



**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION  
DRI-027-2021**

**CELEBRATED BETWEEN  
UNIVERSIDAD TECNOLÓGICA DE PANAMÁ  
Panama, Republic of Panama  
and  
KITAMI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
Hokkaido, Japan**

Among the undersigned are: the **UNIVERSIDAD TECNOLÓGICA DE PANAMÁ**, an institution of higher scientific-technological education, duly created by Law No. 18 of August 13, 1981, organized by Law No. 17 of October 9, 1984, reformed by Law No. 57 of July 26, 1996, represented in this act by the Engineer **HÉCTOR M. MONTEMAYOR Á.**, male, Panamanian, of legal age, with personal identity card No. 9-68-267, in his condition as Rector and Legal Representative, hereinafter referred **U.T.P.**, on the one hand and on the other, the **KITAMI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (KIT)**, public higher education institution in Japan that specializes in earth, energy, environmental engineering, regional innovation and social design engineering, represented in this act by PhD. **SOICHIRO SUZUKI**, male, Japanese of legal age, in his condition as President and Legal Representative, hereinafter referred to as **KIT**, who will hereinafter jointly be called the **PARTIES**, whose purpose is to stimulate mutual understanding to strengthen cultural ties and provide opportunities to expand the experiences and horizons of students, teachers and academic participants.

**CONSIDERING:**

This cooperation brings great advantages for the development of both entities.

**U.T.P.**'s mission is to provide society with qualified, entrepreneurial and innovative human capital, with comprehensive training, critical and socially responsible thinking, in engineering, science and technology; generate appropriate knowledge to contribute to sustainable development and respond to the requirements of the environment.

**KIT**'s mission, among others, is to provide basic skills and knowledge on specialized fields and to train the ability to deal with interdisciplinary fields and newly developed areas.

As a consequence of the foregoing, both **PARTIES** wish to establish an instrument that regulates the relationships necessary to promote those programs in which there are common interests, for which

**AGREE:**

**FIRST:** Celebrate the present Framework Agreement of Cooperation to promote academic, scientific and cultural cooperation between **U.T.P.** and **KIT**.





**SECOND:** Develop cooperation under the following modalities:

1. Innovation, transfer and commercialization of technologies to share best practices.
2. Exchange of experiences, documents, information and knowledge of the achievements and results of the investigations carried out by each of the **PARTIES** according to the regulations of each entity.
3. Development of joint investigations, consulting and counseling.
4. Sending teachers, researchers, administrators or students, as appropriate to the nature and scope of each mutually agreed program and project.
5. Development of joint programs and projects.
6. Carrying out professional practices and graduation work, according to the established regulations.
7. Training of personnel.
8. Use of equipment, specialized laboratories and materials for scientific-technical research, as well as the provision of technical services and studies according to the regulations and possibilities of each entity.
9. Others of mutual interest.

**THIRD:** The **PARTIES** agree that this Agreement does not represent reciprocal economic commitments between them, much less the generation of new budgetary expenditures, since they agree to collaborate with the technical resources and installed capacities that they already have, without having to incur new expenditures.

They agree that, if financial resources are required for the fulfillment of the commitments acquired through this Agreement, they will be established through Specific Agreements, which will indicate the funds available to each Party.

**FOURTH:** For the purposes of the execution and monitoring of this Agreement, the **PARTIES** will conclude a memorandum of understanding or designate a Commission that will plan and coordinate activities and projects and will present them to their highest authorities for approval. This Commission will be made up of a representative from each **Party** and must periodically submit a written report to its highest authorities, regarding the progress of the activities and projects developed.

**FIFTH:** This Agreement will be effective from the date of the last signature of the **PARTIES** established at the bottom of this document and will be in force for an unlimited period of time.

**SIXTH:** This Agreement may be terminated when either of the **PARTIES**, notify by written notice to the other **Party**, upon ninety (90) calendar days in advance. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect the normal development of the projects and activities that had been arranged before the proposed termination date.




**SEVENTH:** The disagreements which may arise in the interpretation and application of this Agreement of Cooperation, their appendix and its annexes shall be resolved in good faith in fulfilling the spirit of partnership that has encouraged the **PARTIES** to subscribe.


The **PARTIES** undertake to amicably resolve any discrepancy that may arise due to the execution of this Agreement.

After reading this Framework Cooperation Agreement and knowing the two (2) **PARTIES** of its content and scope, they sign it in the places and dates indicated under their signature.

**BY KIT:**

  
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**Ph.D. SOICHIRO SUZUKI**  
President  
City: Kitani city  
Date: 01/08/2021

**BY UTP:**

  
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**ENG. HÉCTOR M. MONTEMAYOR Á.**  
President  
City: Panama City  
Date: 17/08/2021

