

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND
THE OFFICE OF CHINESE LANGUAGE COUNCIL
INTERNATIONAL (HANBAN)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is agreed upon for the mutual benefit of both the State of Delaware and People's Republic of China between the Delaware Department of Education (hereafter referred to as the Department) and The Office of Chinese Language Council International (hereafter referred to as Hanban).

Driven by the same desire to strengthen ties between the citizens of their respective territories and to cooperate in the efforts that both agencies are exerting to design the educational model of the next millennium, of which international cooperation will be an essential element;

Convinced of the importance that the English and Chinese languages have as instruments of communication in the field of exchange as well as in that of economy, science and culture;

Conscious of the possibilities that the collaboration of both agencies can offer to the field of education; therefore:

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is hereby signed in due form and agreeing to the contents established in the following Agreements:

I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. The Department and Hanban have established as the main objectives for the cooperative programs that will be developed under this MOU the improvement of the quality and extent of the teaching of language and culture, in order to:

- Promote educational and cultural cooperation for the benefit of the citizens of the State of Delaware and People's Republic of China;
- Foster knowledge of and appreciation for the cultures of the two communities;

- Provide teachers and students who enroll in these programs with a world language education that trains them for future personal, academic and professional success; and
- Provide professional growth opportunities to teachers of the State of Delaware and the People's Republic of China.

2. The MOU will cover the participating schools in Delaware and China.

3. In all plans and programs subject to this MOU, high academic standards will be established for students in English as well as Chinese.

II. COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

The Department and Hanban have identified the following areas of cooperation to discuss and/or implement:

1. Improvement of Instruction

The Department and Hanban agree to direct efforts to improve world language instruction and professional development.

2. Volunteer Teacher Program

Each school year, the Department and Hanban will explore opportunities for teachers to teach in school districts/charter schools in Delaware and China.

3. Internet - World Wide Web

The Department and Hanban agree to discuss the development of e-mail exchanges between students and educators in classrooms in Delaware and China, along with a web site for the program.

4. Student /Educator Exchange Program

The Department and Hanban agree to discuss the establishment of exchanges between school districts and charter schools in Delaware and China.

5. Summer Seminars

The Department and Hanban agree to discuss the possibility of organizing summer seminars in China for Delaware educators and in Delaware for Chinese educators.

6. Research Program

The Department and Hanban agree to discuss the development of research projects, which will focus, for example, on methodology, teaching resources, integration, academic standards or parent involvement in school activities.

III. EVALUATION

1. Annually, representatives of the Department and Hanban will develop a report relative to the application of this program. This report will suggest proposals for improvement.

2. The Department and Hanban accept that specialists and supervisors of both administrations will evaluate the development of the initiatives which are the subject of this Memorandum through related visits and will consider the results of the evaluation which are obtained at any time.

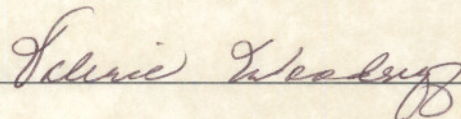
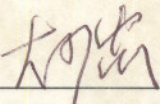
IV. DURATION

1. The term of this MOU will be four (4) years, beginning on the date of last execution by parties, and extending until April 30, 2010. At the end of the agreement, terms of renewal will be discussed unless either party desires that the agreement should not be renewed. In that case, that party shall forward a letter of non-renewal 30 days prior to the date of expiration to the other party.
2. This MOU may be terminated by either the Department or Hanban if such a decision is reported to the other signatory by written notice six (6) months in advance.
3. During the time the MOU is in effect, both parties being in agreement, may execute addenda that improve its effectiveness.
4. Unless otherwise stipulated, any addendum to this MOU will take effect when signed by the Department and Hanban.

This MOU is equally valid in the State of Delaware and in the People's Republic of China. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be written in English and Chinese Language either in duplicate, both texts being equally authentic, and the two parties hereto shall hold one copy of each text. This agreement shall go into effect after the two parties sign or affix their seals to it.

Representing Hanban,

Representing
The Delaware Department of Education,



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