

STATEMENT OF INTENT
ON
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
JAPAN ASSOCIATION FOR FIRE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (JAFSE)
AND
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY (NIST)

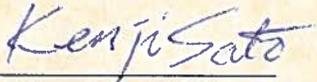
The Engineering Laboratory (EL), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the Japan Association for Fire Science and Engineering, intend to open a dialogue for new research collaborations between both countries in an effort to develop scientifically based building codes and standards that will be of use to both countries to reduce the devastation caused by unwanted fires. This is a formal continuation of the kickoff meeting held at NIST in June 2011. Details of this agreement are delineated below:

1. As part of this agreement, the parties intend to hold two meetings over a period of four years:
 - One meeting will be held in Japan (in Tokyo; venue organized by JAFSE) in 2012
 - One meeting will be held at NIST (Gaithersburg, MD) in 2014
2. The initial meeting will be focused on the areas of:
 - Urban and Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fires
 - Fire Structure Interaction and EL's new National Fire Research Laboratory (NFRL)
3. Both organizations shall faithfully consult with each other and do their utmost to communicate any problems or issues arising from activities based on this Statement.
4. Other research interests could be explored for the 2014 meeting, according to mutual interest within the spirit of international exchange and collaboration.
5. This Statement shall be effective on the date of the last signature. The effective period of the Statement is four (4) years after the date executed. If either party wishes to terminate this memorandum, written notice should be given at least two (2) months before the termination date. If both parties desire, this memorandum may be renewed upon mutual written agreement.
6. Activities contemplated and conducted under this Statement are subject to the availability of funds and other necessary resources to the parties. No funds are obligated by this Statement and no party is required to obligate funds in support of this agreement. Both organizations

acknowledge that visits by staff from one organization to the other shall be subject to the entry, visa, and other regulations of the United States and Japan.

7. This Statement of Intent of the parties is not a legally binding agreement. No legal rights or obligations are created by this Statement.

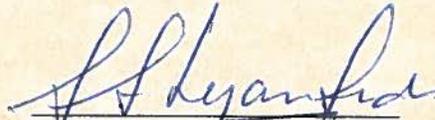
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12/3/2011
Date

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