Donation Request to the Tokushima University Fund for Supporting the Academic Collaboration with Technion

Dear Sir/Madam,

We, Tokushima University, have established an academic collaboration with Technion-Israel Institute of Technology (Technion) through the intermediary of Nichia Corporation (Nichia) to develop excellent human resources through conducting advanced scientific research. To make this new attempt successful with further development, we have launched **The Tokushima University Fund for Supporting the Academic Collaboration with Technion**. We would appreciate it if you could consider a charity donation to the Fund to make our collaboration more effective and sustainable with financial support.

Under the cooperation of the three parties, international joint research and mutual exchange of researchers are conducted to tackle the advanced studies difficult for a single university to implement alone. Specifically, Tokushima University and Nichia established the Tokushima International Science Institute (TISI) in January 2021 and have conducted international joint research with Technion. In addition, a mutual exchange program for postdoctoral researchers from both universities (Postdoctoral Fellowship) is scheduled to start in 2022.

Promoting an intimate and sustainable collaboration, the two universities are planning to implement these activities as follows:

- (1) Implementation of postdoctoral fellowship
- (2) Promotion of international collaborative research
- (3) Organization of research seminars and international conferences
- (4) Other collaborative projects for the enhancement and development of both universities

 Notably, we plan to invest in human development activities, as follows, for students and postdocs who will become the responsible scientific personnel of both countries.
- → Provide international exchange experiences to the under- and postgraduate students.
- → Provide expanded career development options for young academics after their completed PhDs.
- → Provide opportunities for young academics to engage in cutting-edge research opportunities.

Enhancing Tokushima University's research capabilities and fostering globally acclaimed researchers/engineers is essential to attract young generations. Through strengthening its functions, the University hopes to bring competent personnel and energy to its local community, Tokushima Prefecture, where the population is aging.

We hope that our academic challenges will become a bridge between Japan and Israel and contribute toward the bright future for all generations to come. Tokushima University sincerely requests you to join in our steps with your goodwill donation.

A Brief Introduction of Tokushima University

Under the National School Establishment Law, Tokushima University comprising the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Education, the Faculty of Medicine, and the Faculty of Engineering, was instituted in 1949. Currently, the university has eight graduate schools and six undergraduate schools. Furthermore, there are several institutes, such as the Institute of Advanced Medical Sciences (conducts the world's most advanced life science research), Institute of Post-LED Photonics (conducts innovative research in the field of next-generation light), University Hospital, and Industry-University R&D Startup Leading Institute (which supports industry-university cooperation and start-ups). On the way to globalization, we exchanged academic agreements with 99 institutions in 30 countries worldwide (as of December 1, 2020). The deal with Technion-Israel Institute of Technology now brings us up to 100 institutions in 31 countries. In addition, we are taking in more than 200 international students. As a national university that has produced a Nobel laureate in 2014 and is strong in the sciences, we are conducting the world's most advanced research, fostering talented human resources, and strengthening partnerships with local companies.

A Brief Introduction of Technion

Technion (laying the first cornerstone in 1912 and starting studies in 1924) is the premier research university in Israel for science, technology, and engineering and ranked among the leading technological universities worldwide. Technion is well known for its spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship, and its alumni and researchers have developed numerous groundbreaking inventions with worldwide impact. The university is proud of its four Nobel laureates – Aaron Ciechanover, Avram Hershko, Dan Shechtman, and Arieh Warshel. Over the years, Technion has played a pivotal role in positioning Israel as the "Start-up Nation."

A Brief Introduction of the Academic Collaboration Office with Technion (ACOT)

In November 2020, Tokushima University established the **Academic Collaboration Office with Technion (ACOT)** to support international joint research and human resource exchange projects with Technion-Israel Institute of Technology (Technion) through strategic oversight.

Technion is an ideal partner to enable Tokushima University to conduct research and education geared towards outstanding ideas and potential for innovations that had been a challenge to accomplish by themselves. Through the collaboration with Technion, ACOT is promoting the following activities:

◆ Tokushima International Science Institute (TISI)

Established in January 2021 under the collaboration with Tokushima University and Nichia. TISI is conducting International Collaborative Research with Technion.

Postdoctoral Fellowship

A mutual exchange program for postdoctoral researchers between Tokushima University and Technion began in 2021.

Special Lectures

Since 2020, Tokushima University has been organizing special lectures inviting distinguished speakers from Technion.

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Information about the Donation

1. Name of the Donation

The Tokushima University Fund for Supporting the Academic Collaboration with Technion

2. Purpose

The raised donation will be a part of the budget to implement the collaborative activities in both universities as follows:

- (1) Implementation of postdoctoral fellowship
- (2) Promotion of international collaborative research
- (3) Organization of research seminars and international conferences
- (4) Other collaborative projects for the enhancement and development of both universities

3. Amount

1,000 yen per unit (multiple units are welcome)

4. How to give

(1) Online Application

Credit cards are accepted for donation.

You can also make a continuous donation by credit card (monthly, months of your choice, or annually)

(2) Donation by other means

If you would like to donate by other means, please contact us. Email: acot office@tokushima-u.ac.jp

(3) Receipt

Donation receipt will only be issued after the university receives the amount. It may take up to two months for the university to receive your donation amount. The date of the receipt will be the date of your donation application. Tokushima University appreciates your kind understanding of the conditions.

5. Tax Incentives

No tax incentives have been settled for donations from outside Japan as of now. Sorry for the inconvenience.

6. Others

Tokushima University records the good names of the donors in the "University's Fund Donor's Name Book" and keeps them in the President's Office forever. As an expression of gratitude, the university mentions the donors on the university's website and also in the publication magazine, "Toku-Talk." If you do not wish to be open about your donation, the University will not publish any information.

7. Inquiries

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