

GENERAL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH
THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM
FOR
EARTH AND DEVELOPMENT SCIENCES

GRAM BANGLA having address at 214/1 Elephant Road, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh and KAGAWA UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL OFFICE having address at 1-1 Saiwai-cho, Takamatsu, Kagawa 760-8522, Japan hereby agree to establish, promote and join the International Consortium for Earth and Development Sciences.

1. The two partners and their institutes will encourage cooperative activities in the field of earth and development sciences. These activities may include:

- (1) Exchange of professors, research scholars and research fellows;
- (2) Exchange of students and research partners;
- (3) Joint educational activities;
- (4) Joint research activities;
- (5) Joint meetings/seminars for research and education;
- (6) Exchange of scientific materials, publications, and academic information, and
- (7) Other additional aspects that may be agreed by partners from time to time.

2. To carry out the above activities effectively, the two partners agree to establish the International Consortium for Earth and Development Sciences (ICEDS).

3. The consortium promotes academic exchange and cooperation between these two partners and establishes transparent ways of exchange and cooperation.

4. To plan and manage the exchange and cooperation, the consortium will establish the ICEDS collaboration committee (hereafter, ICEDS committee), which will consist of several representatives from the partners and other institutions, and an annual meeting will be organized.

5. The secretariat university institute of ICEDS committee is Kagawa University International Office in Japan.

6. The institution/organization who wants to become a member of the consortium should

be recommended by a partner and approved by the ICEDS committee. The new member, the partner that recommends the new member, and the secretariat university, shall sign the agreement for the new member. Then the size of the committee will be increased.

7. Any partner may, on one-year notice in writing, withdraw from the consortium.

8. This agreement is valid for five years from the first signature date of the ICEDS agreement on February 16, 2010, and can be renewed every five years unless the number of the partners is less than two.

9. Details will be defined by the other documents such as detailed rules, regulations or meeting memorandums.

This agreement is written in English and shall become effective from the date of signing by representatives of GRAM BANGLA and KAGAWA UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL OFFICE. In case of new member, the agreement will be effective from the date of signing by the representative of the new partner, recommending member and the secretariat university.