

**Memorandum of Understanding  
on Scientific and Technological Cooperation  
between  
the National Science Council  
of the Republic of China (Taiwan)  
and  
the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports  
of the Czech Republic**

The National Science Council of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic, (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants");

Expressing their wish to develop and deepen scientific and technological cooperation between their respective countries;

In accordance with the principles of common interest, equal partnership and mutual benefit;

Convinced that this cooperation may contribute to better knowledge, understanding and strengthening of versatile friendly relationships between their respective countries;

Hereby declare the following:

**I.**

1. The Participants express their intention to establish contacts and develop cooperation among institutions active in the field of science, technology, research, development and innovations in their respective countries.
2. The Participants wish to exchange information pertaining to holding scientific workshops, debates, seminars, symposia, conferences, congresses and other meetings with international participation that take place in their respective countries.
3. The Participants wish to exchange information pertaining to policies and strategies aimed at supporting research, development and innovations valid in their respective countries.

**II.**

1. The Participants express their intention to support exchanges of experts active in the field of science (including technical, natural and social sciences and humanities), technology, research, development and innovations in their respective countries.
2. The Participants wish to support the implementation of joint research projects in the areas of common interest.

3. The Participants expect to develop other forms of cooperation that will go beyond this Memorandum of Understanding and on which they agree in writing.

### III.

1. In order to evaluate and coordinate the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding the Participants intend to establish a Taiwan-Czech Joint Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Committee").
2. The Participants expect the Joint Committee to:
  - a) Evaluate the conditions of their mutual cooperation, prepare recommendations to enhance its efficiency and identify its priority areas;
  - b) Announce calls to submit joint research project proposals in the respective countries of the Participants and determine their terms and conditions;
  - c) Identify joint research projects that shall be publicly funded by the respective countries of the Participants based on the results of evaluation of joint research project proposals.
3. The Participants are ready to be represented in the Joint Committee, which shall be comprised of an equal number of Taiwanese and Czech representatives. Each Participant is prepared to appoint a Chairperson and a Secretary to its part of the Joint Committee, who shall ensure exchange of information in between its meetings and organise work of their respective part of the Joint Committee.
4. The Participants intend the Joint Committee to meet once every two (2) years, in turns in the Republic of China (Taiwan) and in the Czech Republic on dates on which the Participants agree in writing.
5. The Participants expect that conclusions from meetings of the Joint Committee shall be adopted in the form of minutes from the Joint Committee meeting, done in English and signed by the Chairpersons of both parts of the Joint Committee.
6. The Participants expect that if a meeting of the Joint Committee cannot take place on a given date for any reason, deliberations may take the form of exchange of correspondence between the Chairpersons of both parts of the Joint Committee.

### IV.

1. It is understood that each Participant shall cover only the costs that it incurs with respect to providing for the participation of members of its part of the Joint Committee in its meetings, unless agreed otherwise.

2. The Participants shall cover only the costs that it incurs with respect to implementing this Memorandum of Understanding, unless agreed otherwise.

V.

1. The Participants express their intention to implement this Memorandum of Understanding with regard to their financial capacity and in accordance with legal regulations in force in their respective countries.
2. The Participants expect that the protection of intellectual property rights shall follow legal regulations in force in their respective countries.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended and supplemented upon mutual agreement of the Participants. Amendments and additions are expected to be executed in writing.

VI.

This Memorandum of Understanding will be applicable since the date of its later signature.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective competent authorities, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in Taipei on Feb. 3rd, 2012 and in Prague on Jan 25th, 2012 in two original copies in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

**For the National Science Council  
of the Republic of China (Taiwan)**

**For the Ministry of Education, Youth  
and Sports of the Czech Republic**



**Cheng-Hong CHEN  
Deputy Minister**



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