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***Summary***

This paper gives information about the signing of a Letter of Intent (LoI) between the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), Marmara Research Center (MAM), Polar Research Institute (PRI) and the Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI) within the context of international cooperation in polar scientific research.

***Introduction***

The signing process of the LoI between the KOPRI and the TUBITAK MAM PRI has been completed on behalf of the Parties on November 10, 2020 by the signatures of Burcu ÖZSOY, Director of the TUBITAK MAM PRI and Sung-Ho KANG, President of the KOPRI.

In the context of mutual interest in promoting cooperation activities in polar sciences on the basis of equality and reciprocity the TUBITAK MAM PRI and KOPRI within the framework of this LoI express a common interest to explore the opportunities for pursuing joint activities in the fields of polar sciences.

The exploration of the potential cooperation activities under this LoI includes the development of mutually beneficial academic programs, coordination of staff mobility for purposes of teaching, research and training, coordination of academic activities such as joint research, publication and symposia, exchange of scientific information and research materials in fields of mutual interest and other activities considered to be of benefit to each Party’s research programs.

The TUBITAK MAM PRI would like to thank the KOPRI for this opportunity. Such cooperation is extremely important for both Parties in their aspiration to provide high quality polar research to address global issues for the benefit of mankind and to strengthen international cooperation in the field of science, technology, education, and outreach.