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for the continuing operation of the New Zealand Centre at Peking University

between

Peking University

AND

University of Auckland

University of Canterbury

University of Otago

University of Waikato

Victoria University of Wellington

Auckland University of Technology

Lincoln University

Massey University

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Memorandum") is between:

Peking University in Beijing, People's Republic of China

AND

the University of Auckland, the University of Canterbury, the University of Otago, the University of Waikato, Victoria University of Wellington, Auckland University of Technology, Lincoln University and Massey University (referred to collectively in this Memorandum as "the New Zealand Universities")

(together "the Parties")

The Parties hereby commit to working collaboratively towards the continuing operation of the New Zealand Centre at Peking University ("the Centre").

I Purpose

The purpose of the Centre is to promote relationships of understanding and co-operation across diverse fields of academic and other sector engagement between New Zealand and China.

II Objectives

The objectives of the Centre are to:

- a) Promote scholarly exchanges and collaboration of researchers and academics across all disciplines among Peking University and other relevant Chinese universities and the New Zealand Universities;
- b) Provide a forum for China-New Zealand dialogue among different sectors (government, academia, and business) in education, cultural exchange and cooperation, economic transformation, innovation and national growth strategies, and other topics of mutual interest;
- c) Promote New Zealand studies at PKU through lectures, courses, conferences, and workshops;
- d) Undertake special projects to enhance New Zealand-China understanding and cooperation in research, teaching, and publication on New Zealand Studies.

III Responsibilities of both parties

The New Zealand Universities will:

- a) Provide teaching staff for the undergraduate course on New Zealand History and Culture annually for students at PKU;
- b) Host an annual summer school programme for PKU students in the New Zealand Universities (during January to February);

- c) Manage an annual programme for visiting researchers and academics from New Zealand; and a reciprocal programme for visiting researchers and academics from PKU to New Zealand, in consultation with the NZ Centre Director at PKU;
- d) Undertake to deliver public seminars, conferences or workshops on topics relevant to NZ-China research and policy relationships at the Centre.

Peking University will:

- a) Provide appropriate space for the Centre and ensure the Centre and its activities are promoted on campus;
- Host the annual undergraduate course on New Zealand History and Culture and promote New Zealand summer schools to its students;
- c) Work to ensure all faculties within PKU are aware of the Centre and the opportunity to partner with visiting NZ academics;
- d) Assist New Zealand researchers and academics to make contact with the PKU faculty relevant to their disciplinary interests and manage a reciprocal programme for visiting researchers and academics from PKU to New Zealand in consultation with the Chair of the New Zealand Advisory Board;
- e) Promote seminars from NZ visiting researchers and academics;
- f) Liaise as appropriate with other Chinese universities, government agencies and relevant sectors to promote the activities of the Centre.

IV Governance

- a) The Centre at PKU will be headed by a Director ("Centre Director") to be appointed by Peking University in consultation with the New Zealand Advisory Board ("NZ Advisory Board");
- b) The NZ Advisory Board will comprise representatives from the New Zealand Universities, and may include representatives from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Education New Zealand;
- The NZ Advisory Board will oversee alignment between the Centre's activities and the strategic objectives of New Zealand stakeholders;
- d) The Chair of the Advisory Board ("the Chair") will be appointed for a two-year term by the NZ Advisory Board members;
- e) The Chair will act as a point of contact between the Centre Director and the NZ Advisory Board;
- f) From time to time, representatives from Peking University and the NZ Advisory Board will meet to discuss matters of mutual interest in respect of oversight, management, and operations of the Centre.

V Operations

- a) The Centre will be housed in a purpose-built facility at Peking University campus;
- b) The Centre will endeavour to provide space for visiting New Zealand researchers and academics who may be asked to contribute seminars and guest lectures at Peking University, including the undergraduate course on New Zealand;
- c) The New Zealand Universities will continue to provide financial support through the NZ Advisory Board, as may be agreed with Peking University, towards the operations of the Centre. In addition to the benchmark of RMB 200,000 (approximately equal to NZ\$ 45,000) as the foundational fund, which is part of the PKU administration requirements for all the research centres, the Centre's operating budget is to be agreed annually by the Parties, normally no more than NZ\$ 45,000;
- d) The Centre Director will liaise with the Chair of the NZ Advisory Board to create opportunities for Chinese researchers to make contact with their counterparts in New Zealand.

VI Duration

- a) This Memorandum will commence on the date on which it is signed by the Parties, or, if signed on separate days, on the day the last signatory signs the Memorandum, and will continue in force for a period of 5 years from that date;
 - If either of the Parties, or if any one of the New Zealand Universities wishes to terminate its commitment to this Memorandum during its term, that Party must raise the matter with the other Parties as a matter for discussion under IV (f) of this Memorandum. The Chair of the NZ Advisory Board will ensure that all members of the NZ Advisory Board are informed.
- b) All matters of dispute are to be resolved by mutual agreement.

Three months prior to the expiry of this Memorandum, the Parties shall review the terms of this Memorandum. Subject to a satisfactory review by the Parties, which confirms that the Memorandum is achieving the objectives set out above, the Parties may renew the Memorandum for a further term of five years subject to any changes that may be agreed in writing by the Parties.

This Memorandum is signed in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being of equal validity.

Signatories:

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