



**Universität
Zürich**^{UZH}

COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

RENMIN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA LAW SCHOOL, CHINA

AND

**FACULTY OF LAW OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, SWITZERLAND**

Article 1

This present agreement is concluded between the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich, Raemistrasse 74, CH-8001,, Switzerland, and Renmin University of China Law School, 59 Zhongguancun Ave., Haidian District, Beijing 100872, China, in order to promote cooperation in research and teaching and to encourage educational projects of interest to both parties.

Article 2

In this Agreement unless the context implies otherwise: “exchange” shall mean a one-for-one exchange of students from each party; “exchange students” shall mean students participating in the student exchange program implemented herein; “student exchange program” shall mean the student exchange program established herein; “institutions” shall mean all parties to this Agreement, i.e. the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich, Renmin University of China Law School ; “home institution” shall mean the party at which the student intends to graduate; “host institution” shall mean the party which has agreed to accept the exchange students from the home institution; “short-term exchange” shall mean a stay of a few weeks or days; “Double Degree Program” shall mean the lecture program in English at the Master level in the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich.

Article 3

Cooperation between the institutions may include:

- a) exchange of students;
- b) realization of research projects of mutual interest;
- c) exchange visits of faculty members and researchers to carry out research and consultations and to encourage the training of academic personnel; and
- d) organization of joint seminars, symposia and discussions on topics of common interest.

EXCHANGE OF FACULTY MEMBERS – JOINT RESEARCH

Article 4

The institutions recognize the benefit derived from the exchange of academic staff members. The details of such arrangements would be considered on a case-by-case basis. Duration of the exchange would be at least one month, with a limitation of one full academic year. The institutions will make reasonable efforts to provide the exchange faculty member with proper academic status at the host institution, research facilities, access to the university libraries, required visa formalities, and other assistance necessary for his/her research under favourable conditions. This exchange would not impose any financial obligation upon the host institution. However, when visiting the host institution, if members are invited to do some teaching as part of their stay, such activities will be opened to discussion between both universities regarding financial compensation.

Article 5

The institutions will also promote short-term reciprocal faculty exchange for lectures and research, including but not limited to short-term guest lectures at the respective other institution.

Article 6

The institutions will foster the development of joint research projects, inter alia, by making due efforts to apply to the appropriate national and/or international institutions, to award for grants to undertake such projects.

Article 7

The visiting faculty members agree to abide by all applicable rules, regulations and laws of the host institution and the host government.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

Number of Students

Article 8

Each institution will normally host two full-time undergraduate or graduate students from the other institution each year. If there is demand for a larger number of exchanges in any direction, this may be discussed and must be mutually agreed in advance.

Article 9

If one of the two institutions cannot select appropriate candidates for the student exchange program in a particular year or years, that institution holds the right to send additional exchange students to the other party in the following years, but within the limitation of three years, to balance the number of students mutually exchanged.

Period of Stay

Article 10

As a general rule, the official period of stay as an exchange student shall be of one academic year from September to July at Renmin University of China Law School, and from September to July at the University of Zurich. However, one semester of studies may be considered. One full-year student is considered equivalent to two one-semester students. An extension of the duration of study beyond the initial period of admission at the host institution must be approved by both partner universities.

Status of Exchange Student

Article 11

(a) The student from the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich shall normally be accepted as full-time, non-degree seeking exchange Bachelor or Master student. He/she may request to take examination on courses at the host institution. Any other appropriate status or a semester-wise combination of these affiliations shall be considered by the host institution upon request by the student.

(b) The student from Renmin University of China Law School shall normally be accepted as a non-degree-seeking exchange Bachelor or Master student at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich. The student can participate in the programs offered in English at the host faculty and may also participate in German language courses, as offered by the host university. He/she may request to take examination on courses at the host faculty.

(c) Exchange students are subject to the rules and regulations of the host institution, in addition to those of the home institution. Participation in an exchange under this agreement carries no expectations of subsequent transfer to the regular degree programs of the host Faculty.

Admission and Language

Article 12

This agreement shall be administrated by a co-ordinator at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich, and by a coordinator at Renmin University of China Law School. The students participating in the exchange program under the terms of this Agreement shall be selected initially by the home institution, and the host institution shall make the final admission decision in each case. Exchange students are subject to the same rules on admission and performance in classes as pertain to students of the host institution. Renmin students must be prepared to deal with instruction in German or English and to participate in a normal student experience at the University of Zurich. Zurich students must be prepared to deal with instruction in Chinese or English and to participate in a normal student experience at Renmin University of China. If the student demonstrates sufficient competence in Chinese it is also possible to register, with the approval of the relevant faculty member, for undergraduate, graduate law courses (in Chinese) offered at Renmin University of China Law School, which are relevant to the student's major fields.

Finance

Article 13

The exchange students shall, in principle, be exempt from admission fees and all academic tuition fees at the host institution for attendance at regular academic lectures. Students will pay the normal tuition fees at their home institution for the period of the exchange.

Article 14

The exchange students are responsible for their travel and insurance expenses and such personal expenses as accommodation expenses, telephone charges, books, and expenses during vacation periods.

Article 15

The institutions will make every effort to obtain, when available, scholarships and/or other financial assistance so that the financial burden for exchange students while at the host institution will be kept to a minimum. However, there is no guarantee that such financial assistance will be available and/or provided.

RECORD OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Article 16

The host university will provide the exchange students with the record of their academic performance. The records will be sent directly to the home institution or in case of the University of Zurich directly to the students. However, it will be the responsibility of the home institution to decide on the number of credit units that the student may receive for the courses.

MEDICAL COVERAGE AND OTHER INSURANCES

Article 17

Each student or exchange faculty member must obtain insurance to cover medical contingencies in the host country, as for hospitalization and other medical expenses. Students shall be liable for the health insurance and other insurances.

HOUSING

Article 18

The institutions will extend due assistance to the exchange students or exchange faculty members in finding housing with reasonable rent and good conditions, including student boarding houses, visiting scholar guest houses and other accommodation facilities belonging to or affiliated with the university. It is however the final responsibility of each exchange student or exchange faculty member to obtain accommodation.

VISA

Article 19

The institutions will extend due assistance to the exchange students or exchange faculty members in obtaining proper visa and in other related immigration and registration formalities. It is however the final responsibility of the exchange student or exchange faculty member to obtain his/her visa.

EFFECTIVE TERM

Article 20

This Agreement is valid for five years and becomes effective on the date that it is signed by the official representatives of the parties. The Agreement may be reviewed at any time and any modifications concerning the present Agreement may be made only by mutual consent in writing between authorized representatives of the parties. If one institution desires to terminate the Agreement, it must inform the other in writing at least one year before. At the end of five years, the parties will review this Agreement and discuss the possibility of a further extension. Termination will not affect the then-current student and faculty exchange program participants from completing their activities at the host institution.

COORDINATION

Article 21

For the purpose of coordinating and supervising the academic activities to be conducted under this Agreement, the parties shall appoint an Academic Coordinator or Liaison Office, respectively. The institutions shall notify each other hereof and of any change in the person of the Academic Coordinator or the Liaison Office.

Article 22

The technical and administrative coordination and assistance as stipulated in this Agreement shall be conducted by the appropriate administrative offices of both universities, respectively.

DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AND SEPARATE AGREEMENTS

Article 23

For the purpose of settling any doubts or disputes that may arise concerning the performance or construction of this Agreement, the parties shall exert their best efforts to arrive at a solution by mutual consent.

Article 24

This agreement is intended to serve as a framework for a rich and mutually beneficial cooperation and exchange relationship between the parties. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, neither party shall be legally bound, nor shall they incur any liability of any kind whatsoever, except as pursuant to a separate written agreement detailing the terms and conditions of each project or exchange.

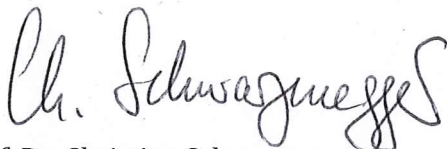
And having thus agreed, the parties hereto execute this Cooperation and Exchange Agreement in five (5) identical counterpart originals, to one and same effect.

University of Zurich



Prof. Dr. Andrea Schenker-Wicki
Vice-president

Date: 17/12/13



Prof. Dr. Christian Schwarzenegger
Dean, Faculty of Law

Date: 14/01/2014

Renmin University of China Law School



Prof. Han Dayuan
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