

**Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation  
between  
the Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria  
and  
the Home Affairs Bureau of  
the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region  
of the People's Republic of China**

The Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria and the Home Affairs Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, hereinafter jointly referred to as 'the Participants',

Desiring to promote and strengthen the cooperation in the fields of culture and the arts, and

Believing that such cooperation will contribute to strengthening mutual awareness, respect, understanding and friendship between their people,

Have reached the following understanding:

**Article 1**

Both Participants will encourage direct contacts between artists and public and private institutions in the fields of the arts and culture, including the initiatives of both Participants to promote the cooperation in the fields of theatre, music, dance, film-making, visual and applied arts, photography, literature, libraries and museums.

## **Article 2**

Both Participants will encourage museums, galleries and other cultural institutions to cooperate on the basis of their respective applicable laws. In this context, both Participants take note of the fact that the Austrian Federal Museums are autonomous. The institutions concerned are responsible for the practical implementation of cooperation projects and related agreements, in compliance with applicable law and practice.

## **Article 3**

Both Participants will encourage their artists and experts to participate in international cultural events and festivals.

## **Article 4**

While this Memorandum of Understanding is in effect, both Participants will encourage artists and experts in the fields as mentioned in Article 1 to participate in exchange activities.

## **Article 5**

Both Participants express their wish to encourage their respective arts organisations to offer artists-in-residence places from time to time to the artists of the other Participant in the fields of contemporary arts.

## **Article 6**

Both Participants will encourage cooperation in the public library sector and promote exchange of ideas, experience and expertise between the competent institutions.

#### **Article 7**

Both Participants will encourage translation, publishing and distribution of literature highly valued by the other Participant.

#### **Article 8**

The activities of cooperation to be carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the availability of funds and resources of both Participants. Each Participant will endeavour to provide adequate resources for the implementation of its own commitments in relation to such activities.

#### **Article 9**

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain effective for a period of three (3) years. It will be automatically renewed for successive periods of three (3) years. Either Participant may cancel this Memorandum of Understanding by giving six (6) months' prior notice in writing to the other Participant.

#### **Article 10**

Any change or revision of this Memorandum of Understanding can be effected by mutual consent of both Participants.

#### **Article 11**

This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to be legally binding and will not create obligations under domestic or international law or prevent each Participant from pursuing cooperation with other places in accordance with domestic or international law.

### **Article 12**

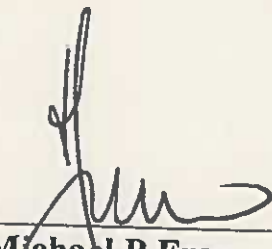
Any disputes or differences between the Participants arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled through consultations.

### **Article 13**

This Memorandum of Understanding is subject to the applicable laws of the Participants.

Done and signed in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on 9 March 2015, in two original copies, in the English language.

**For the Federal Chancellery  
of the Republic of Austria**



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