

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF**  
**GENERAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA**

**and**

**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF TAIWAN**

The Federal Ministry of Education of the Republic of Austria and the Ministry of Education of Taiwan (hereinafter referred to as the "Sides"),

- based on their long-standing friendly relations
- desirous of developing cooperation for the mutual benefit of both Sides
- recognizing the possibilities to do so in the field of education

hereby announce their intention to engage in future cooperation as follows:

**Article 1**

The Sides will both encourage cooperation in the fields of general and vocational education and training for the purpose of achieving better mutual understanding and closer communication between their respective education systems.

To this end they will undertake:

- exchanges of information; and
- exchange visits by education experts.

**Article 2**

The Sides acknowledge the importance of education in combating youth unemployment and in order to enhance their young people's competitiveness in the global labour market, both Sides will encourage exchanges and bilateral cooperation in the field of vocational education and training firms.



Both Sides welcome the collaboration between National Taipei University of Business in Taiwan and BHAK Wien 10 (Secondary Vocational Business College / the Medium-Level Secondary Business School of Vienna) in Austria.

### **Article 3**

Both Sides will encourage cooperation within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

### **Article 4**

Both Sides will encourage cooperation and communication in the field of teacher training and related exchanges of experience and expertise. In this context they welcome the establishing of exchange-programs between their respective teacher education universities and colleges, such as those in Upper Austria and Taichung.

### **Article 5**

Given globalization, both Sides acknowledge the importance of providing opportunities to gain multilingual and multicultural competencies to students in their education systems.

Within the limits of its budgetary constraints, the Austrian side will offer cooperation and assistance in the teaching German as a foreign language area by:

- extending invitations for Taiwanese teachers of German and German studies scholars to participate in in-service training seminars on Austrian cross-cultural studies and Austrian literature;
- providing teaching materials on Austrian cross-cultural studies and Austrian literature to educational institutions in Taiwan that offer German as a foreign language and/or related courses;
- organizing short "Austrian Days" Austria-related seminars in Taiwan.

The Taiwanese side will offer cooperation and assistance in teaching Chinese as a foreign language area by:

- extending invitations for Austrian teachers of Chinese and Chinese studies scholars to participate in in-service training seminars on Chinese language and culture;
- extending invitations for Austrian senior secondary school students, and students at secondary level vocational business colleges, and technical colleges to undertake Chinese language courses.

## Article 6

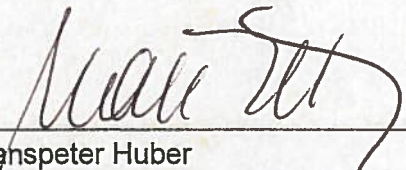
This Memorandum of Understanding takes effect upon the date of signing.


It will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years and will be extended for an additional three (3) years unless either of the two Sides gives written notice of its termination, at least six (6) months prior to its expiration.

## Article 7

This Memorandum of Understanding does not result in the creation of any obligations under international law, nor does it have any effect on existing legislation.

Two original copies in English signed in Vienna on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016

  
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