



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION

BETWEEN

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION OF SHANGHAI MUNICIPALITY

(STCSM-CHINA)

AND

Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology

(FCT, I.P. -PORTUGAL)

Science & Technology Commission of Shanghai Municipality, hereinafter referred to as "STCSM"; and the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, hereinafter referred to as "FCT, I.P.", and both hereinafter referred to as "Parties":

CONSIDERING the importance of promoting cooperation in scientific and technological research between Portugal and China, wishing to strengthen this cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit;

CONSIDERING the need to strengthen the links between the scientific communities of both Parties and also to encourage new forms of collaboration between their research centers;

CONSIDERING that the Parties value seeking opportunities for cooperation with other countries and / or regional partnerships;

WISHING to promote initiatives for collaboration in scientific research and technological development in priority areas of interest to both Parties, fostering bilateral cooperation;

Agree as follow:



I. PURPOSE OF COOPERATION

Through this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the Parties accept to develop and strengthen their cooperation in the fields of science, technology and innovation, in accordance with their own programs and those jointly approved.

This MoU does not intend to create any legally binding obligations, or any relationship of employment, agency and partnership between the Parties.

II. PRIORITY AREAS OF COOPERATION

The parties will promote cooperation in all areas of scientific and technological knowledge, specifically in the following ones:

- 1) Digital and Information Technology;
- 2) Material Science (Nano Technology);
- 3) New Energy / Renewable Technology;
- 4) Aerospace Technology (Microsatellite);
- 5) Marine Science;
- 6) Biological, medical and Pharmaceutical Technology;
- 7) Other areas mutually accepted by both parties.

III. COOPERATION METHODS

The Parties will promote their collaboration, according to their international obligations and their domestic laws, in accordance with their available budgetary funds through:



- 1) Exchange and support to experts, researchers and specialists on issues of common interest, in the framework of joint research projects and technological innovation;
- 2) Development of joint and coordinated scientific research projects and technological innovation;
- 3) Organization of conferences, workshops, seminars and scientific meetings on topics of interest to both Parties;
- 4) Organization of missions with participation of professional, technical and / or entrepreneurs working in areas of common interest;
- 5) Development of joint studies in areas of common interest;
- 6) Promotion of the development of groups or networks of cooperation;
- 7) Exchange of research and innovation policies and information;
- 8) Any other modality of scientific and technological cooperation in which the Parties convene.

Both Parties agree to establish a Joint Committee, which should hold meetings regularly to provide leadership, direction and operating plans for the international cooperation and to evaluate possible joint projects or initiatives under this MoU. The parties may invite personnel from the Macao Special Administrative Region to participate in the activities carried under this MoU.

IV. DURATION AND TERMINATION

The MoU shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years from the date of its signature and can be extended for another 3 years by written agreement between the parties to be signed at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the completion of its effectiveness.

The MoU may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties, by negotiations conducted through correspondence.


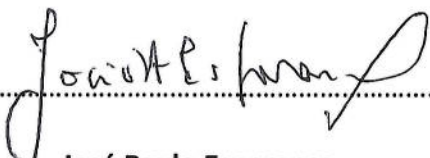


Either Party, at any time, may terminate this Agreement by written notice to the other Party, with at least 60 (sixty) days prior to the date when the termination becomes effective. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect the completion of cooperation activities approved or under implementation, for which purpose the Parties shall maintain in their budget allocations for them, for the period of execution.

V. SIGNATURE

The MoU is signed in three original copies, English, Chinese and Portuguese. All three versions are equally valid. In case of divergence between the texts of the MoU, the English version shall prevail.

Signed in Lisbon on the 24th June 2019 by:

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION OF SHANGHAI MUNICIPALITY (STCSM)	PORTUGUESE FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FCT, I.P.)
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