

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for Scientific Cooperation in the
University of Tokyo Atacama Observatory
between
The Astronomy Department of the University of Chile
and
Institute of Astronomy of the University of Tokyo

In consideration of the mutual interest of the Astronomy Department of the University of Chile and Institute of Astronomy of the University of Tokyo (hereafter IoA-UT) in the "University of Tokyo Atacama Observatory" (TAO) project, that is currently planned at IoA-UT, to install a 6.5m infrared-optimized telescope in the territory of the Republic of Chile, both parties agree to the following terms:

The Astronomy Department of the University of Chile and IoA-UT will collaborate in scientific projects of mutual interest.

In particular, joint measurements of the atmospheric transparency and stability in the optical and infrared wavelength regions will be conducted in north Chile as part of the site testing necessary for the installation of the TAO 6.5m telescope.

The Astronomy Department of the University of Chile will obtain the necessary permits to place equipments in the aforementioned place.

When the funding for the TAO project is granted, the Astronomy Department of the University of Chile and IoA-UT will make their best efforts toward the signature of an agreement between the University of Chile and the University of Tokyo, to allow the importation, installation, and operation of the TAO and related instrumentation in Chile.

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