EDUCATION-ABROAD PROGRAM AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE, SHIH CHIEN UNIVERSITY, TAIWAN
AND
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY (Virginia Tech)
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

Shih Chien University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) agree to implement this memorandum of understanding signed in November 2006.

This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Nothing therefore shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the agreement.

Virginia Tech and Shih Chien University join in the following agreement on educational and creative cooperation.

1. To the extent feasible, both universities will encourage direct contact between their faculty members, departments and research institutes under the provisions of the Agreement.

2. Each party to this agreement shall endeavor to cooperate with its counterpart as broadly as possible in both developing and implementing education and research programs and efforts.

3. The following general forms of cooperation shall be undertaken as deemed mutually acceptable by the parties:
   a. Joint research activities
   b. Exchange of academic and research program information
   c. Exchange of faculty members to share research findings and interests and to provide lectures in specific areas of knowledge and to provide new or different views for discussion
   d. Exchange of graduate and undergraduate students to pursue studies and research including enrollment in relevant travel study programs.

4. Themes of joint activities, the conditions for utilizing the results achieved, and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges and other forms of cooperation will be developed mutually for each specific case, and set forth in writing as an addendum to this agreement.

5. Both parties understand that all the financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.

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6. Printed only in English, this document should be considered valid. Copies shall be retained on file at each institution for the duration of this agreement.

7. The renewal shall be in effect for five years following the later of the two signatory dates that appear below and may be modified or renewed by mutual written consent of the parties.

8. Hereupon the signature of the representatives of both Universities will follow in the hope of promoting mutual friendships.

Signed on behalf of
Virginia Tech

A. J. Davis
Interim Dean
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Date 10.5.06

Scott Poole
Director, School of Architecture + Design
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Dr. S. K. De Datta
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Signed on behalf of
Shih Chien University

Sheng-feng Lin,
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