

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTERS OF
EDUCATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE
AND THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND IN EDUCATION,
TRAINING AND RESEARCH**

We, the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Singapore on the one party, and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Finland on the other

recalling that the Prime Ministers of both countries agreed when meeting in June 1996 to develop cooperation between Finland and Singapore in the field of education, training and research;

recognising our common interest in the pursuit of quality and excellence in education, training and research;

noting with satisfaction the already existing contacts between our two countries and the Finnish Centre for International Mobility's (CIMO) activities in promoting and coordinating exchange programmes between students, trainees and professional experts

have agreed

to further strengthen and encourage the links in the field of education, training and research and endeavour to promote direct contacts and cooperation in the above mentioned fields between different institutions and organisations as well as between the authorities concerned;

to endeavour to advance and facilitate the immigration procedures for obtaining necessary permits for those involved in exchange and training programmes as well as for professional experts;

to encourage joint research projects, seminars, exchange of scientific publications in accordance where appropriate, with the agreements concluded directly between the institutions concerned;

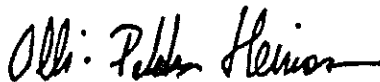
to facilitate the exchange of information on archives, cultural exhibitions, film, the fine arts, language, literature, music, museums, radio, sports, television, theatre and cultural cooperation in general,

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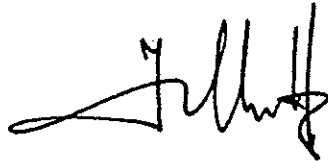


that the forms and contents of this cooperation shall be discussed and agreed upon in detail between the institutions and organisations concerned.

Done on 20 February 1998 in duplicate, in English language, both texts being equally authentic.



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