



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Between
Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic
And
Donghua University, Shanghai in the Peoples' Republic of China

Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and Donghua University in Shanghai, in the Peoples' Republic of China hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";
Desiring to enhance and develop their relationships of scientific cooperation and academic exchange between them;

The Parties have agreed on the following:

**Article /1/
Objective of the Memorandum**

The aim of this MOU is to foster and develop scientific, academic and research cooperation between the Parties on the basis of equity and mutual benefit.

**Article /2/
Areas of Cooperation**

The Parties hereby agree, within their available resources, to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Conduct joint research activities.
- b. Exchange of Students, academic and administrative staff members, and young scientists for study and scientific training in areas of mutual interest.
- c. Exchange academic materials, publications and periodicals issued by the two Parties in areas of mutual interest.
- d. Any other areas mutually agreed upon by the Parties.
- e. For the purpose of implementing each specific cooperation activity, The Parties shall prepare a work program describing the forms, the means and the respective responsibilities, which shall be the object of a "Specific Program", to be executed by the concerned Parties.

**Article /3/
Financial Conditions**

The Parties shall specify conditions for funding of any specific activity mentioned in this MOU according to the respective financial regulations of each country.

**Article /4/
Implementation Mechanism**

- a. In order to achieve the aims of this MOU, the Parties shall agree on signing executive programs according to their available resources, to determine the mechanisms and details of implementation of the provisions of this MOU
- b. Each Party shall designate a coordinator responsible for implementation and follow-up the activities to be implemented, and shall inform the other Party of this, and each Party may change the coordinator upon a formal correspondence to the other Party
- c. The Parties shall undertake to protect the intellectual property rights in accordance with the relevant laws, national rules and regulations enforced in both countries and the conventions in force between them.

**Article /5/
Confidentiality**

- a. The Parties shall undertake to observe the confidentiality of all documents, information and other data which are disclosed, in writing or orally, by the disclosing Party to the receiving Party, and each Party shall treat and answer information confidentially and shall not disclose it to any third Party without a prior permission of the other Party.
- b. The Parties shall abide by the provisions of this Article after the termination of MOU.

**Article /6/
Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute that may arise between both Parties regarding the interpretation or implementation of any provisions of this MOU shall be settled amicably by direct consultations and negotiations, or through diplomatic channels.

**Article /7/
Final Provisions**

- a. This MOU shall enter into force from the date of receiving the last written notification in which one Party notifies the other, through diplomatic channels, about the completion of the internal procedures required for its entry into force, and shall be valid for a period of five years and may be renewed for similar period unless either of the Parties notifies the other in writing and through diplomatic channels, about its intention to terminate it six months prior to its date of expiry.

- b. The termination of this MOU will not affect any ongoing activities until their completion.
- c. Either Party may amend, change or add any item or article of this MOU by mutual written consent through diplomatic channels. These amendments, or changes or additions will enter into force according to the paragraph (a) of this article, and it will be considered as an integral part of it
- d. This MOU does not give any Party the right to be a procurator or a representative of the other Party, and does not either constitute a joint venture partnership or an official business between the Parties.
- e. The execution of this MOU is subjected to the enforced laws and regulations in both countries.

Done and signed in Damascus on / / 2023, and in China on / / 2023 in two original copies in Arabic and English languages. All the texts have the same authenticity. In case of any divergence, the text in English shall prevail.

For Damascus University

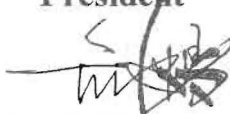

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