

**Memorandum of Understanding
on Cooperation in Higher Education
between
the Austrian Federal Minister for Science and Research
and
the Minister of Education, Science and Technology
of the Republic of Korea**

The Austrian Federal Minister for Science and Research and the Minister of Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Korea and (hereinafter referred to as the “Sides”),

recognizing the need to expand and intensify cooperation between the Republic of Korea and the Federal Republic of Austria in higher education and related scientific research,

have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1

1. In accordance with their respective national laws and regulations, and on the basis of the principles of reciprocity and mutual benefit, the Sides will support the development of cooperation in the fields of higher education and related scientific research.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MOU”) is not intended to create any legal rights or obligations.

Paragraph 2

1. The Sides will support the manifold cooperative activities between Austrian and Korean institutions in the fields of higher education, especially between Austrian and Korean universities and universities of applied sciences as well as within university networks.

2. The Sides will encourage and support the continuation and the further development of partnerships in the fields of higher education between universities, universities of applied sciences and funding agencies and other organizations engaged in international cooperation in higher education and related scientific research.

3. Each Side will welcome applications by students, scholars and scientists of the country of the other Side for scholarships and research grants. Information on Austrian scholarships and research grants can be downloaded from www.grants.at. Information on Korean scholarships and research grants can be downloaded from www.studyinkorea.go.kr and www.krf.or.kr.

4. The Sides will encourage cooperation between the Austrian Exchange Service and the Korean Research Foundation in order to facilitate exchange and cooperation in the fields of higher education and related scientific research.

5. The Sides will encourage cooperation between Austrian and Korean partner institutions through educational cooperation networks including the Eurasia-Pacific UNINET.

Paragraph 3

The cooperation provided for in Paragraphs 1 and 2 may include:

- (a) the exchange of information and documentation on higher education ;
- (b) the exchange of scientists and experts for consultation, symposia, projects and studies in the framework of concrete projects in the amount of up to 50 person days per year in each direction ;
- (c) additional support for cooperation, which may be obtained through the regular channels for international cooperation of the sides ;
- (d) efforts to cooperate within the framework of the programs of the European Union and the Republic of Korea in higher education and related scientific research.

(e) support for summer schools acquainting students and graduates with the culture of each other's country on a self-financing basis; and

(f) any other cooperative activity that may be jointly decided upon by the Sides.

Paragraph 4

1. In principle, each Side will bear its own costs arising from cooperative activities under this MOU.

2. Expenses related to the exchange of scientists and experts will be borne as follows :

(a) the visiting Side will cover the travel costs; whilst the accommodation costs will be borne by the host Side.

(b) the visiting Side will ensure that the visiting personnel, scientists and experts have sufficient health insurance.

Paragraph 5

1. Each Side will designate a coordinator to facilitate cooperation as laid out in this MOU.

2. Steering meetings will take place whenever necessary, co-chaired by the coordinators in order to monitor, assess and steer the activities carried out under this MOU.

Paragraph 6

Any differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be settled through mutual consultations between the Sides.

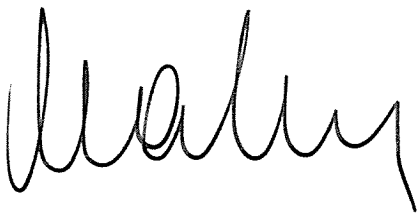
Paragraph 7

This MOU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Sides.

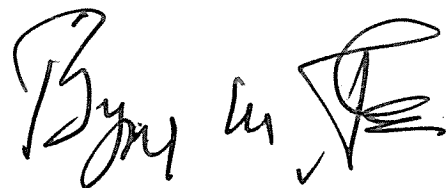
Paragraph 8

1. This MOU will enter into effect on the first day of the month following the date of its signature.
2. This MOU will remain effective for an initial period of three (3) years and may be extended as jointly decided by the Sides following the evaluation of the cooperation carried out under this MOU.
3. Either Side may terminate this MOU by giving three (3) months' advance written notice to the other Side.

Signed on 14th of September 2009 in Vienna in two original alternates in English, both texts being equally authentic.



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