

Guidelines
for a
Cooperative Program in Atmospheric Research
between
The American Institute in Taiwan
and
The Coordination Council for North American Affairs

1. Background

Cooperation between scientists from the United States and the territory represented by the Coordination Council for North American Affairs (CCNAA) is furthered pursuant to an agreement dated September 4, 1980 between the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) and the CCNAA. The "Taiwan Relations Act" (Public Law 96-8, April 10, 1979) authorizes the continuation of commercial, cultural and other relations between the people of the United States and the people in the territory represented by CCNAA. Such relations are conducted by or through AIT, a non-profit corporation, incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia. CCNAA is the instrumentality which has been established to provide assurances and take actions on behalf of the people in the territory represented by CCNAA. AIT works in association with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Washington, DC in administering the program. CCNAA performs a similar function in coordination with the National Science Council (NSC) in Taipei.

2. Program Goals

To increase cooperation between atmospheric scientists in the United States and Taiwan through participation in a program called the Taiwan Area Mesoscale Experiment (TAMEX), during the months of May and June 1987. The objective of TAMEX is to improve understanding and prediction of heavy rainfall that can lead to flash flooding in Taiwan. Research has suggested that flash floods in Taiwan are often caused by the interaction of the topography of Taiwan with mesoscale convective systems that are generated along a quasi-stationary synoptic front. The TAMEX program envisages cooperative research, scientific visits and the exchange of scientific information.

3. Implementation and Coordination

AIT and CCNAA will coordinate and implement the activities agreed to under these guidelines with NOAA and the NSC. Each side shall designate a program coordinator to be responsible for the overall coordination of cooperative activities under these guidelines.

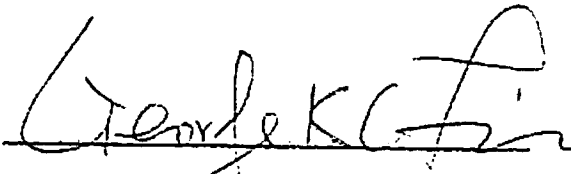
4. Funding

Funding of the TAMEX program shall be carried out on the basis of mutuality, reciprocity and flexibility. In general, each side will fund the cost of its participation in the program, but each side may provide support for participation in the program by the other side. In this regard, CCNAA will contribute to the cost of operating an aircraft to be provided by AIT through its association with NOAA. CCNAA's contribution will not exceed U.S. \$370,000.00.

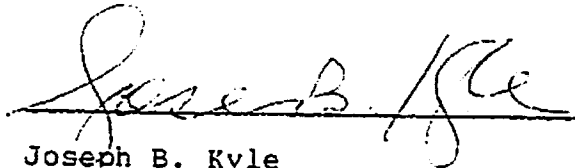
5. Liability

CCNAA agrees to assist AIT in the defense against any suit by any entity or person in Taiwan for personal injury, death or property damage arising out of work performed by NOAA on behalf of AIT pursuant to these guidelines. Except for damage to or destruction of NOAA property caused by NOAA personnel, CCNAA agrees to reimburse AIT for any damage to or destruction of NOAA property arising out of work performed by NOAA for AIT pursuant to these guidelines.

6. In addition to the TAMEX program, other cooperative projects in atmospheric research may in the future be mutually agreed to by AIT and CCNAA. These other projects will be covered in addenda to these guidelines.



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