

Memorandum of Understanding
between
Hiroshima Global Academy, Palmerston North City,
and Mihara City of Hiroshima Prefecture



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1. Background

Mihara City of Hiroshima Prefecture (Mihara) and Palmerston North City signed a sister city agreement on 21 March 2019. In 2024, the cities will commemorate the fifth anniversary of their sister city relationship. To acknowledge and build on the success of this relationship, Mihara and Palmerston North hereby confirm their desire to further develop relations between the two cities through the establishment of an International Student Programme.

Hiroshima Global Academy is a Prefectural public school funded by the Hiroshima Prefectural Board of Education, with the purpose of providing high-level learning opportunities for students, regardless of their economic circumstances. The mission of Hiroshima Global Academy is "to be a global leader in building peace through the power of learning". Hiroshima Global Academy is also a public IB World School with international validation, which provides students a high-quality foundation for their university students and professional life.

2. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) records the shared intention of the parties to foster a friendly relationship through mutual cooperation between Hiroshima Global Academy, Mihara City, and the Palmerston North City. The Parties have identified the following area of co-operation for the mutual benefit of all parties:

- 2.1 To facilitate the establishment of an International Student Programme at Hiroshima Global Academy, benefiting Palmerston North high school students so that they can develop global skills and educational abilities;
- 2.2 To identify opportunities and facilitate co-operation on the role each city plays in, encouraging their communities to participate in an International Student Programme at Hiroshima Global Academy, as well as to consult one another on matters of mutual interest.

3. Collaboration

- 3.1 Hiroshima Global Academy will offer the student tuition support system to Palmerston North high school students which will cover 100% of their tuition fees.

- 3.2 Palmerston North City will work with local education providers to promote the programme and assist the students with their application submission to Hiroshima Global Academy.
- 3.3 Mihara City will work with local community to support as well as to have regular interactions with the selected students during their time in Japan.
- 3.4 Regular contact will be maintained between the Mihara and Palmerston North City managing departments and Hiroshima Global Academy to ensure the smooth implementation and success of the programme.
- 3.5 The Parties intend to hold meetings, whenever the need arises, to identify opportunities for cooperation and consult with one another on matters of mutual interest.

4. Term

- 4.1 This MOU will commence on signing of this agreement by all Parties and will take effect from the date the last party signs this document for a period of five (5) years.
- 4.2 This MOU may be terminated by any party giving the other Parties three (3) months' notice in writing for any reason or for no reason.
- 4.3 Termination will not operate to prejudice any student or staff engaged in co-operative activity at the date of termination, the intention being that such activity will be permitted to reach its natural conclusion within a reasonable period of time. This includes any student who has commenced on the International Student Programme at Hiroshima Global Academy will be allowed to complete their scholarship.
- 4.4 This MOU may be amended or varied from time to time provided that such amendment, waiver or variation is made in writing and sign by all Parties.

5. Review

- 5.1 A review of this MOU can be requested at any time, by any party.
- 5.2 Amendments to this MOU will be made in writing by mutual agreement of all Parties.

6. Effect of Document

- 6.1 All parties acknowledge that this MOU is not intended to create binding legal obligations.
- 6.2 Nothing in this MOU is intended or will be deemed to constitute a partnership, agency, employee/employer or joint venture relationship among the Parties. The Parties will not represent themselves, and will ensure that their officers, employees or agents do not represent themselves as being officers, employees, agents or partners of the other. No party will have any authority to bind the other legally or equitably by contract, admission, acknowledgement, undertaking or estoppel.
- 6.3 If the Parties decide, having entered this MOU they would like to consider binding arrangements with each other then they shall negotiate and agree in writing a binding agreement relation to any such matter.
- 6.4 The official document is published in English and translated into Japanese to support the understanding among three parties.

Signed:

Signed by PRINCIPAL KAZUHIKO FUKUSHIMA
on behalf of HIROSHIMA GLOBAL ACADEMY:



福島 一彦
Kazuhiko Fukushima
PRINCIPAL

Date: Jan. 31, 2024

Signed by MAYOR GRANT SMITH on behalf of
PALMERSTON NORTH CITY:



Grant Smith
Grant Smith
MAYOR

Date: 31 January 2024.

Signed by MAYOR YOSHIHIRO OKADA on behalf of
MIHARA CITY OF HIROSHIMA PREFECTURE:



Yoshihiro Okada
Yoshihiro Okada
MAYOR

Date: Jan 31, 2024