CULTURAL CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

between

LABORATORY OF GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING
INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE
UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO (JAPAN)

and

THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING
THE UNIVERSITY OF CASSINO

CASSINO - ITALY

The Faculty of Engineering of the University of Cassino and the Laboratory of Geotechnical Engineering, Institute of Industrial Science, the University of Tokyo, deeming the development of direct cultural and scientific cooperation to be mutually advantageous to both organizations and in order to strengthen such cooperation, agree on the following issues:

Article 1
Research cooperation shall commence in the field of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering.
Cooperation shall be carried out through:

a) Exchange of teaching, researching and technical personnel for workshops, seminars and common researches, including experimental facilities;
b) Exchange of students within integrated study programmes to extent permitted by the respective organizations;
c) Exchange of informations, documentations and scientific publications.

The agreement concerns the Laboratory of Geotechnical Engineering, Institute of Industrial Science, the University of Tokyo and the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Cassino.
The representatives of the aforementioned organizations confirm their mutual objectives in the field of education and research, particularly in the following fields: soil testing techniques, constitutive modelling, ground improvement, environmental engineering applications, seismic engineering.

Article 2
Concerning part (a) of Article 1, faculty and research personnel exchange will be accomplished on an ad hoc basis, as opportunities and funding arise. Agreement of both organizations, through designated coordinators, will be required for each exchange. It is intended that home organization will have full financial responsibility for faculty and/or researcher who may participate in this collaboration and that the host organization will have no financial responsibility beyond providing facilities for the visitors to the extent available.
It is understood that support for visiting students, researchers or faculty will be provided by the host organization if funding is available, but there is no implied commitment to do so.
Article 3
Concerning part (b) of the Article 1, an exchange of students between the two organizations, will be handled on an individual, ad hoc basis, after confirmation of a mutual agreement between the coordinators.

It is intended that the home organization will have full financial responsibility for students who may participate in this collaboration and that the host organization will have non financial responsibility beyond providing facilities for the visitors to the extent available.

It is understood that support for visiting students, researchers or faculty will be provided by the host organization if funding is available, but there is no implied commitment to do so.

Article 4
On the basis of these rules, at the end of the stay, a report of any courses taken and the assessed performance will be given to the visiting students. The organization of origin may utilize these reports as they see fit in granting credit or any other recognition.

Article 5
Each exchange visitor under this agreement will be personally responsible for his/her medical coverage and insurance during the period spent abroad, including his/her accompanying family or guests.

Article 6
The agreement may be extended to fields other than those mentioned in Article 1 by mutual agreement.

Article 7
This agreement may be terminated with one year’s notice by either of the two organizations.

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