

15 EDUCATION COOPERATION

ARTICLE 1

Scope and Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to foster closer people-to-people links and mutual understanding between Australia and Singapore and to enhance the role played by education in enhancing the bilateral trade and investment relationship through promoting mutual cooperation in education.

ARTICLE 2

Fields of Cooperation

Both Parties shall encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, exchanges in the following fields:

- (a) quality assurance processes;
- (b) on-line and distance education at all levels;
- (c) primary and secondary education systems;
- (d) higher education;
- (e) technical education and vocational training;
- (f) industry collaboration for technical and vocational training; and
- (g) teacher training and development.

ARTICLE 3

Facilitation of Cooperation

Both Parties shall encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation between their respective government agencies, educational institutions, organisations, and other entities and the conclusion of arrangements between such bodies to cooperate in the above fields. These may be achieved through:

- (a) joint planning and implementation of programs and projects, and joint coordination of targeted activities in agreed fields;

- (b) development of collaborative training, joint research and development, technology transfer and joint ventures between appropriate authorities and institutions;
- (c) development of programs which can be jointly delivered by institutions;
- (d) exchange of teaching staff, administrators, researchers and students;
- (e) academic credit transfer and mutual recognition of academic and vocational qualifications, between recognised institutions of higher learning;
- (f) cooperation in areas of interest in technical and vocational education;
- (g) exchange of teaching and curriculum materials, teaching aids, and demonstration materials as well as the organisation of relevant specialised exhibitions and seminars;
- (h) exchange of information on:
 - (i) study opportunities in Australia and Singapore;
 - (ii) education systems and standards; and
 - (iii) research projects, symposia and other academic events;
- (i) cooperative research in emerging education issues;
- (j) collaboration on the development of quality assured innovative resources to support learning and assessment, and the professional development of teachers and trainers in training and vocational education; and
- (k) other forms of cooperation as may be mutually determined.

ARTICLE 4

Student Mobility and Scholarship Arrangements

1. Both Parties shall foster the mobility of students.
2. A Party shall, subject to any qualification requirements for professional practice in its territory, allow its scholarships for overseas studies to be tenable at universities in the territory of the other Party.
3. Both Parties shall encourage their government scholarship nominees to consider the other Party as one of the countries for their overseas study.

ARTICLE 5

Costs

1. Cooperation under this Chapter shall be subject to the availability of funds.
2. The cooperative activities under this Chapter shall be funded as mutually determined.