Letter of Understanding “Sino-US Education Research Center”

Between Shenyang Normal University and University of Alaska System

Party A: Shenyang Normal University, Liaoning, China

Party B: University of Alaska System, Alaska, USA

1. Vision and Mission

China and United States are two of the world’s most influential countries. One has the most advanced education system; the other has the most population. These two countries have heterogeneous background of politics, economy and culture, which reflect differences on its educational policies and teaching methods.

Educational undertaking paves the future human development. This is an indispensable factor for social stability and technological advancement. Thus, we are seeking ways to collaborate with excellent education institute, such as yours, of United States in Educational researches, to create mutual trust, to develop multi-cultural education and to promote education collaboration.

China is now at a critical turning point, the Ministry of Education of China plans to transform the traditional education state to the modern education state, we need to engage and learn experiences from schools in United States. The quest of Educational reform has been initiated. China’s education system is rapidly growing and becomes the world biggest in scale. By the same token, United States may be interested in finding China’s superior fundamental Education experiences and Chinese model of learning.

As for the consideration above, after collective discussion, Shenyang Normal University in China and University of Alaska System in United States agree to discuss “Sino-U. S. Education Research Center” at Shenyang Normal University to generate researches of Educational perspectives in China and United States. Both Parties will work principle of
equality and mutual benefit through striving to make “Sino-US Education Research Center” one of the most informative and influential centers in China.

2 Goals and Objectives

(1) Foster Education research communicate frequently exchange information and materials.
(2) Exchange scholars, promote professional development, joint visits.
(3) Cooperation on subjects of common interest including application for government support through established proceedings.
(4) Both parties will try to publish research results in scholarly publications in China and U.S.
(5) Endeavor to influence government policy on regard to Chinese higher education.
(6) Organize international conferences and promote distribution of educational research.
(7) Foster development of academic publications and professional websites when circumstances allow.
(8) Endeavor to encourage graduate students in Sino-U.S. Educational research.

3. Responsibilities of Party A

(1) The center is set in the college of educational of Shenyang Normal University. Party A manages daily operation. Party A and Party B undertake the responsibilities of directing and supervision.
(2) Party A manages human resources needs.
(3) Party A offers work place and office facilities.
(4) Party A provides operation funds for scientific research and office expenses needs.
(5) Party A provides local accommodation, transportation for partner scholars, who works at “Sino-US Educational Research Center” when they visit Shenyang Normal University.
(6) Party A promotes public relations in china.
4. Responsibilities of Party B

(1) Party B will assist in collection of information and related materials related to education research.

(2) Party B will endeavor to encourage faculty to initiate academic conferences.

(3) Party B will assist and endeavor to guide Chinese researchers and graduate students who belong to "Sino-US Educational Research Center"

(4) Party B shall discuss the possibility of visiting faculty to the University of Alaska System to engage in academic research activities.

All responsibility are subject to approval of the University of Alaska System and subject to approval of the UA president.

Shenyang Normal University

Signature of the representative Party A

University of Alaska System

Signature of the representative of Party B

Vice President

University of Alaska System

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This letter of understanding is not a legal agreement or legally binding on either party.