



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

Department of Engineering, University of Messina

AND

Institute of Innovative Research, Tokyo Institute of Technology

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as the "MOU") replaces and supersedes the "Agreement for Cooperation between Institute of Innovative Research, Tokyo Institute of Technology and Department of Engineering, University of Messina," which was originally effective from March 31, 2017 through March 30, 2022.

In accordance with their mutual desire to promote academic exchange and cooperation in science and technology, the Department of Engineering of University of Messina and the Institute of Innovative Research ("IIR") of Tokyo Institute of Technology (hereafter referred to jointly as the "Parties" and individually as "Party") agree to cooperate through research and study in furtherance of the advancement of learning as stated below:

#### **ARTICLE 1**

The Department of Engineering of University of Messina and IIR of Tokyo Institute of Technology agree to promote the following activities in order to enhance each other's educational, academic and research activities:

- 1. Exchange of faculty members and researchers
- 2. Exchange of students
- 3. Exchange of information and academic resources that are of mutual interest
- 4. Activities such as collaborative research, joint symposia and exchange lectures

### **ARTICLE 2**

Matters pertaining to the implementation of the exchange based on this agreement shall be negotiated and agreed upon by representatives of the Parties. The affiliations of students to be exchanged under this MOU are stipulated in the Appendix.

## **ARTICLE 3**

The Parties agree that all expenses, including research material, international and domestic travel, per diem, honoraria and all other costs, shall be the responsibility of the sending institution and determined on a case-by-case basis. However, each Party will make its best efforts to make accommodation available to visiting faculty, researchers, and students.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

This MOU shall enter into force upon the last date of signature by the representatives of the Parties named herein with effect from March 31, 2022 through March 30, 2027. This MOU may be extended or amended thereafter by mutual written agreement of the Parties. Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving six months' notice in writing of such intent.

# **ARTICLE 5**

At the time of execution of this agreement, Prof. Candida Milone on behalf of University of Messina and Prof. Yukitaka Kato on behalf of IIR are designated for the coordination of the actions and communication that will result from this MOU.

On behalf of	On behalf of
University of Messina	Institute of Innovative Research, Tokyo Institute of Technology
Date:	Date:
Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea	Prof. Naoto Ohtake
Rector of the University of Messina	Director-General

Appendix to MOU between IIR, Tokyo Institute of Technology and Department of Engineering of University of Messina

Candidates for Student Exchange

Candidates for student exchange under this MOU shall be students of Tokyo Institute of Technology whose academic supervisors are affiliated with IIR and the students of Department of Engineering of University of Messina.

Department to Which the Exchange Students Shall be Attached

When Tokyo Institute of Technology accepts exchange students from University of Messina under this MOU, the students shall be attached to the primary department in which the host supervisor affiliated with IIR is assigned to teach. When University of Messina accepts exchange students from Tokyo Institute of Technology under this MOU, the students shall be attached to the Department of Engineering of University of Messina.