

Memorandum of Understanding of Building a Strategy Dialogue System between the Ministry of Education of China and the Ministry of Education and Science of Finland

In order to further strengthen the cooperation and exchanges between the two countries in the field of education and science, the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Finland (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") have agreed as follows:

The Parties agree to establish a regular dialogue and consultation mechanism. The mechanism is intended to further enhance education cooperation and exchanges, promote education information exchanges and identify the priorities for development areas and key projects between the Parties.

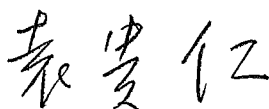
As a core of this mechanism, the Parties will meet biennially (every two years) at the Director/ Director-General or Deputy Director-General level. The meeting will be co-chaired by the parties. The details of the meeting concerning time, venue, topics and participants shall be discussed and agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

At the working meeting, the Parties shall:

- i. update information on education policy;
- ii. review the achievements and existing problems in educational cooperation and exchanges during the last two years;
- iii. explore new initiatives and programmes according to the Parties' needs in education development.

Signed in Beijing on the 11th of November 2009, in two authentic originals in English language.

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