

## ***MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING***

**between**

**THE ACCREDITATION BOARD FOR ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (ABET)**

**and**

**THE JAPAN ACCREDITATION BOARD FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION (JABEE)**

### **Whereas:**

- JABEE acknowledges its commitment to enhancing the quality of engineering education and has implemented a plan for establishing an engineering accreditation system in Japan.
- ABET acknowledges its commitment to enhancing the quality of engineering education and has experience in engineering accreditation in the United States.
- ABET and JABEE share an interest in promoting quality assurance in engineering education, world-wide.
- ABET and JABEE are interested in promoting cooperation between the aforementioned organizations in the United States of America and Japan

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

- Develop procedures to facilitate the exchange of representatives to observe both ABET's and JABEE's accreditation evaluation activities.
- Collaborate in the development of an engineering accreditation workshop and evaluation training for Japanese evaluators and faculty.
- Exchange information including documents, papers and surveys concerning accreditation processes and the enhancement of higher education quality.
- Explore the feasibility of mutual recognition based on the collaboration, exchange, and assessment of their respective accreditation systems.
- Reimburse ABET 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 ABET and JABEE.

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

*Presented this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000.*



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