

Scientific Cooperation  
And  
Academic Exchange Agreement  
Between  
Damascus University in The Syrian Arab Republic  
And  
Beijing Polytechnic University in The People`s  
Republic of China

Based on the mutual wish of Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and Beijing Polytechnic University in The People`s Republic of China to further scientific cooperation between them , and according to the executive program of the cultural agreement signed with the government of the People`s Republic of China in Beijing for the years 1994 - 1995 - 1996 - 1997, a scientific cooperation and academic exchange agreement is held and will cover the following :

Article 1 : Visits

A - Short- term visits (up to 10 days)

1- The two Universities will exchange visits for members in charge of scientific administration in the presidency of each University and the Institute of Laser Research with the aim of exchanging information and expertise in the field of higher education management and scientific research, and to agree upon the conditions of conducting joint scientific research.

2- The two Universities will exchange visits of Teaching Staff members to share expertise and research results as well as lecturing and participating in conferences, symposiums, seminars and other scientific activities .

3- The two Universities will exchange visits of technical and lab. staff members for training, observing and furthering expertise.

4- The two Universities will exchange visits of student delegations for scientific and training purposes.

B- Long - term visits (minimum of four months)

1 -The two parties will exchange visits for Teaching Staff members to conduct joint scientific research in subjects of common interest.

2 - The two Universities will receive delegated Teaching Staff members with all expenses covered by the home University in order to carry out sabbatical year - scientific research missions.

Article 2:Scientific Research, Post-graduate Studies and Purchase of Scientific Equipments

1 - The two Universities will implement and develop joint research projects to be agreed upon by the two parties who will exchange project - related information through direct contact between them.

2 - Each University will nominate , when necessary , a member from the other University to participate in the examining boards for the defense of some post - graduate theses .

3 - The two Universities will implement joint scientific supervision programs ( Sandwich System ) with the aim of qualifying some of the post-graduate candidates for the Master and Doctorate degrees.

4- Beijing Polytechnic University will offer all possible assistance to facilitate purchasing of scientific equipments needed for scientific research purposes at Damascus University .

Article 3: Scientific publications and exchange of literature and scientific documents

1- The two parties will exchange literature, publications and periodicals issued by both Universities.

2- The two Universities will exchange syllabi, curricula, laws and systems regarding scientific administration especially in fields included in the agreement.

3- The two Universities will facilitate contributions to scientific publishing in magazines and scientific publications issued by both of them.

#### Article 4: Executive Program

Upon signing the present agreement, the two Universities will sign, within three months period, a two year-executive program which includes exact specifications of all details required to execute the agreement such as duration, number and quality of exchanged visits and joint researches. The first executive program will be dedicated to activate the cooperation in the interest of the Faculty of Science in all matters related to Laser research and its various applications, as well as to facilitate the purchase of Laser equipments for scientific and applied researches and the transfer of Laser technology.

#### Article 5: Joint committee for supervision and monitoring

A joint committee from both Universities will be formed with the main task of drawing up executive programs and to supervise the implementation of the present agreement, as well as to suggest prospects, methods and means of developing cooperation between the two Universities.

#### Article 6: Financial Provisions

With the exception of B2 of Article 1, the following financial provisions will be applied :

1- Each home University undertakes to cover travel expenses of its delegates ( return ticket ).

2- Host University covers residence expenses.

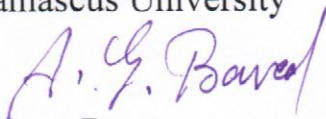
3- Ways of covering costs of invitations to participate in University activities and so on, are to be agreed upon by formal correspon-

dence.

### Article7: Recognition and Validation

- 1- This agreement is enforced as from the date of its signing by the two Rectors of both Universities and its endorsement by the authorities concerned.
- 2- This agreement will last for five years to be automatically renewed unless one of the parties expresses a wish to cancel the agreement through a formal request submitted in writing with at least six months notice.
- 3- The agreement is written and undersigned in.....  
on / / in two original copies in Arabic and in English with equal validity for both.

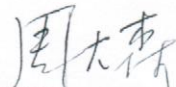
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