



The Beijing Center

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) between THE BEIJING CENTER and THE UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TRIESTE

The University of Trieste, represented by its Rector Prof. Roberto Di Lenarda and The Beijing Center, represented by its Executive Director, Prof. Simon Gar Man Koo, PhD, agree on the importance and the usefulness of establishing cultural, scientific and educational links, in order to assert and to consolidate the ties of friendship between the two Institutions and their countries.

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as MoU for this cooperation, therefore, contributes to the joint pursuit of education and learning.

This MoU does not bind either of the two parties legally or financially. Its aim is to promote relations that will mutually benefit each institution, this being the primary aim of academic collaboration.

1. General purpose

The present MoU defines the beginning of cooperation between the two parties in all fields and disciplines of common interests. It will be articulated in written Executive Protocols or other agreements, which will establish educational and/or scientific cooperation programmes and define the expected results.

2. Types of cooperation

The parties indicate their willingness to cooperate in the promotion of educational activities. Under this MoU the types of cooperation may include:

- Short-term study abroad for students;
- Other activities as mutually agreed.

3. Executive Protocols

The development and implementation of each type of cooperation as listed above will be separately established between the parties and outlined in written Executive Protocols or other agreements, which will specify the governing of the joint activities and will be an integral part of this MoU.

4. Insurance

Each person involved in all foreseen activities of this MoU has to provide her/himself with a suitable health and third-party liability insurance, according to the home country's regulations.

5. Promotional Material and Use of Logos

Neither party shall use the name and logo of the other in any form of publicity or promotional material without written consent.

6. Financial Aspects

Both parties acknowledge and understand that all financial arrangements, if any, will be subject to negotiation and indicated in the specific Executive Protocols or other agreements.

7. Languages

This MoU has been drawn up in two original copies in English. The English text is the only authoritative version.⁵

8. Equal Opportunities

The parties shall not discriminate against any person based on national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, political opinions, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital or familiar status, disability.



¹ If, according to internal or other current regulations, further versions in other languages are needed, then an official translation is required. Therefore, the applicant university has to provide a certified or sworm translation, corresponding exactly to the full content of the original text.

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9. Validity

This MoU will come into force after its signing by the legal representatives of each Institution. It will be valid for five years from the date of signing. Nonetheless, the Parties may extend the period of this MoU by mutual consent, in writing, by their duly authorized representatives.

The MoU may be terminated/cancelled in writing by one of the parties with at least three months' notice, before the expiry date. Any ongoing and scheduled activity at that time will not be affected. Amendments to this MoU may only be made by mutual agreement in writing by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties.

Amendments shall enter into force on the date on which the last party signs or on the date of approval of the request for amendment.

10. Dispute Resolution

Where a problem or dispute occur, the Parties will first seek to resolve that dispute between themselves to the best of their endeavours, and will use all efforts required to settle the problem or dispute by direct negotiation. If the problem or dispute cannot be resolved in this manner, the parties may elect a third party by mutual consent, who shall examine the problem or dispute and provide recommendations. The parties shall share equally all expenses incurred in appointing the third party.

11. Liaison Offices

The Offices in charge of the execution and possible amendment or extension of this MoU are:

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