



## **BASIC AGREEMENT**

[First Amendment]

### **Article I - Preamble**

#### **A. Official Title:**

This organization is called the “International Association of Maritime Universities”(hereinafter abbreviated as “IAMU”).

#### **B. Shared Recognitions:**

- a) All members of IAMU share the understandings:
  1. That globalization has been progressing rapidly in the international shipping arena;
  2. That Safety and Environmental Protection are critical issues for the maritime sector; and
  3. That passing on maritime skills and knowledge to the following generations needs to be achieved on a global scale.
- b) All members of IAMU recognize the significance of maritime education and training and note that:
  1. the shipping industry is a service industry, in which human resources are the critical element;
  2. it is only feasible to secure, and to preserve highly qualified human resources in the maritime industries through effective education and training; and
  3. effective education and training in the maritime sector derives from:
    - i) scientific and academic rigor;
    - ii) development of a clear link between practical skills and management techniques; and
    - iii) a focus on quality.
- c) Based on these shared understandings, it has been mutually agreed:
  1. That members shall cooperate with each other in a range of scientific and academic studies, developments, and practical applications associated with Maritime Education and Training;
  2. That members shall endeavor to achieve measurable and worthwhile outcomes for Maritime Education and Training through IAMU activities;
  3. That members shall publicize results of their activities as extensively as possible both within and outside IAMU, and shall endeavor to accumulate scientific results for the benefit of the international maritime community; and

4. That the members shall thereby contribute to the enhancement of Maritime Safety and Environmental Protection.

**C. “Non-Profit” Principle:**

Members shall commit themselves to the Objectives and Goals of IAMU on a ‘Not-for-Profit’ basis.

**Article II – Objectives**

The Vision of IAMU is to use the network of member universities/faculties to work collaboratively to achieve the following Objectives:

- A) To provide opportunities for critical issues and developments in Maritime Education and Training to be discussed and resolved in academic and practical ways;
- B) To contribute to the development of effective management systems to ensure safe operations in all sectors of the maritime industry; and
- C) To develop an appropriate and recognized system for passing on maritime skills and knowledge to the following generations on a global basis.

**Article III – The Goals**

The goals of IAMU are to use a scientific and practical approach to:

- a) Develop a comprehensive Maritime Education System for following generations;
- b) Establish an effective Maritime Safety Management System for the international maritime community; and
- c) Prepare develop standardized Undergraduate Curricula and an International Certification System for Competency.

**Article IV – IAMU Activities**

- A. To seek participation of as many qualified maritime universities/faculties as possible;
- B. To maintain regular and ongoing communication and exchange between members;
- C. To pursue measurable and worthwhile outcomes on specific subjects primarily through Working Groups;

- D To publish periodicals and summaries of activities; and
- E To hold a General Assembly annually.

#### **Article V – Members**

- A. All applications for membership to IAMU shall be assessed by the Steering Board according to the criteria set out in Annex -I of this Agreement.
- B. The International Executive Committee shall decide on membership applications based on the recommendation of the Steering Board.
- C. Special membership: Special membership may be approved by the International Executive Committee according to the criteria set out in Annex-I of this Agreement.

#### **Article VI – Representative Universities**

The Representative Universities/Faculties and their representation are:

- a) Istanbul Technical University Maritime Faculty:  
Mediterranean, Black Sea, ex Central and Eastern European (including the west of the Ural Russia), and Near/Middle East Regions.
- b) Kobe University of Mercantile Marine. Faculty of Maritime Sciences:  
Asia which includes the Far Eastern part of Russia (East of Urals) Region
- c) Arab Academy of Science and Technology and Maritime Transport:  
Africa Region
- d) Australian Maritime College:  
Oceania Region
- e) Faculty of Nautical Studies. Polytechnical University of Catalonia:  
Europe Region, excluding the Regions covered by a) of this Article.
- f) Maine Maritime Academy:  
Americas (Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, including the Caribbean) Region
- g) World Maritime University :  
General Representation

## **Article VII – Organization and Management**

IAMU is to have an Honorary Chairperson, a Chair, a Senior Vice Chair and Vice Chairs, an International Executive Committee, a Steering Board, Working Groups, a Project System, a Secretariat, an Annual General Assembly, an Editorial Board, a Website Committee, and Honorary Fellows.

### **A. Honorary Chairperson:**

The Chairperson of The Nippon Foundation shall be the Honorary Chairperson of IAMU.

### **B. Chair:**

The Chair shall be appointed by members of the International Executive Committee and ratified by the Annual General Assembly.

### **C Senior Vice Chair:**

The Senior Vice Chair shall be appointed by members of the International Executive Committee. The Senior Vice Chair shall host the next Annual General Assembly.

### **D. Vice Chairs:**

There will be six (6) Vice Chairs. Vice Chairs shall be appointed by members of the International Executive Committee.  
The Nippon Foundation is a permanent Vice Chair.

### **E. International Executive Committee:**

The International Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

- a) The Representative Universities/Faculties;
- b) The member universities/faculties nominated by the Representative Universities/Faculties from their Region; and
- c) Special Members approved by the International Executive Committee.

### **F. Steering Board:**

The Steering Board consists of the following parties:

- Chair
- Senior Vice Chair
- Vice Chairs
- Secretary

## **G. Working Groups:**

Working Groups are:

### **a) [Working Group - I] Maritime Education and Training System**

#### **1. The Goals:**

- 1) Ensuring that individual seafarers contribute to safety and environmental protection.
- 2) Improvement in the methods and the contents of Maritime Education and Training programs offered at IAMU member universities/faculties.

### **b) [WG-II] Maritime Safety Management System:**

#### **1. The Goals:**

- 1) The establishment of the safety management system to apply on the shore-side of the international maritime community.
- 2) The establishment of the methods and contents of education and training programs for the maritime safety management system at IAMU member universities/faculties.

### **c) [WG-III] Promoting Global Maritime Excellence:**

#### **1. The Goals:**

- 1) Initiation of an international Maritime Education System which can be used by all IAMU members, including mutual recognition of post-graduate courses.
- 2) Initiation of an international certification system for seafaring officers, including common evaluation standards and methods.
- 3) Initiation of an international certification system for seafaring officers and a qualified maritime safety manager.
- 4) Initiation of a new paradigm for the international maritime community based on a safety management system, which includes safety management from the shore side.

## **H. Secretariat:**

The officially registered Secretariat is to be established in Tokyo, Japan with branch offices at:

- i) Istanbul Technical University Maritime Faculty; and
- ii) Kobe University, Faculty of Maritime Sciences.

The Secretariat shall be managed by the Secretary in charge of the Tokyo Office (official name to be decided).

**I. Annual General Assembly:**

There shall be an Annual General Assembly. The International Executive Committee, based on a recommendation from the Steering Board, decides where the Annual General Assembly will be held and which maritime university/faculty will host it.

**J. Project System:**

The purpose of the Project System is to encourage the active participation of all levels of academic and research staff of IAMU member universities/faculties in specific activities that meet the Objectives and Goals of IAMU.

The main feature of the Project System is to invite all IAMU members to present new project proposals to deliver measurable and worthwhile outcomes through cooperation between/among members. The successful proposals are financially supported by IAMU.

**K. Website Committee:**

The Website Committee is a committee appointed by the International Executive Committee to manage the IAMU website.

**L. Editorial Board**

The Editorial Board comprises suitably qualified academic staff/faculty who are appointed from members of the International Executive Committee to ensure the academic rigor of IAMU publications.

**M. Honorary Fellows:** Honorary Fellow may be permitted by the approval of the members upon recommendation by the International Executive Committee.

**Article VIII – Roles and Responsibilities**

(As per Annex – I of this Agreement)

**Article IX - Finance and Accounting**

**A. Basic Policy:**

- a) As a principle, members should make the greatest possible ‘in-kind’ contribution of resources to IAMU activities.

- b) The main purpose of the financial support by the Special Member is to progress academic studies, development programs and practical activities worthy of IAMU which involve collaboration among the members and enhances exchanges among the members at all levels.

**B. Annual Membership Fee:**

Members shall pay an annual membership fee of US\$300. per institution.

**C. Members' Contributions:**

- a) The International Executive Committee shall invite governments, related organizations and industry to support IAMU activities financially and in other ways.
- b) Individual members are encouraged to seek financial support for IAMU activities through sources in their own regions.
- c) At the time of the Annual General Assembly, members shall pay an appropriate registration fee per delegate as determined by the Local Executive Committee.

**D. Financial and Accounting Officer:**

A senior officer of the Secretariat shall be designated as a financial and accounting officer by the International Executive Committee.

**Article X - Publications**

Publications of IAMU shall be issued at regular intervals for the purpose of publicizing the latest outcomes of IAMU activities among the members, as well as to third parties.

**Article XI- Internal and External Communications**

Members are to promote IAMU, its Objectives, Goals and outcomes as widely as possible to ensure that IAMU becomes recognized as an academic center of excellence by the international maritime community.

**Article XII - Language**

The common language of IAMU shall be English.

### **Article XIII - Amendment**

1. Amendments to this agreement shall be made by the International Executive Committee.
2. Such amendment shall be ratified by the members.

This First amended Basic Agreement has been approved on this day of 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2004 by all the members of IAMU.

Two (2) original First Amended Basic Agreement and Annex-I thereto have mutually been signed by each member and the Chair, and one (1) each set of the originals shall be kept by respective member and by the Secretariat in Tokyo.