

KIGAM·KISTI

Memorandum of Understanding

for Strengthening Research Competitiveness in Science and Technology Information and
Establishing a Cooperative Framework for Technical Exchange

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MOU”) is made and entered into by and between the Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources (KIGAM) and the Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI) (hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Parties”), in order to promote technical exchange and cooperation on matters of mutual interest, thereby contributing to the advancement of national science and technology.

Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of this MOU is to strengthen research competitiveness in the field of science and technology information and to establish a sustainable cooperative framework. Through joint responses to rapid changes in the science and technology environment, the Parties seek to contribute to national development.

Article 2 (Areas of Cooperation)

The Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- ① Joint research and sharing of information in the field of research data management and dissemination.
- ② Establishment and utilization of infrastructure for big data processing and analysis.
- ③ Joint use of KISTI’s supercomputing resources for the high-speed processing of large-scale geoscience exploration data.
- ④ Joint activities such as education, seminars, and forums related to the above-mentioned fields.
- ⑤ Joint promotion of research results, including publications and outreach.
- ⑥ Other mutually agreed areas of cooperation.

Article 3 (Designation and Operation of Working-Level Representatives)

- ① To promote efficient cooperation in the areas specified in this MOU, each Party shall designate working-level representatives.
- ② The working-level representatives shall deliberate on necessary matters to implement cooperative projects, including provision of data and administrative support.
- ③ Expenses incurred in carrying out cooperative activities shall be determined by mutual agreement.

Article 4 (Adjustment of Matters)

Any matters not specified in this MOU, or any additional detailed matters required, shall be determined through mutual consultation between the Parties' working-level representatives.

Article 5 (Confidentiality)

Neither Party shall use for purposes other than this MOU, or disclose to third parties without prior written consent, any information acquired from the other Party in the course of implementing cooperative activities under this MOU.

Article 6 (Validity of the MOU)

This MOU shall take effect on the date of signing by both Parties and remain valid for three (3) years.

Unless either Party provides written notice of termination at least one (1) month prior to the expiry date, this MOU shall be automatically extended for successive periods of one (1) year under the same terms and conditions.

Article 7 (Legal Effect)

Except for the confidentiality clause in Article 5, the provisions of this MOU shall not create legally binding rights or obligations between the Parties, unless separately stipulated in a formal agreement.

Article 8 (Additional Provisions)

In case new areas of cooperation arise that are not covered in this MOU, the Parties may supplement this MOU by mutual written consent.

This MOU has been executed in duplicate on June 10, 2021, with each Party retaining one copy.

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