

**Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China  
and the Government of the Republic of Finland  
on the Establishment of a China Cultural Center in Finland**

The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Finland (hereinafter respectively referred to as "the Chinese Party" and "the Finnish Party", and jointly as "the Parties"), in order to enhance friendly relations between the two countries and expand bilateral friendly cooperation in the cultural and people-to-people fields on the basis of mutual respect and trust, and noting the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland signed on June 12, 2015 in Helsinki, have reached the following agreement:

Article 1

The Chinese Party shall establish and operate a China Cultural Center in Helsinki, Finland in conformity with the effective laws and regulations in Finland.

Article 2

The objective of the China Cultural Center is to fully enhance mutual understanding between the two peoples, enhance cultural collaboration, develop friendly relations and promote exchange and cooperation between the two countries in the cultural and people-to-people fields.

Article 3

The China Cultural Center shall be a non-profit cultural institution delegated by the Chinese Government. The China Cultural Center's function is to present various cultural activities, educational and training programs and information services to introduce China and Chinese culture to the local public of Finland.

Article 4

The Chinese Party, in accordance with the laws and regulations on the construction in Finland, is responsible for the design, construction, refurbishment and decoration of the buildings of the China Cultural Center after acquiring relevant permits. The construction contractor(s) shall be determined by the Chinese Party.

## Article 5

The China Cultural Center shall be exempted from import taxes/customs duties for the below-mentioned items provided that they are not used for sale or seeking profit in Finland.

1. Cultural equipment required for the daily administrative work by the Center;
2. Reasonable quantities of materials including picture albums, posters, playbills, books, discs, records, teaching equipment and various forms of audio-visual products required for the organization of activities by the Center;
3. Films to be screened on the premises of the Center.

## Article 6

Personnel that includes the director of the China Cultural Center and is posted by the Government of China shall be Chinese nationals and holders of service passports. They shall not enjoy diplomatic privileges and immunities in Finland.

Other personnel recruited by the China Cultural Center can be Chinese or Finnish nationals or legal residents in Finland.

## Article 7

Income and property taxes due from the China Cultural Center and their personnel shall be levied in accordance with the laws and regulations in Finland and the Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income on May 25, 2010 in Beijing.

The Parties shall also abide by the future amendment or supplement of the Agreement mentioned in this Article.

## Article 8

Any amendment to this Agreement shall be made with the mutual consent of the Parties following prior consultations and shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure set forth in the first paragraph of Article 9.

Any dispute related to the implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved through friendly consultations between Parties.

## Article 9

This Agreement shall enter into force on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date of receipt of the last written notification by which the Parties inform each other, through diplomatic channels, that they have fulfilled their domestic legal procedures for ratification or acceptance.

This Agreement shall remain in force for five years and shall automatically be renewed for successive five-year periods unless either Party notifies the other in writing, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate it, at least 6 months prior to the expiration of its initial or any subsequent period of validity.

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For the Government of  
The People's Republic of China

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The Republic of Finland