

THE PLEDGE OF AGREEMENT
for the
UMAP MULTILATERAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM
between

[_____]
AND THE UMAP INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

..... (Institution),(Country),
as a participating institution of the University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP) Multilateral Student Exchange Program, hereby pledges to the UMAP International Secretariat (UMAP IS) as the representative of UMAP, that
..... (Institution) will agree to the following terms for the implementation of exchanges of undergraduate or graduate students (hereinafter referred to as “exchange students”) under the UMAP Multilateral Exchange Program:

1. All participating students should be enrolled at the participating home institution throughout the duration of the exchange.
2. The selection of exchange students will be subject to the authority and discretion of each host institution. The maximum number of tuition-waived inbound and outbound exchange students for each institution will not exceed two (2) per semester (Program A).
3. Regardless of Article 2 above, institutions that accept more than two (2) exchange students in a given semester will be issued an equal number of additional allocations/quota for outbound exchange students. The additional allocation/quota can be used from the following semester without expiration date.
4. The provisions of the preceding two paragraphs shall not preclude bilateral agreements made between any two (2) participating institutions that hope to exchange more students (Program B: UMAP Bilateral Student Exchange Program). Additional bilateral agreements made between UMAP member institutions will be considered separate from this Pledge of Agreement and subject to the approval of each member institution.
5. Exchange students shall be permitted to stay at the host institutions for not longer than one academic year.
6. Program A Exchange students will not be subject to fees for examinations, admission, or tuition at the host institution.
7. Exchange students will receive a letter of enrollment or other appropriate documentation from the host institution to apply for VISAs for a length of time equivalent to the exchange term in the country where the host institution is located.
8. _____ (Institution) agrees to participate in Program A. This shall not prevent its students from participating in Program B, C or other UMAP initiatives before the institution hosts or participates in Program A.

9. Exchange students will comply with international exchange and other requirements of the host country, as well as with the rules and regulations of the host institution.
10. Exchange students may request to enroll into any courses/classes offered by the host institution, but acceptance to the course/class is at the full discretion of the host institution.
11. All participating institutions agree to accept and transfer credits earned by students from the exchange program via the UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS), subject to the regulations and procedures of the respective institutions.
12. All participating institutions shall provide exchange students with accommodation or provide support for students to acquire their own accommodation. Students are subject to all laws, regulations, policies, and procedures throughout the duration of the exchange at the host institution and country
13. Concerning the implementation of the UMAP Multilateral Exchange, open and widespread participation shall be encouraged; all details shall be discussed and agreed by host and home institutions.
14. As for the implementation of student exchanges, written notification is required at least one academic year prior to the termination of this Agreement.
15. This Agreement is valid from the date signed by each participating institution with the UMAP IS. The Agreement may be terminated by the institution giving six (6) months' written notice to UMAP IS. In the event of termination, the respective parties will honor all commitments to students currently participating in the program.
16. This memorandum shall be concluded in English. Any revision or modification of the Agreement shall be made in writing and taken under consideration by the UMAP Board.
17. It is expressly understood that participation in the UMAP consortium is voluntary and is based on the principles of higher education excellence, equitable partnerships, international academic mobility, goodwill, and reciprocity.
18. It is expressly understood that each party assumes all legal and financial responsibility for the actions of its respective employees, officers, and representatives.
19. It is expressly understood that each party agrees to provide information regarding any problems or difficulties related to any UMAP collaborative activity, whether academic, professional, legal, or personal, as early as such issues are noted, and takes appropriate measures to resolve through peaceful settlement any problem as soon as it arises.
20. In the role of UMAP International Secretariat and signatory of this agreement, it is agreed that the UMAP International Secretariat, Vancouver Community College, their legal representatives, directors

and employees, and their agents, officers and services, shall not be liable for any loss, injury or damage of any kind whatsoever suffered directly or indirectly to or by the person, possession or property of any applicant or other person during or in connection with any UMAP program or any other activities of or associated with UMAP for any reason whatsoever, no matter howsoever caused.

(Signature)_____ (Signature)_____

(Name)_____ Ajay Patel, President
Vancouver Community College

(Title)_____ Secretary General

(Institution)_____ UMAP International Secretariat

(Country)_____ Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Date _____ Date _____