

Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland
and
the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China
on the Establishment of Cultural Centers

The Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland and the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), in order to further promote the cultural and people-to-people exchange and cooperation between their two countries and deepen the mutual understanding and friendship of their peoples, on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit, have consented to establish a Cultural Center in each other's countries and reached understandings as the following:

Article I

The Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland shall consider funding the establishment and operation of a Finnish Cultural Center in Beijing when an opportunity arises, and the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China shall establish a China Cultural Center in Helsinki.

Article II

The Cultural Centers shall organize high quality and publicly accessible cultural activities through friendly collaboration with their partners.

Article III

The Parties shall establish and operate their Cultural Centers in accordance with the laws and regulations of each other's countries.

Article IV

On the basis of reciprocity, the Parties shall provide help for the smooth establishment and functioning of the Cultural Center of each other.

Article V

Upon signing this Memorandum, the Parties shall conduct further negotiations about the tenet and the scopes of activities of the Cultural Centers, while bearing in mind that the Finnish Cultural Center in Beijing will be owned and operated by Finnish independent associations or foundations.

Any issues related to the establishment and operation of the above-mentioned cultural centers shall be solved through consultations between the Parties via diplomatic channels.

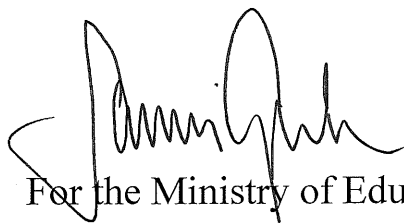
Article VI

This Memorandum of Understanding shall not serve as an international treaty and does not create binding obligations under the international law.

Article VII

This Memorandum of Understanding takes effect on the date of signature. It complements the Memorandum of Understanding between the Parties on 2015 Cultural Exchange and Cooperation signed on November 18, 2014, and is without prejudice as to its provisions.

Done in duplicate in Helsinki on 12th June 2015, in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.



For the Ministry of Education
and Culture of the Republic of
Finland



For the Ministry of Culture of
the People's Republic of China