

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **ACADEMIC EXCHANGES**

between

Yamagata Prefectural University of Health Sciences ("YPUHS")

and

University of Northern British Columbia ("UNBC")

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made as of the 4 of December, 2025.

UNBC is a publicly funded research university legislated by the province of British Columbia, Canada; YPUHS is a publicly funded university for advanced education, practice, and research, legislated by the Yamagata prefecture in Japan; UNBC has established a relationship with YPUHS and the Parties intend to collaborate in furtherance of their common goal to promote academic relations and further mutual Objectives between the Parties as defined in section 1 of this MOU. In consideration of the premises and mutual covenants herein contained, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

#### **1. OBJECTIVES**

This MOU is a commitment between the Parties to promote international co-operation and collaboration in academic affairs and research in the ways ("Objectives"):

- a) exchange of faculty members, research staffs and undergraduate & postgraduate students;
- b) mutual course credits recognition and core courses co-establishments in both universities;
- c) recruitment of international students from YPUHS with preferential terms;
- d) exchange of academic materials and publications in the fields of interest of both parties;
- e) joint research labs, projects, conferences, seminars and symposium.

2. Both Parties understand that all financial arrangements will be negotiated in each specific case and determined by both parties, and will depend on the availability of funds. Efforts shall be made by both Parties to find financial resources for carrying out the Objectives.

3. This MOU is not intended to be a legally binding document. Therefore, it will not diminish the full autonomy of either Party, nor will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out this MOU.

4. This MOU is valid for five years, subject to review in three years, and shall be extended upon written mutual agreement for a mutually agreeable period.

5. This MOU will remain in effect until such time when one or both Parties give proper notification of the intent to terminate or to modify the institutional relationship.

6. Both Parties acknowledge equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, or national origin.

7. Each Party is independent of the other. Nothing in this MOU makes the relationship between YPUHS and UNBC one of partnership, joint venture, or employment. Neither Party shall have the authority to make commitments that bind the other Party, or to otherwise act on behalf of the other Party.

#### 8. MOU CONTACTS

Operational points of contact for this MOU are:

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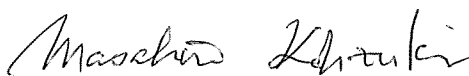
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9. This MOU is effective when representatives of both parties affix their signatures below.

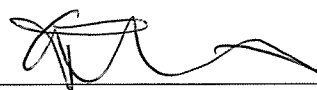
The Parties have executed this MOU as of the Effective Date.

**YAMAGATA PREFECTURAL UNIVERSITY OF  
HEALTH SCIENCES**



Masahiro Kohzuki  
President and Chairman

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA**



Paula Wood-Adams  
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