

Letter of Intent for Cooperation

For the purpose of improving mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples of Austria and China, and to develop teaching and learning of Chinese language and culture in Austria, on the basis of a general agreement between the Ministers of Education of China and Austria, the University of Vienna and the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) agree to co-establish the *Confucius Institute at the University of Vienna*. Through friendly discussion, both parties agree to the following:

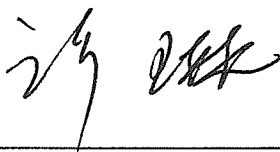
1. Both parties recognize that promoting Chinese language teaching and learning will facilitate the exchange and cooperation in economic, educational and cultural fields, and the mutual understanding and friendship between the two countries. Therefore, both parties agree to make efforts in this aspect by establishing a Confucius Institute.
2. Confucius Institute is a nonprofit educational institution, with the mission of spreading the Chinese language and culture, and supporting Chinese language teaching and learning. Its main profile includes offering Chinese Language courses and curricular appropriate to local needs, training Chinese teachers, publishing and popularizing Chinese textbooks and learning materials, holding Chinese language tests, hosting teaching, research and cultural activities to arouse public interest in China and Chinese language and culture.
3. Establishing the Confucius Institute in Vienna should abide by relevant laws and regulations, abide by related regulations on establishing educational institutions in Austria,

and abide by the norms for the establishment of Confucius Institutes.

4. Both parties agree to provide human, material and financial resources to the Confucius Institute for its setting-up, operation and development.
5. Both parties agree to discuss further details, including the possibility of establishing Confucius Classrooms in other cities in Austria, after signing this Letter of Cooperation Intent, finalize as soon as possible the Agreement concerning co-establishing the Confucius Institute, and commit to its implementation, within one year.
6. Both parties agree that Beijing Foreign Studies University will represent the Chinese party to concretely implement related issues.
7. This Letter of Cooperation Intent shall take immediate effect on the date of signature by both parties.
8. This Letter of Cooperation Intent is written in Chinese and English and signed in four copies. All texts are of equal authenticity.



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