 - (i) City University of Hong Kong
During office hours:
Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering: +(852) 3442-7609

Outside office hours and during weekends and public holidays:
Campus security: +(852) 3442-8888
 - (ii) National Cheng Kung University
During office hours:
Department of Civil Engineering: +(886)-6-2757575 ext. 63100

Outside office hours and during weekends and public holidays:
Campus Security and Emergency Operations Center: +(886)-6-2381187

5. Validity and Renewal of Agreement

- 5.1 This Agreement is made in English only. Each party will keep one copy of the Agreement.
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- 5.2 This Agreement shall take effect as of the date of the last signature below (“Signature Date”) and will remain in force for FIVE (5) years from the Signature Date unless and until terminated by either institution with SIX (6) months prior notice in writing.
- 5.3 This Agreement will be subject to revision or modification by mutual consent given in writing.
- 5.4 This Agreement will be automatically renewed on the same terms and conditions for another FIVE (5) years unless written notification is given by either party SIX (6) months prior to the expiry date.
- 5.5 Notwithstanding termination of the Agreement pursuant to Clause 5.2 or expiry of the Agreement, the termination or expiry of the Agreement shall allow for any participating exchange students who have commenced study at either institution by the date of the termination or expiry to complete their approved course of study.

6. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance

- 6.1 Notwithstanding the *Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance* (Chapter 623 of the Laws of Hong Kong), no one other than a party to this Agreement will have any right to enforce any of the terms in this Agreement.

Executed for and on behalf of
City University of Hong Kong



Professor Thomas Shiu Tong NG
Head
Department of Architecture and Civil
Engineering

Date: 31.12.2021

Endorsed by



Professor Tei-Wei KUO
Dean
College of Engineering

Date: - 4 JAN 2022

Executed for and on behalf of
National Cheng Kung University



Professor Jian-Hong WU
Chairman
Department of Civil Engineering

Date: 2021.12.28