

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, AUSTRALIA (IEAust)

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;
- IEAust acknowledges its commitment to enhancing the quality of engineering education and has experience in engineering accreditation in Australia;
- IEAust and JABEE share an interest in promoting quality assurance in engineering education, worldwide;
- IEAust and JABEE are interested in promoting cooperation between the aforementioned organisations in Australia and Japan;

IEAust 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 the accreditation evaluation activities of both IEAust and JABEE;
- Collaborate in the development of a preferably Australian based engineering accreditation workshop and evaluation training for Japanese evaluators and faculty, in the English language;
- Exchange information including documents, papers and surveys concerning accreditation processes and the enhancement of higher education quality;
- Develop mutual recognition based on collaboration, information exchange and review of each other's accreditation systems under the "Washington Accord";

JABEE agrees to reimburse IEAust 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 IEAust and JABEE.

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 Feb 7 2002



John F. Boshier, Chief Executive
The Institution of Engineers, Australia



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Japan Accreditation Board for Engineering Education