

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

## **for Establishing Sino-Israel School of Jewish Studies**

### **Preamble**

Bar-Ilan University (hereafter referred to BIU) and Nanjing University (hereafter referred to as NJU) have agreed to cooperate with each other to jointly establish the Sino-Israel School of Jewish Studies (hereafter referred to as SISJS) for the purpose of collaborative research and uplifting the level of cooperation between Israel and China in areas of the humanities.

### **Article 1**

#### **Purpose**

Serving as the platform for collaborative research, people-to-people exchanges, forums and symposia, and talent training, the SISJS is intended to be the base for high-level talents training and cradle for future Sino-Jewish Studies think tanks. The School is expected to become the hub for Sino-Israel humanity and educational exchanges and for sharing ideas among well-qualified scholars.

### **Article 2**

#### **Fields of Cooperation**

The Parties will cooperate with each other in the following fields:

- Jewish Cultural Studies;
- International Relations and Middle East Geopolitics;
- History and Society of the State of Israel;
- Sino-Israel, Sino-US and Israel-US Relations;

Within these fields, the following activities are intended:

- Exchange of researchers in short or long terms;
- Student exchanges in short or long terms;
- Research collaboration;

- Organization of collaborative conferences, symposia, educational workshops or colloquia exhibitions.
- Exchange of Publications;
- Details of the arrangement regarding each activity will be discussed in future deliberation.

### **Article 3 Implementation**

- A. Initiatives under the SISJS will be implemented by both Chinese and Israeli universities. NJU will be the leading university for Chinese side, the 7 other Chinese universities under "The Chinese National Institute for Jewish Studies" as member universities; while TAU will be the leading university for Israeli side, and other Israeli universities are invited to join as member universities.
- B. The Institute will be a joint venture run by a joint office and will have permanent site. The School will start its operation in 2017.

### **Article 4 Supervision Committee**

- A. The implementation of this MoU will be overseen by a supervision committee which will include representatives from the three Universities (NJU and BIU). The Supervision Committee will review the results of research and educational activities on an annual basis. The Chairmen of the Committee will be:
  - President of BIU or his official representative
  - President of NJU or his official representative
- B. Other members of the Committee include related representatives of all Parties. The Committee will be jointly operated.
- C. None of the members of the Supervision Committee are entitled to interfere, make decisions or impose their ideas on issues pertaining to the laws and regulations of both countries in the research subjects.

**Article 5**  
**Dispute Settlement**

Any divergence in interpretation or performance of this MoU will be settled through negotiations between the competent authorities of the Parties.

**Article 6**  
**Amendment**

This MoU may be amended only by written request of either party, and written mutual agreement of the Parties. The amendment will be done in writing and will enter into force on date of its signature by the Parties.

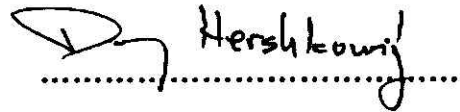
**Article 7**  
**Entry into Force and Termination**

- A. This MoU will enter into force on the date of its signature, June 1, 2016
- B. This MoU is concluded for a period of five years and after this period it will be automatically renewed for another five years unless one of the Parties informs the other Parties about its intention to terminate the agreement in writing. In this case the MoU will be considered as terminated six months after the said notification.

This MoU is duplicated in the Chinese and English languages, both of which are equally authentic.



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