

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON COOPERATION

IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (Taipei)

AND

THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMY (Vienna)

The authorities in charge support cooperation between the Taiwanese Higher Education Institutions under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education in Taipei and the Austrian Higher Education Institutions (Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences) under the responsibility of the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy in Vienna, hereinafter referred to as the "Sides", and

- 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 higher education

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

Article 1

Both Sides encourage cooperation in the field of higher education for the purpose of achieving better understanding and closer communication between their people. Both Sides emphasize that this Declaration aims to make an important contribution to strengthening their friendly relations.

Article 2

Within their budgetary means, both Sides will promote such educational exchanges as

- a) the exchange of information and experience by cooperatively organizing academic seminars and conferences on themes of mutual interest;
- b) exchange visits of experts in higher education fields; and
- c) the exchange visits of researchers

Article 3

Both Sides will encourage student internship exchanges and study visit exchanges.

Article 4

Both Sides will encourage their institutions of higher education to continue and expand their educational and research cooperation.

Article 5

Both Sides will provide each other with information about opportunities available for students and researchers to receive funding support to undertake a scientific study or research visit to institutions of higher education and research institutions and encourage and assist students and researchers to apply for such funding support.

Article 6

Both Sides note with satisfaction the excellent existing cooperation – such as the Lectureship Programme and the German-as-a-Foreign-Language-Internship at the Department of German at the National Kaohsiung First University of Science and Technology and the Vienna Center for Taiwan Studies at the Department of East Asian Studies at the University of Vienna. In the near future a teacher of Chinese language and Taiwanese culture will be hosted at University of Vienna.

Article 7

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

It will remain effective for a period of five (5) years and will be extended for an additional three (3) years unless it is cancelled in writing by either of the two Sides at least six (6) months prior to its expiration.

Article 8

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any legal or financial obligations under national or international law.

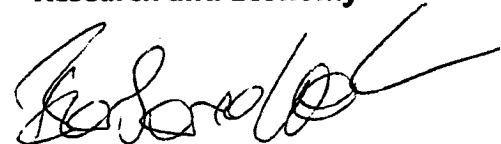
Signed in duplicate in Vienna on 12 September 2016 in the English language.

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