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**AGREEMENT
REGARDING
MUTUAL CERTIFICATION**

Information-technology Promotion Agency, Japan (hereinafter "IPA"), an Independent Administrative Agency existing under the laws of Japan, and National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (hereinafter "NIELIT"), an autonomous scientific society of Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Government of India, hereby conclude this Agreement regarding the implementation of mutual certification concerning the Outline of Information Technology Engineers Examination of IPA (hereinafter the "Outline of IPA ITEE", attached Appendix A), and the Detailed Syllabus for the "A", "B" and "C" Level Courses on Information Technology originally established by DOEACC Society and currently maintained by NIELIT (hereinafter the "Course Syllabus", attached Appendix B), under the following terms and conditions.

* DOEACC Society is the former name of NIELIT, before 9th day of October 2011.

Article 1. Purpose of Mutual Certification

The purpose of this Agreement is to revitalize business activities related to information technology and to promote the mobility of IT personnel between Japan and the Republic of India by mutually certifying that the scope of knowledge, skills and technology contained in the outline of IPA ITEE and Course Syllabus are equivalent.

Article 2. Contents of Mutual Certification

The scope of knowledge, skills and technology in the Outline of ITEE provided by IPA and the Course Syllabus provided by NIELIT respectively, as shown below, are certified as being equivalent.

Outline of IPA ITEE Title		Course Syllabus Title	
I	Fundamental Information Technology Engineer Examination	I	'A' Level Course
II	Applied Information Technology Engineer Examination	II	'B' Level Course
III	System Architect Examination	III	'C' Level Course

Article 3. Follow-up

- Both IPA and NIELIT shall notify the other party promptly when either the Outline of IPA ITEE or the Course Syllabus of NIELIT are changed, unless the changes are minor and the mutually certified scope of knowledge, skills and technology is unchanged.

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2. When either IPA or NIELIT receives a notice from the other party concerning changes in its scope of knowledge, skill and technology, the notified party shall endeavor to maintain the coverage of such changed scope in its own scope by taking the measures prescribed in the following paragraph.
 3. Measures to be taken when changes are made in the Outline of IPA ITEE or the Course Syllabus.

- (a) IPA or NIELIT shall inform the other party of changes made to the scope of knowledge, skill and technology.
- (b) The party receiving the information shall consider the necessity of making changes to the scope it provides, and when it deems that changes are necessary, it shall consider the specific changes to be made and the method to be used. (hereinafter the "Corresponding Measures")
- (c) NIELIT or IPA shall inform the other party of such Corresponding Measures promptly as soon as the consideration of the Corresponding Measures is finished.
- (d) When IPA or NIELIT receives notification of the Corresponding Measures relating to its own changes from the other party, it shall review such Corresponding Measures and make recommendations as necessary.
- (e) NIELIT or IPA shall, when it receives the recommendation stated in the preceding subparagraph, respect it as such.

Article 4. Cancellation of Mutual Certification.

IPA or NIELIT may cancel this Agreement on the occurrence of any of the following:

- 1) When the other party conducts any act that is in violation of the purpose of the mutual certification,
- 2) When the other party does not observe any of the provisions prescribed in Article 3,
- 3) When a party notifies the other party with its intent to cancel the mutual certification.

Article 5. Consultation and Mutual Agreement

This Agreement may be amended based on consultation and any matters not stipulated herein shall be determined and agreed upon through mutual discussions between the two parties.

Article 6. Maintaining Equivalence of Scopes and Levels

The Japan Information Technology Engineers Examination based on "The Promotion of Information Processing Act" and formulated in accordance with the Outline of IPA ITEE prescribed in Article 2 is implemented by IPA. The Indian Certification Program endorsed by the Indian Government Authority and formulated in accordance with the Course Syllabus prescribed in the same Article is implemented by NIELIT. Both IPA and NIELIT must endeavor to ensure that the scopes and the levels of knowledge, skill and technology are kept equivalent acceptably.

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Article 7. Appendix

The following appendices attached hereto are made as a part of this Agreement.

Appendix A: Outline of IPA ITEE

- (I) Fundamental Information Technology Engineers Examination
- (II) Applied Information Technology Engineers Examination
- (III) System Architect Examination

Appendix B: Course Syllabus

- (I) 'A' Level Course
- (II) 'B' Level Course
- (III) 'C' Level Course

Article 8. Entire Agreement

This Agreement shall supersede the previous Memorandum of Understanding concluded between Information-technology Promotion Agency, and DOEACC Society dated August 4, 2005, regarding the mutual recognition between JITEC Skill Standards for Fundamental Information Technology Engineers, Software Design & Development Engineer, Application System Engineer and IT Common Body of Knowledge, and DOEACC Courses on Computers for DOEACC 'A' Level Course, DOEACC 'B' Level Course and DOEACC 'C' Level Course.

In witness hereof, both parties shall execute this Agreement in two copies and shall retain one each.

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