MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
Japan Accreditation Board for Engineering Education (JABEE) and
The Accreditation Board for Engineering Education of Korea (ABEEK)

Whereas:

(A) JABEE acknowledges its commitment to enhancing the quality of engineering education and has experience in engineering accreditation system in Japan;

(B) ABEEM acknowledges its commitment to enhancing the quality of engineering education and has implemented a plan for establishing an engineering accreditation system in Korea;

(C) JABEE and ABEEM share an interest in promoting quality assurance in engineering education, worldwide;

(D) JABEE and ABEEM are interested in promoting cooperation between the aforementioned organizations in Japan and Korea;

JABEE and ABEEM agree to collaborate in matters related to engineering education and accreditation activities. To establish linkages for cooperation, they agree to:

1. Develop procedures to facilitate the exchange of representatives to observe the accreditation evaluation activities of both JABEE and ABEEM;

2. Collaborate in the development of a preferably Japan based engineering accreditation workshop and evaluation training for Korean evaluators and faculty;

3. Exchange information including documents, papers and surveys concerning accreditation processes and the enhancement of higher education quality;

4. Develop substantial equivalency in accreditation system under the Washington Accord based on collaboration, information exchange and review of each other’s accreditation procedures;

ABEEK agrees to reimburse JABEE for the direct expenses associated with the delivery of workshops, training, technical assistance and other such activities related to this Memorandum of Understanding. Payment for indirect expenses associated with the above activities shall be mutually agreed upon by JABEE and ABEEM.

This agreement is valid from the day it is signed by both parties and shall be reviewed at any time either party wishes to make substantial changes to the terms contained herein.

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon six months written notice to the other.

Agreed on November 5, 2004

Byeong-Gi Lee, Vice President
Accreditation Board for Engineering Education of Korea

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Japan Accreditation Board for Engineering Education