



**LETTER OF EXECUTION ON RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION OF  
THE MAYAN SITE OF COPAN BETWEEN THE INSTITUTO  
HONDUREÑO DE ANTROPOLOGIA E HISTORIA (IHAI) AND THE  
UNIVERSITY OF KOMATSU, JAPAN.**

We, **ROLANDO DE JESÚS CANIZALES VIJIL**, of legal age, single, Honduran, Doctor in History, with National Identification Document Number 1807-1984-02375, residing in this city of Tegucigalpa, Municipality of the Central District, acting in his capacity as Manager of the Honduran Institute of Anthropology and History (IHAI), as appointed by the Board of Directors in Act Number 01-2022 dated April 7, 2022, acting in his capacity as Manager of the Honduran Institute of Anthropology and History (IHAI), as appointed by the Board of Directors in Act Number 01-2022 dated April 7, 2022, hereinafter referred to as **"THE INSTITUTE"** on the one hand, and on the other hand, **HIROSHI YAMAMOTO**, of legal age, married, Japanese, Doctor of Medical Science, passport number TR9126908, residing in Komatsu City, Ishikawa Province, Japan, acting in his capacity as the President of Komatsu University, hereinafter referred to as **"THE UNIVERSITY"**, have agreed to enter into, as we hereby enter into this **EXECUTION LETTER ON RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION OF THE MAYAN SITE OF COPAN BETWEEN THE INSTITUTE AND THE UNIVERSITY**, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

**INTRODUCTION**

**"THE INSTITUTE"** and **"THE UNIVERSITY"**, recognize the convenience of coordinating and jointly carrying out programs and projects related to the study, research, conservation, enhancement and promotion of the Cultural Heritage of Honduras in general, for which the letter of agreement was signed on July 2022. Consequently, and conscious of the above, the above mentioned parties, subscribe the present Letter of Execution on research and conservation of the Mayan Site of Copán, in order to jointly investigate, restore and conserve Structures 10L-7, 10L-8 and 10L-11, as well as to carry out training and exchange programs of technical and professional personnel both in Japan and Honduras as well as in the third country such as Guatemala.

**JUSTIFICATIONS**

**"THE INSTITUTE"** and **"THE UNIVERSITY"**, without detriment to the sphere of their legally corresponding competencies, agree:

1. Coordinate and carry out activities to achieve the optimal use of financial, material and human resources available to them, promoting activities and programs in the above mentioned structures within the Maya Site of Copán, following the provisions of the Law for the Protection of the





Cultural Heritage of the Nation (Legislative Decree 220-97) and the Regulations for Archaeological Research in Honduras

2. Both parties agree to promote and develop adequate coordination as an effective means to achieve the best possible realization of the proposed goals

### **BASIS OF THE LETTER OF PERFORMANCE**

**CLAUSE ONE:** The purpose of this Letter of Execution is to establish the legal basis for the parties to jointly and harmoniously carry out activities related to research, prospecting, restoration, conservation, protection and promotion of the Copán Mayan Site.

### **OBJECTIVES**

**CLAUSE TWO:** The objectives of this Letter of Execution are the following:

1. To take advantage of the human resources available to both parties for the practice of the overlapping tasks that, according to the laws and their regulations, are the responsibility of both institutions
2. To stimulate and promote scientific and cultural activities in favor of the knowledge and defense of the Copán Mayan Site
3. Coordinate actions for the conservation and promotion of the Copán Mayan Site.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

**CLAUSE THREE:** "THE INSTITUTE" and "THE UNIVERSITY" assume compliance with the following statements:

1. "THE INSTITUTE" will designate a supervisor and "THE UNIVERSITY" a Project Director, be it in accordance with the investigation, excavation, prospection, restoration and conservation of Structures 10L-7, 10L-8 and 10L-11 of the Mayan Site of Copán.
2. The persons designated by both parties will jointly carry out research, excavation, prospecting, restoration and conservation, as well as other cooperative activities of mutual benefit
3. Proposals for activities to be carried out jointly will be subject to the provisions of the Law for the Protection of the Cultural Heritage of the Nation (Decree 220-97) and the Regulations for Archaeological Research in Honduras
4. The researchers and technicians hired by "THE UNIVERSITY" for the execution of the programs will be accredited by the western regional representative of "THE INSTITUTE".





5. The joint programs, approved by the parties, will be carried out by qualified personnel, duly endorsed by their professional credentials, under the supervision of **"THE INSTITUTE"** and **"THE UNIVERSITY"**.
6. Within the limits of each institution, **"THE INSTITUTE"** and **"THE UNIVERSITY"** will provide financial and material support and technical assistance in the execution of research, excavation, prospecting, conservation, restoration, enhancement, promotion and dissemination activities in the structures and areas of mutual interest.
7. All archaeological material resulting from the activities carried out jointly by **"THE INSTITUTE"** and **"THE UNIVERSITY"** in Structures 10L-7, 10L-8 and 10L-11 will be the property of **"THE INSTITUTE"**, which will be the custodian of the materials.
8. The documentation resulting from the investigations will be property of both institutions, which commit themselves to provide the information to third parties only with the consent of **"THE INSTITUTE"** - Except for those publications that are generated by unilateral interpretations of the Archaeologists and/or Technicians in reference and not properly of the results of the investigation.
9. **"THE INSTITUTE"** reserves the right to publish in Spanish any publication resulting from the research as stipulated in the **"THE INSTITUTE"** Publications Regulations. Except in those cases in which joint publications are made between the two institutions. In this as in any other publication resulting from the research programs executed under the terms of this agreement, the participation of **"THE INSTITUTE"** and **"THE UNIVERSITY"** will be expressly recognized, except for those publications that are generated by unilateral interpretations of the archaeologists and/or technicians in reference and not properly from the results of the research.
10. The support staff of researchers and technicians, including students of **"THE UNIVERSITY"** who participate in joint activities, will sign minutes of commitment with **"THE INSTITUTE"**.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS


1. This Letter of Performance shall have a term of five (5) years, as of the date of signature, and may be extended by mutual written agreement of the parties. This Letter of Performance may be terminated for breach of any of the aforementioned clauses by one of the parties before the expiration date, prior notice of sixty (60) days.



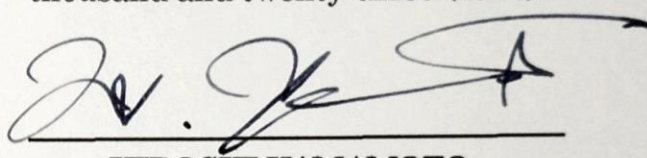


2. This Letter of Execution may not be rescinded while a specific program or project is under execution
3. In witness whereof the undersigned have signed this Letter of Execution

In the city of Tegucigalpa,  
Municipality of the Central District  
on the first day of March of the year  
two thousand twenty-three (2023).

  
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**ROLANDO DE JESUS  
CANIZALES VILLAL**  
"THE INSTITUTE"

In the city of Komatsu, Ishikawa  
Province, Japan on the seventh  
(7th) day of March in the year two  
thousand and twenty-three (2023).

  
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**HIROSHI YAMAMOTO**  
"THE UNIVERSITY"