

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

### BETWEEN

**TAINAN STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION (TnSEA)** (hereinafter referred to as "TnSEA")

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### AND

**TURKISH CHAMBER OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (TMMOB-IMO)** (hereinafter referred to as "TMMOB-IMO")

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(Collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party")

### PREAMBLE



**WHEREAS**, TnSEA is a professional association representing structural engineers in Tainan, Taiwan, dedicated to advancing the practice of structural engineering and disaster resilience;

**WHEREAS**, TMMOB-IMO is the national representative body for civil engineers in Türkiye, actively involved in post-earthquake investigation, reconstruction, and professional development. Further knowledge sharing shall be coordinated by TMMOB-IMO, focusing particularly on the Turkish provinces heavily damaged during the February 6, 2023, earthquakes;

**RECOGNIZING** the shared commitment of both Parties to promoting international cooperation, professional exchange, and technological advancement in the fields of structural and earthquake engineering;

**CONSIDERING** the urgency of exchanging knowledge and experience, particularly in seismic resilience, post-disaster assessment, and reconstruction efforts;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parties hereby agree to establish a formal framework for cooperation under the following terms:

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**ARTICLE 1: OBJECTIVES OF COOPERATION** The primary objectives of this MOU are to:

- Facilitate the exchange of professional knowledge and technical expertise between structural and civil engineers in Tainan and Turkey.
- Promote knowledge sharing in the areas of earthquake engineering, post-disaster reconnaissance, structural assessment, and reconstruction technologies.
- Support the professional development of members through joint activities, seminars, and information sharing.
- Strengthen ties and mutual understanding between the two professional communities.

**ARTICLE 2: SCOPE OF COOPERATION** The Parties shall endeavor to cooperate in the following areas, subject to the availability of resources and mutual consent:

1. **Technical Seminars and Workshops:** Arranging and conducting joint seminar series, workshops, and lectures on structural and earthquake engineering topics, including presentations on reconstruction status and best practices.
2. **Professional Exchange Programs:** Facilitating exchange visits and site surveys for engineers and researchers to observe and study post-disaster assessment, repair, and reconstruction methodologies.
3. **Information and Documentation Exchange:** Sharing professional publications, standards, codes, and relevant research findings, particularly those related to seismic design and structural safety.
4. **Joint Coordination:** Coordinating efforts with relevant governmental or academic institutions to maximize the impact of collaborative projects, such as joint participation in international conferences.

**ARTICLE 3: IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION**

1. **Work Plan:** The Parties shall jointly develop specific work plans or projects for the implementation of the activities agreed upon in Article 2.
2. **Coordinating Officer:** Each Party shall designate a Coordinating Officer to serve as the primary point of contact. The designated officers are:
  - **For TnSEA:** Chung-Hsien Shih (President)
  - **For TMMOB-IMO:** Nusret Suna (President)
3. **Facilitation:** Associate Prof. Cem Yenidogan of Yıldız Technical University is acknowledged for his role in facilitating and coordinating the initial stages of this cooperation.

**ARTICLE 4: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS** This MOU is an agreement of intent and does not create any financial obligations between the Parties. Financial arrangements for specific activities shall be negotiated and mutually agreed upon in writing in a separate annex or agreement.

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**ARTICLE 5: EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION, AND TERMINATION**

- 1. **Effective Date:** This MOU shall become effective on the date of the last signature of both Parties ("Effective Date").
- 2. **Duration:** This MOU shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years and shall be automatically renewed for subsequent one-year periods unless either Party provides written notice of non-renewal at least sixty (60) days prior to expiration.
- 3. **Termination:** Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing sixty (60) days' written notice. Ongoing activities shall be completed unless otherwise mutually agreed.

**ARTICLE 6: DISPUTE RESOLUTION** This MOU is an expression of goodwill and common interest. Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be resolved amicably through negotiation between the Parties.

**ARTICLE 7: APPROVAL AND AMENDMENTS**

- 1. **Approval:** This MOU is subject to necessary administrative approvals from IMO and all internal approvals for TnSEA. It shall become effective upon the signature of the authorized representatives of both Parties.
- 2. **Amendments:** This MOU may be amended only by the written mutual consent of both Parties.

3. **For: Tainan Structural Engineers Association (TnSEA) For: TMMOB IMO-Chambers of Civil Engineers**

Name: Chung-Hsien Shih (施忠賢)

Title: President

Signature:   
  
Date: Dec 30, 2025 

Name: Selçuk Uluata Bülent Tatlı  
Title: Vice President Secretary Member

Signature:   
  
Date: 30.12.2025