

SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
in Astronomical Investigations  
between  
the University of Tokyo and the University of Chile

The President of the University of Tokyo, a national university based in Tokyo, Japan, which operates the Institute of Astronomy of the Graduate School of Science and the Rector of the University of Chile, a public corporation based in Santiago, Chile, hereby conclude this Agreement.

Considering the scientific importance of the plans of the Institute of Astronomy of the University of Tokyo to install the University of Tokyo Atacama Observatory (hereinafter, TAO), which will include a 6.5m infrared-optimized telescope, in the territory of the Republic of Chile, and the wish of the University of Chile to cooperate with the realization of said plans, the following has been agreed to.

FIRST - The University of Tokyo and the University of Chile will collaborate in scientific and technical development of optical and infrared astronomy and in testing of observing sites.

SECOND - The importation of all materials or implements which may be necessary for the construction, installation, and operation of the TAO, as well as the importation of the personal effects of scientists, engineers, technicians, and employees who may travel to Chile for this program, will be subject to the benefits granted by Chilean Ministry of Finance Law No. 15,172.

THIRD - After the TAO has been installed, ten percent of the observing time at the TAO will be set aside each year for Chilean astronomy. The University of Chile will be responsible for setting up a special Time Allocation Committee on behalf of the Chilean national community to administer this time. The same condition will apply to any other new instrument or telescope installed in Chile by the Institute of Astronomy of the University of Tokyo.

FOURTH - Astronomers using the facilities of the TAO for observations in accordance with the terms of the preceding paragraph, will have the same privileges and be subject to the same regulations applicable to all users of the facilities of the TAO in general.

FIFTH - This agreement can be amended by mutual agreement of the signatories. Either party may, by giving six months written notice to the other party, terminate this Agreement.

In witness of the above, this Agreement is to be executed in three identical copies (one in Japanese, one in Spanish, and one in English) by authorized representatives of each university and both parties will retain one copy of each of the Agreement.

The University of Tokyo



Takeshi Sasaki, President

Signed as of:

January 16, 2003

The University of Chile



Luis Riveros, Rector

Signed as of:

January 16, 2003