Agreement Regarding the University of the Ryukyus Graduate School of Engineering and Science Doctoral Program

September 28, 2000

Decision by the Graduate School of Engineering and Science Committee

- This agreement sets forth the necessary particulars for the conferral of degrees under Article 31 of the detailed regulations for the handling of degree conferred in the University of the Ryukyus Graduate School of Engineering and Science. (hereafter referred to as "the detailed regulations").
- In order to apply for dissertation review in the Doctoral Program, it is required that, at the time of application, at least two papers have been published or accepted for publication on refereed academic journals recognized by a major or a course in the Master's Program. The applicant must have lead authorship on at least one of the papers. Also, at least one of the papers must be in English. If the applicant has none, English papers published in proceedings and similar publications shall also be considered. Published papers that merit consideration are limited to those that have never been used for the degree applications of other co-authors.
- 3 For applicants through submission of doctoral dissertations, it is required that, at the time of application, at least four papers have been published or accepted for publication on refereed academic journals recognized by a major or a course in the Master's Program. The applicant must have lead authorship on at least two of the papers. Also, at least one of the papers must be in English. Published papers that merit consideration are limited to those that have never been used for the degree applications of other co-authors.
- Those who fall under Article 25 (1) of the detailed regulations will be treated as a doctor if they apply for the degree and pass the examination within one year after leaving school. Requirement 2 above applies to those who apply for the degree between one and three years after leaving school.
- For applicants through submission of doctoral dissertations, the foreign language achievement test referred to in Article 30 of the detailed regulations requires a written test of English. Academic aptitude shall be evaluated by Major Dean and

Chief Evaluator (or Deputy Chief Evaluator), and the result shall be presented, upon deliberation of the major committee, to the Head of the Graduate School of Engineering and Science.

- 6 Those that were denied degree conferment by the committee in accordance with Article 21 of the detailed regulations may re-apply. However, the application shall undergo preliminary review.
- 7 In addition to these agreements, upon deliberation of the Graduate School Committee, each course shall specify any necessary particulars relating to degree conferral.