



Cooperation Agreement between the Japanese Coral Reef Society and the Taiwanese Coral Reef Society

WHEREAS the Japanese Coral Reef Society (hereafter referred to as “JCIRS”) was founded in November 1997 with the goal of addressing the increasingly complex issues surrounding coral reefs, which require multi-disciplinary discussions, dialogue, and the exchange of ideas. JCIRS also views collaboration with international coral reef societies, particularly those in the Asia-Pacific region, as essential for the conservation and sustainable use of coral reefs in changing environments.

The Taiwanese Coral Reef Society (hereafter referred to as “TCRS”) was founded in November 1996. The purpose of the society is to promote the understanding of coral reefs in Taiwan’s water and to facilitate communication among scholars, government, media, and the general public, thereby establishing a platform and channels for dialogue. Currently, the society is also actively engaging in international cooperation, especially with neighboring countries, aiming to gain a better understanding of the increasingly severe, large-scale coral reef problems caused by rapid environmental changes and even to seek possible solutions.

JCIRS and TCRS, hereinafter individually referred to as “a Party” or collectively as “the Parties” have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1- PROVISION OF INFORMATION

1. JCIRS shall provide information on funding opportunities from the Japanese Government for exchanges between Japan and Taiwan.
2. TCRS shall offer information on funding opportunities from the Taiwanese government for these exchanges.

ARTICLE 2- ACCESS TO EACH PUBLICATION

1. The Parties will mutually grant access to each society's journal papers and newsletters for members of TCRS or JCIRS.
2. TCRS and JCIRS shall link their websites to each other.
3. TCRS shall promote publication announcements from the members of both societies on its website.

ARTICLE 3- MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE AND HUMAN EXCHANGES

1. The Parties agree to waive attendance fees, including reception fees, for student members.
2. TCRS shall allocate funding each year to support a TCRS member who will act as a society ambassador, representing TCRS at the JCIRS annual meeting.
3. The Parties may jointly support two JCIRS members to participate in the Taiwan International Symposium on Coral Reefs, which is held every two years in Taiwan.

ARTICLE 4- AMENDMENT

1. Either Party may request in writing to the other Party a revision, amendment, or modification of all or any part of this agreement.
2. Any revision, amendment, or modification shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties and shall be set forth in writing and shall form part of this Agreement.
3. Such revision, amendment, or modification shall enter into force on such date as may be determined by the Parties.
4. Any revision, amendment, or modification shall be without prejudice to the rights and obligations arising from or based on this Agreement before or up to the entry into force of such revision, amendment, or modification.

ARTICLE 5- ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Agreement shall enter force upon signature by the Parties.

In Witness whereof, the representatives, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Cooperation Agreement on November 30, 2024.



Mr. Yoshikatsu Nakano
President
The Japanese Coral Reef Society

Date: Nov. 30, 2024



Dr. Sen-Lin Tang
President
The Taiwanese Coral Reef Society

Date: Nov. 19, 2024

