



AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

Between Japanese Geotechnical Society (hereinafter called JGS) and Indian Geotechnical Society (hereinafter called IGS)

1.0 Purpose

JGS and IGS have entered into this agreement of cooperation to promote and enlarge the exchange of technical, scientific and professional knowledge to better serve the interests and welfare of their members, the engineering profession in general, and the public in both countries.

2.0 Scope

- 2.1 This agreement covers the activities of JGS and the activities of IGS; both organizations are also willing to work together on international issues wherever deemed appropriate.
- 2.2 The spirit of this agreement is to encourage and support members of the partner organizations to uphold and advance the integrity, honor and dignity of the geotechnical profession by using their knowledge and skill for the enhancement of human welfare; by being honest and impartial and serving with fidelity the public, their employers and clients; by striving to increase the competence and prestige of the profession; and by supporting the professional and technical societies of their disciplines.

3.0 Aims

The primary aims of this agreement are the expansion and improvement of cooperation between the two organizations, as summarized below:

3.1 Exchange of information regarding the geotechnical profession in general.

3.2 Republishing of articles, papers and information under preferred terms and in accordance with an agreement specific to each case, provided appropriate measures are taken to identify authors, protect their rights, and, if required, obtain prior permission of authors.

- 3.3 Encouragement of the exchange of publication information lists and publicizing these lists on a timely fashion so that members of both organizations are aware of technical publications of each society.
- 3.4 Encouragement of joint events of all kinds, exchange of lectures and guests, and exchange of information regarding scientific and technical events, which are of mutual interest.
- 3.5 Each organization shall provide information to its members and encourage them to become a member of the partner organization, including student members (if and when such members exist in IGS). Membership dues in JGS and IGS are comparable for full and student members, with similar privileges.
- 3.6 Mutual professional advice, especially in all areas of international technical and scientific matters to the extent provided by each organization to its own members.

4.0 Services to Student Members and Guest Members

- 4.1 JGS and IGS extend student membership privileges to student members (if and when such members exist in IGS) of the partner organization at the existing dues rates for their own student members. Student members of one organization making a presentation at student competitions of the guest organization shall be judged by the same criteria as those of the host organization.
- 4.2 Both partners will provide advice to guest students and guest members on questions of education and training as well as professional questions to the same degree as provided to their own members.

5.0 Implementation

- 5.1 Each partner will extend every effort to establish contacts for the other partner with other engineering/scientific organizations and bodies in its home country.
- 5.2 It is anticipated that by correspondence and personal visits of representatives of both organizations, additional methods and ways of cooperation to achieve mutually beneficial cooperation will be pursued.
- 5.3 Both partners will actively support close cooperation of their technical divisions.

5.4 Joint membership in both societies is encouraged, and each Society will endeavor to facilitate this. Members of one Society who meet the membership requirements of the other Society may apply for membership in that other Society.

6.0 Execution, Duration and Amendment

- 6.1 This agreement will become valid after it has been approved by the governing bodies of both organizations and signed by authorized officers thereof.
- 6.2 The agreement has a fixed duration of three years, whereupon it will automatically be renewed for another three years but either organization can give notice to the other three months before its expiry for its termination.
- 6.3 In the implementation of this agreement any supplemental agreement in accordance with the articles of this agreement shall be agreed and entered into by Secretary of JGS and Secretary of IGS.
- 6.4 Amendments to the agreement may be made at any time, but shall be mutually confirmed in writing by both organizations.

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