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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING
THE EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS
BETWEEN
GRADUATE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH AND CULTURAL STUDIES
HSINCHU CHIAO TUNG UNIVERSITY, TAIWAN
AND
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES
THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, HKSAR, CHINA**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between the Graduate Institute for Social Research and Cultural Studies (SRCS), Hsinchu Chiao Tung University (NCTU), Taiwan and the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies (CRS), The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), HKSAR, China.

Both universities agree to the following provisions:

1. Number of Exchange Students and Duration of Exchange

- (a) Commencing with the 2010 /2011 academic year, and in each succeeding year during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, each university shall annually nominate one (1) full-year equivalent students as exchange students to the Partner University.

CUHK will nominate undergraduate students of CRS to undertake graduate courses at SRCS or other undergraduate courses offered by the Cross-Campus Cultural Studies, University System of Taiwan.

NCTU will nominate graduate students of SRCS to participate in any of these programmes offered by CRS: MA/PhD in Cultural Studies, MA in Cultural Management, MA in Visual Cultural Studies, and MA in Inter-Cultural Studies. NCTU students are required to at least enroll in a 3-unit research course under the supervision of a CRS faculty member. The graduate students should at the time of their application, have identified a faculty member at CRS who will be willing to supervise the student's work during the period of exchange.

- (b) The period of exchange shall be one academic term or one academic year. In the case of CUHK, first term is from September to end of December and second term is from January to end of May. In the case of NCTU, first term is from September to January and second term is from February to June.
- (c) It is hereby agreed that for the purposes of determining the balance of students exchanged, two exchange students participating for one academic term shall be counted as equivalent to one exchange student participating for one academic year. Any variance in the number of exchange students each year may be negotiated and agreed by the two universities before recruitment of students.
- (d) If either university is unable to send one full-year equivalent exchange students per year during any year of the Memorandum of Understanding, then that university will be eligible to send additional students in the following year to make up for the imbalance in the previous year. However, once a student from either university has registered in the Host University for one

academic term/year of study, the quota is considered to be filled even if the student fails to complete the term/year of study for any reason.

- (e) If an imbalance of exchange places exists at the time of written termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, the university having hosted the larger number of exchange students shall be entitled to rectify any imbalance by sending additional students to the other university under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding within one year from the date that this Memorandum of Understanding officially terminates.
- (f) Exchange students will continue as candidates for degrees of their Home University and will not be candidates for degrees of the Host University.

2. Selection, Course and Enrollment

- (a) Exchange students will be selected by their Home University on the basis of the following criteria while final approval rests with the Host University:
 - (i) Students shall have completed at least one year of university study prior to participation in the exchange; and
 - (ii) Be in good academic standing.
- (b) The deadline for forwarding completed application packages to CUHK is April 1 for the first term admission and October 2 for the second term admission. The deadline for CUHK to forward completed application packages to NCTU is March 31 for the first term and October 31 for the second term. The Host University will inform the Home University of final admission decisions within 2 months after the application deadline.
- (c) Exchange students shall pursue an academic programme developed in consultation with the student's Home University. The Host University will permit the exchange students to enroll in a normal course load and in all courses where they meet the Host University's prerequisites and language proficiency requirements, with the exception of professional courses offered at CUHK by the Faculty of Education, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Law and Putonghua/Cantonese courses designated for degree candidates. It is understood that quota limitation, normal timetabling and scheduling constraints apply to all students.
- (d) Any academic credit received during the course of the programme may be transferred to the Home University in accordance with the appropriate regulations of the Home University.
- (e) Exchange students shall be subject to the rules, regulations and discipline of the Host University and all relevant local laws.
- (f) The Host University will provide the Home University with an official transcript on each exchange student at the completion of the exchange.

3. Fees

- (a) Exchange students will pay normal tuition and fees to the Home University in accordance with the policies of that university. Neither university as Host University will make charges upon the other or upon the exchange students for tuition or application fees.

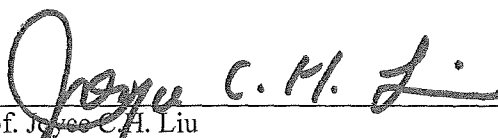
- (b) NCTU students registered as graduate/postgraduate exchange students at CUHK may within limitation specified from time to time enroll into approved Chinese language courses offered by the New Asia—Yale-in-China Chinese Language Centre at CUHK with additional tuition fees.
- (c) It is understood that student housing is not guaranteed by either university. Both universities will do their best to assist exchange students in finding accommodation on or near the campus by providing such information as is appropriate.
- (d) Exchange students will be responsible for personal health and hospitalization insurance coverage. Both universities will offer basic outpatient health care to all exchange students as can be provided by and at their respective University Health Service. Any medical expenses that exceed the coverage provided by such insurance shall be borne by the exchange student and his/her family.
- (e) Exchange students will be responsible for making their own international and domestic travel arrangements and associated costs, as well as for expenses involving meals, study materials, local transportation, personal expenses, passport, visa applications and all other general living expenses.

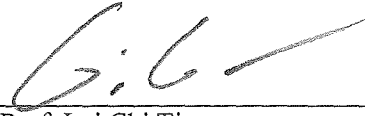
4. Amendment, Renewal and Termination

- (a) This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect from the date of the last signature for a period of five (5) years and may be modified or revised by mutual written consent of the two universities.
- (b) The Memorandum may be renewed by mutual agreement through an exchange of letters confirming the renewal.
- (c) The Memorandum may be terminated by either party provided that six (6) months written notice is given to the other party. In the event of cancellation of this Memorandum of Understanding, both universities shall provide all normal support services as outlined herein for the current group of exchange students until the end of their exchange.

For Hsinchu Chiao Tung University:

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Date: 15 APR 2010

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