



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING CO-OPERATION IN EDUCATION BETWEEN CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO AND CHONGQING UNIVERSITY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

BACKGROUND

The fundamental aspects of this agreement are based on the fact that:

- Both institutions share common interests and objectives in the academic and cultural environment; and
- That they intend to promote friendship, exchange, cooperation and understanding between the two universities, and thus to establish this general framework for collaboration in research and education.

PREAMBLE

California State University, Fresno (CSUF) with legal address in 5241 N. Maple Ave, Fresno, CA 93740, USA, represented in this deed by its president, Dr. John D. Welty,

and

Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications (CUPT) with legal address in Chongwen Road 2#, Nan'an District, Chongqing 400065, P. R. China, represented in this deed by its president **Prof. Yinguo LI**,

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Aim

The aim of the present Agreement is to define the framework in which joint actions shall be taken by California State University, Fresno and Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications to promote the joint academic programs, exchange of individuals, activities and experience in relevant areas of higher education and research. There will be specific agreements for each program and activity.

Article 2 Nature of the Cooperation

In order to develop specific forms of co-operation, both California State University, Fresno and Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications will promote:

- joint academic or educational programs;
- exchanges of students at undergraduate or postgraduate levels, researchers and faculty/staff members;
- study sessions, workshops and seminars on previously agreed subjects;
- exchanges of information, documentation and scientific publications;
- exchanges of students, faculty/ staff members and university officials through visits or training periods

Article 3 Teaching

Both parties shall promote the program of exchange students within the framework of specific co-operation agreements signed between their departments and schools. These specific co-operation agreements will acknowledge the courses and credits taken on each other's campuses that may lead to the awarding of both Chinese and American degrees, and, furthermore, induce the development of joint efforts in doctoral programs. To this end, they shall exchange all documents that may inform candidates about the objectives and contents of the programs to be offered.

Article 4 Research

Both parties shall encourage co-operation in scientific research and exploration. The aim of this endeavor is to promote joint efforts and exchange of ideas or findings in certain research projects and field observations among graduate students and faculty members from both universities. In this context, the exchange of students and professors shall meet the terms and conditions to be established by specific agreements.

Article 5 Financial Aids

Both parties agree to take action to obtain financial support for student/professor exchanges under the bilateral or international programs or from other funding sources.

Article 6 Organization and Follow Up

In order to achieve the aim established in article 1, both parties shall appoint a person in charge of the co-operation. The parties shall consult each other as often as needed in order to pursue the aim of this Agreement.

Article 7 Financial Obligations Related to Student Mobility

- Chinese students shall pay tuition, fees and living expenses to Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunication as per Chinese governmental stipulations while they are studying in Chongqing, China.
- After their arrival in the USA, California State University, Fresno will provide the Chinese students with treatment and services equal to those rendered available to the American students already enrolled on its campus. They are to pay tuition and other fees according to the American standards as they begin their studies at California State University, Fresno, USA.

Article 8 Insurance Cover

Both parties agree to take action to request the persons taking part in the joint academic or exchange programs cover their necessary insurance fees in case of sickness and accident under the this Agreement.

Article 9 Duration of the Agreement

This agreement is written in both English and Chinese languages, both versions being equally valid. This Agreement will enter into force from the date of signature by both parties. It remains in effect for a term of five years and shall be automatically renewed for successive terms of one year unless terminated by either party with six months notice in writing. In this case, persons still engaged in activities begun before such notice was given shall retain all rights conferred under this agreement until the activity in question is ended.

Approval and signatures by:

President: Dr. John D. Westy California State University, Fresno

President: Prof. Yinguo Ll

Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications

Date: 9/14/2011

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