

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE FUTURE
COLLABORATION BETWEEN
SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY (ShISU)
AND BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY (BIU)**

The **ShISU** and **BIU**, in Ramat Gan, Israel, (hereinafter, collectively referred to as “the Parties”), hereby enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to explore possible future collaborative efforts between the two entities.

I. BACKGROUND

Both China and Israel have a great deal to benefit from increasing mutual understanding thru academia.

Bar Ilan University is a leading Israeli academic institution of higher learning with both a global perspective and world class academic resources.

ShISU is one of China's top universities and enjoys a broad-minded, visionary leadership and far-sighted administration that is interested in exploring the idea of establishing a multi-disciplinary Israel Studies program at its university.

It is understood that the general aim of establishing an Israel Studies program at ShISU is to enhance the breadth of academic understanding and scholarship of the ShISU esteemed faculty and student body. The approach will support the two countries coming to know each other on a broad and deep level.

This Memorandum of Understanding, mediated through the good offices of SIGNAL (Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership) is non-binding and is implemented only to express the intent of the parties to explore possible avenues of collaboration between the two entities and enhance academic relations. Until a subsequent definitive agreement is executed by the Parties setting forth the Parties' respective collaborative efforts, no party shall have any legally binding obligations to any other. Accordingly, this Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to constitute a binding agreement to consummate any transaction or collaborative effort and no party shall have any obligation or liability to the other for expenses or otherwise. Any obligation or liability to be undertaken by any party will require and must be set forth in a separate and subsequent definitive agreement.

II. AREAS OF COLLABORATION TO EXPLORE:

After the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties will engage in discussions to explore the parameters and feasibility of the following collaborative efforts:

1. ShISU and BIU wish to enhance academic relations between China and Israel.
2. ShISU and BIU wish to promote academic exchanges between BIU and ShISU.

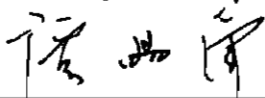
3. ShISU is seriously and actively interested in investigating the opportunity to establish an Israel Studies Program within the International Studies section or the Middle East Institute which already exist at its university.
4. ShISU is interested in collaborating with Bar Ilan University in exploring how the two universities can work together to establish an Israel Studies program at ShISU and advance other academic exchanges between the two universities.
5. Bar Ilan University is interested in being involved in the establishment of an Israel Studies Program at ShISU with either the International Studies section or the Middle East section of the university.
6. Bar Ilan wishes to explore ways to make its academic resources available to ShISU to advance the development of an Israel Studies programs and other exchanges between the universities.
7. ShISU wishes to explore what contribution it can make to BIU, through its Asian Studies program or through other programs which BIU deems relevant.
8. ShISU and BIU are interested in sending students, scholars and professors to each other's universities to teach and learn.
9. BIU and ShISU will look into the best way to launch an Israel Studies Program.

III. DURATION

The term of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be for two (2) years from the date on which the last party hereto executes the memorandum. The Memorandum of Understanding shall automatically renew for one (1) year renewal periods unless either party gives written notice to the other party of its desire not to renew at least thirty days (30) prior to the expiration date of the memorandum.

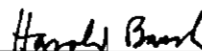
IV. In the event information identified in writing as confidential is exchanged, the receiving party shall use reasonable efforts to keep such information confidential, and shall not disclose such information to any third parties.

V. The parties agree that neither will disclose the existence or terms of this agreement to any third party without the written consent of the other party. Neither party shall disclose the fact that discussions or negotiations concerning a possible arrangement between the parties are taking place unless and until a final agreement is reached between the parties.



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