## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

## BETWEEN ABET, INC. of the USA AND INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION TAIWAN (IEET) March 20, 2004

Whereas: ABET and IEET acknowledge mutual interest in promoting cooperation between the United States of America and Taiwan concerning applied science, computing, engineering, and technology education;

Whereas: ABET and IEET acknowledge the need for applied science, computing, engineering, and technology education programs to respond to the changing and pressing economic and social demands in Taiwan;

Whereas: ABET has extensive experience in administering activities related to accreditation in the United States and is committed to enhancing the quality of applied science, computing, engineering, and technology education worldwide;

Whereas: ABET and IEET share interest in promoting quality assurance in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology education in Taiwan;

Whereas: ABET and IEET recognize that accreditation of applied science, computing, engineering, and technology education programs by an independent organization is still under development in Taiwan, making it difficult to evaluate and improve such programs, which hinders the mobility of these professionals;

Whereas: IEET is committed to implementing a plan for the establishment of an accreditation system within Taiwan;

Whereas: ABET and IEET affirm their interest in promoting cooperation between their respective organizations in the United States of America and Taiwan;

Whereas: ABET and IEET support the goals of fostering sustainable national quality assurance systems among nations in the hemisphere;

ABET and IEET agree to collaborate on matters related to applied science, computing, engineering, and technology education and accreditation activities. To establish linkages for cooperation, they agree to:

Collaborate in the development of accreditation workshops and seminars to promote principles concerning evaluation and accreditation; and facilitate the training of evaluators and faculty in Taiwan for the improvement and adaptation of methodologies and guidelines of accreditation to the educational systems of Taiwan;

Develop procedures to facilitate the exchange of representatives to observe ABET and IEET accreditation activities and cooperate in projects for the evaluation of the aforementioned programs in Taiwan;

Exchange information including documents, papers and surveys concerning accreditation processes and higher education quality assurance;

Negotiate and mutually agree upon any expenses associated with the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding prior to the execution of any projects or services.

This agreement is valid effective 20 March 2004 and may be revised through mutual agreement of both parties or terminated by either party with sixty (60) days notice.

Signed this 31st day of March 2004.

Che-Ho Wei, Ph.D.

Chairman IEET

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April 19, 2004

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Dear Dr. Wo:

Please find enclosed a signed copy of the MOU between ABET and IEET. Thank you for your assistance in facilitating the completion of this agreement. Best wishes for the continued development of IEET.

Sincerely,

Fred W. Emshousen

Director, International Activities

Enclosures