

**Record of the Discussion:
Possible Directions and Activities for Phase III
(Wrap-up Meeting, March 26-29, 2012, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang)**

1. Desirability of entering phase III

All members indicated their willingness to continue the network and the desirability to enter Phase III.

2. Confirmation of the nature of the network

It was reconfirmed that this network is a kind of platform where any member university can take initiative to embark upon an activity with any other member university (ies).

In this connection the following Article 5 2-(2) of the statutes was recalled.

“Any one Member, or if necessary together with other Member(s), may make a proposal for an activity to be conducted under the “A-A Dialogue”, involving either all or part of the Members.”

3. Activities

(1) Research

1) Research results will be published as a special edition of the CICE journal and/or CICE series. Detailed information including standard procedures to that effect will be sent to member universities by the secretariat.

2) The next few months can be utilized to conclude current research and also to plan the next research. Planning for the next study framework can be discussed at the general assembly.

3) Possible research themes and modality should be sent to the Secretariat.

(2) Staff Exchange/Student exchange

1) Concluding an MOU is important as it is a key to promoting exchange programs. For those universities which have not yet started this activity, therefore, the first priority may be given to making a MOU for this activity.

(3) Any initiatives for other activities

1) Academic staff of the member universities could be more utilized each other as a resource person and for other purposes.

2) For this more information is needed about these staff.

4. Financing

Financing continues to be a crucial matter for the sustainability of the network. This will be discussed in depth at the next general assembly.

5. Communication

More frequent communication is needed not only from the secretariat to member universities but also among members through the A-A website, the A-A mailing list, etc.

6. Renewal of the membership and new members

- (1) Article 3-4 which stipulates about the renewal of the membership can be interpreted as follows. “The signatory of the application for the renewal can be decided upon by each member university, provided that the legitimacy of the signatory is ensured within the respective university.”
- (2) Possibility of inviting other countries that are not in either Africa or Asia shall be discussed in the next General Assembly.

7. Secretariat

- (1) All member universities expressed their wish that Hiroshima University continues to function as the secretariat for the Network in phase III.
- (2) Any other universities could take more active initiatives for particular activities.