Agreement on Academic Exchange and Cooperation
Between
University of Alaska System, USA and Graduate University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China

The University of Alaska System, hereafter referred to as UA, located in Alaska, U.S.A. and Graduate University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, located in Beijing China, hereafter referred to as GUCAS. Both parties hereby enter this agreement of academic exchange and cooperation as partner institutions systems to explore academic collaboration, exchange and international cooperation on the basis of quality and mutual benefit to both partner universities.

The parties to this agreement agree on the following:

1. UA and GUCAS agree to explore the feasibility of exchange programs for faculty, staff and students as well as explore the feasibility of offering joint programs and other academic ventures/programs.
2. UA and GUCAS agree to explore exchanging faculty and staff. Faculty and staff should normally be full-time employees at UA and GUCAS. Their role is to give lectures, engage on collaborative research, teach, as well as introduce culture and history to the academic community. Exchange faculty and staff must meet the institutional requirements of the host partner.
3. Both parties agree to explore sending students to partner university for PhD programs and endeavor to assist the students from partner university.
4. Concerning the issues of entrance requirements, research standards and policies, use of facilities, tuition, scholarship and the other academic and financial matters for exchanges and cooperation as set forth above, the partner institutions/systems may mutually agree to all terms on a case-by-case basis.
5. This agreement shall be in effect for a period of three (3) years from the date of execution and may be renewed for additional three (3) year period by the parties, unless terminated by either party.
6. All modifications to this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties to the agreement.
7. This agreement is written in English and Chinese, and the two versions are equally valid.

Signed by:

Mark R. Hamilton
President
University of Alaska System, USA
Date: July 9, 2008

Deng Yong
Chairman of University Council
Graduate University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
Date: July 9, 2008

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