

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the
ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CONSULTING ENGINEERS (AJCE)

And the
UZBEK ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS (UZACE)

WHEREAS, Japan and Uzbekistan are Asian Region countries, sharing the common aims of peace, harmony and prosperity in the Region;

WHEREAS, the two countries have many long-standing ties in various areas as education, business, trade and friendship;

WHEREAS, the Association of Japanese Consulting Engineers (hereinafter AJCE) and the Uzbek Association of Consulting Engineers (hereinafter UZACE) are a member and an associate member of FIDIC (Federation of International Consulting Engineers) and ASPAC (FIDIC Member Association in the Asia and Pacific Region) respectively and, as such, have a strong interest enhancing the work of consulting engineers in the Region;

IN RECOGNITION THEREFORE, the AJCE and UZACE members demonstrate their commitment as consulting engineers to face the challenges for their mutual interests, and benefits, and jointly enter into this Agreement.

1. The objectives of the "Memorandum of Understanding" are to:

- a. Provide a platform for the development of business opportunities between AJCE and UZACE members through:
 - Supporting business and cultural awareness;
 - Developing business relationships between firms; and
 - Promoting the benefit of AJCE/UZACE membership.
- b. Exchange expertise and experience, especially to satisfy the demands for consulting engineering services in the Asian Region.
- c. Recognize the mutual benefits of cooperation between AJCE and UZACE members by facilitating creation of personal and business relationships.

2. The specific undertakings are as follows:

- a. Cooperation Coordinator: The respective Presidents of AJCE and UZACE shall each choose a Cooperation Coordinator to manage and facilitate the undertakings of the MOU. The Cooperation Coordinator may be the Secretary General (Executive Director) of the Association or a Board Member or a person from a member firm.

- b. Promotion of Communication: The AJCE and UZACE agree to promote and assist communication between members from both associations by affirmative action such as:

- A regular exchange of membership lists, annual reports, newsletter and other agreed documents and information;
- Provide a link between the websites of AJCE and UZACE;
- Keep confidentiality, where one party shall not disclose to any third party any secrets or confidential information of the other party; and
- Any other similar affirmative actions that may be agreed between the Associations.

3. Duration of Agreement

- a. This Memorandum of Understanding will take effect upon the approval of the Governing Board of each Association and will continue for a period of three years, at which time it may be extended by mutual agreement.
- b. The terms of this Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed jointly for effectiveness by both Associations and, where appropriate, subject to adjustments or extension as mutually agreed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the partners hereto has caused this Agreement to be executed in duplicate by its duly authorized officer, and retains one of each of the duplicate texts having equal authenticity.

For Association of Japanese
Consulting Engineers (AJCE)

By: _____

Akihiko Hirotani
President

For Uzbek Association of
Consulting Engineers (UZACE)

By: _____

Mirodil M. Mirakhmedov
Chairman

Date: 12 March, 2009