

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ASEAN-CHINA ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

**Towards An Enhanced ASEAN-China Academic Partnership
16 March 2007**

We, the representatives of the Member Universities of the ASEAN University Network (AUN) and the Chinese Universities (upon the recommendation of the Chinese Ministry of Education-CME), gather in Hanoi on 15-16 March 2007 for the 2nd ASEAN-China Rectors' Conference;

DESIRING to pursue the Plan of Action to implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity, which is aimed at deepening and broadening ASEAN-China relations and co-operation in a comprehensive and mutually beneficial manner for the five years (2005-2010);

CONTINUING to implement the ASEAN-China Academic Co-operation and Exchange Programme between the AUN and the CME;

UNDERTAKING to promote greater academic exchanges, collaborative study and research programmes on the priority areas identified by the AUN and the Chinese Universities;

PROMOTING teaching of each other's language in China and ASEAN Member Countries and encourage more students to study in each other's universities;

PROMOTING mutual recognition of academic degrees among interested universities in the AUN and the People's Republic of China;

FACILITATING the establishment of a directly linked university website to disseminate information between the AUN and the Chinese Universities;

CONTINUING to facilitate more international students to study at Chinese and ASEAN Universities by setting up inter-collegiate fellowship;

ATTEMPTING to alleviate and, if possible, eliminate obstacles to, as well as constraints on, the university co-operation between the AUN and the Chinese Universities;

DO HEREBY DECLARE that the Member Universities of the AUN and the Chinese Universities agree to continue and enhance the co-operation in the following details:

I. Areas of Co-operation

1. Language, Culture
2. Law, Trade and Business
3. Engineering Science
4. Architecture and Urban Planning
5. Environmental Protection
6. Mineral Resources
7. Maritime Science and Logistics
8. Arts & Crafts
9. Agricultural Sciences
10. Natural Sciences
11. Medicine and Public Health

II. Activities of Co-operation

1. ASEAN-China Rectors' Conference:
 - Rectors/ Presidents/ Vice Chancellors from twenty AUN Member Universities and twenty Chinese Universities (upon the recommendation of the CME) will meet every two years in one of the AUN Member Universities to explore priority issues of mutual interests for the enhancement of ASEAN-China Academic Co-operation in the field of higher education.
 - The ASEAN-China Rectors' Conference will be organized every two years in one of the AUN Member Universities.
2. Survey and Round Table Meeting
 - Heads of International Relations Departments/ Vice Presidents for International Affairs from twenty AUN Member Universities and twenty Chinese Universities will meet in China every two years to discuss on promoting ASEAN studies in China along with promoting Chinese studies in ASEAN as well as the common interested areas of studies.
3. Joint Research and Training Grants
 - Ten researchers each from ASEAN and China will be selected to be grantees for a period of up to 3 months under this programme.
 - The AUN will select the ten researchers from ASEAN to conduct researches in China and the CME will select the ten researchers from China to conduct researches in ASEAN countries.
4. Joint Distinguished Professors and Lecturers Programme
 - Twenty lecturers of any fields each from ASEAN and China will be selected to give lectures, arrange laboratory exercises and demonstrations and engage in collaborative development of curricular and teaching-learning materials in the AUN Member Universities and Chinese Universities.

- The exchange period will be up to six months.
- 5. Student Exchange Programme
 - The activity is aimed to build “cooperative interface” between ASEAN and Chinese university students who will initiate a new era of mutual co-operation in the future.
 - ASEAN students will be awarded to study at Chinese universities and Chinese students will be awarded to study in ASEAN universities.
- 6. Others activities for youths and young leaders, such as ASEAN-China Youth Cultural Forum, ASEAN-China Education Forum and Young Speakers Contest, Annual ASEAN Youth Camps.
- 7. Establishment of the ASEAN-China university website.

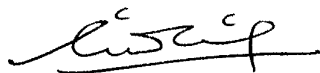
III. Funding

1. The possibility of financing the activities under this co-operation programme between the Member Universities of the ASEAN University Network (AUN) and the Chinese Universities (upon the recommendation of the CME) will be sought from the ASEAN-China Co-operation Fund (ACCF). Where possible, the physical infrastructure and related projects will be supported by the Chinese Universities to the best of its capacity, and where feasible, by the AUN Member Universities.
2. The Chinese Universities and the AUN Member Universities will continue to strengthen existing funding mechanisms and look into providing requisite resources in accordance with their respective capacities as well as explore effective and innovative resource mobilization strategies for mobilizing resources for the effective implementation of this co-operation.
3. For the exchange programmes, the ASEAN and Chinese counterparts shall cooperate in form of cost-sharing and in-kind support for the activities co-operation.

DONE at the SECOND ASEAN-China Rectors' Conference held in Hanoi, on Saturday, the 16th March 2007.

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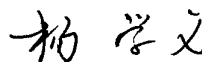
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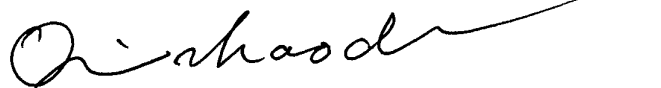
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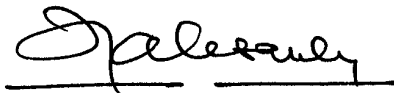
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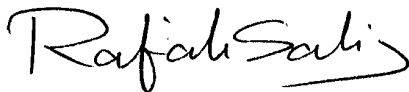
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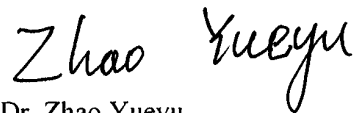
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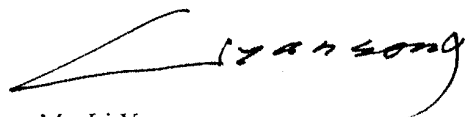
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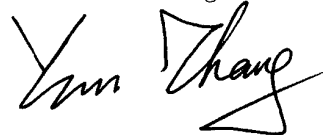
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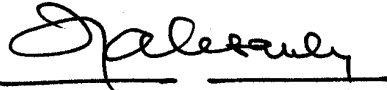
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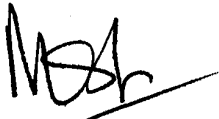
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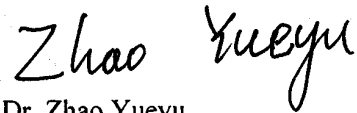
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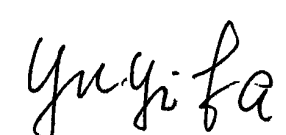
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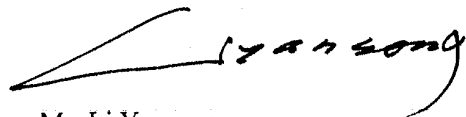
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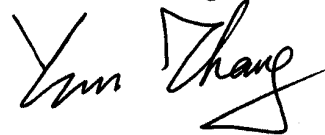
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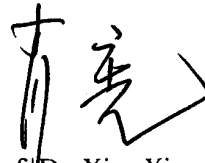


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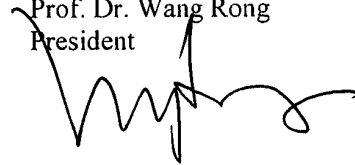
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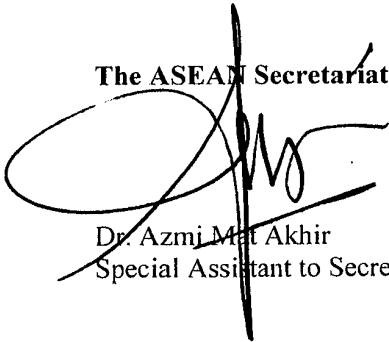
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