

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF FORESTRY
ON BEHALF OF ITS INSTITUTE OF DESERTIFICATION STUDIES
WAN SHOU SHAN, BEIJING
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

AND

**UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
ON BEHALF OF ITS OFFICE OF ARID LANDS STUDIES
OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES
TUCSON, ARIZONA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

In order to enhance the educational capabilities of the University of Arizona and the Chinese Academy of Forestry, it is proposed that collaborations and exchanges be initiated in fields of arid land and desertification control and other allied fields as may become beneficial. The programs to be initiated through this agreement are based on a spirit of cooperation and reciprocity and will be of mutual benefit to both parties. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is intended as the starting point for collaboration to exploit the complementary nature of the strengths of research, teaching and enterprise and shall focus primarily on student and college exchanges, joint research and educational programs and research contracts. It is envisaged that each institution will manage its own costs and will seek to share the benefits gained through this cooperation.

GENERAL AREAS OF AGREEMENT

1. Both institutions agree to academic exchanges in various areas of education, research, and extension.
2. Both institutions will make every effort to exchange college, scholars, and students, as well as educational, research, and extension materials appropriate to the areas of collaboration.
3. Both institutions agree to jointly conduct seminars, workshops and training courses.
4. Specific details of exchanges and activities noted above will be negotiated subject to the approval of each institution.

5. Collaborative Activity will be subject to the prior written agreement of: a) the Head of the Institution; b) the relevant College Dean or Head of Department; and c) the College members in question.

SPECIFIC AREAS OF COLLABORATION

1. Research Collaboration

Joint research programs will be developed, which will lead to joint research projects, joint publications, and college and graduate student participation. Traveling and accommodation expenses for exchanges or visits involving college will be the responsibility of the University, or College or Department of that University, whose staff are undertaking the exchange or visit. These specific programs will be negotiated under separate agreements. The initial funding for research, college exchange and graduate student research projects will be the responsibility of each institution, but joint funding opportunities will be developed in the future (e.g. US NSF, USDA and other relevant federal agencies and private institutions). College of both institutions will identify projects of mutual interest. The specific areas of research collaboration will initially focus on arid land and desertification control. Other joint projects may be developed to benefit both parties. These specific programs will be negotiated under separate agreements.

2. Educational Training

Academic courses of mutual interest will be developed at the senior undergraduate and graduate level at both institutions to be offered to students from the other institution. Students from one institution can take courses from the other institution through study abroad or distance education. The course credits may be transferred between the two institutions, leading to proposed degree completion for students in the respective institutions. Tuition and fees for these courses will be negotiated under separate, specific agreements.

3. Graduate Student Research Opportunities

Both parties will provide opportunities and convenience for a "Sandwich-type" graduate program for qualified candidates, that is to send the candidates to work on a particular research project for 6-12 months in a laboratory corresponding to his/her chosen field involving supervisors from both parties towards quality research leading to publication. The specific terms for funding such graduate student opportunities will be negotiated under separate and specific agreements.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. This agreement will remain in effect for five (5) years from the date of signing, and is renewable thereafter for five-year terms subject to mutual consent. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving at least six months notice in writing to the other party.
2. This MOU sets out the basic terms of the proposed Collaboration and is not intended to be exhaustive. It neither constitutes a legally binding contract nor gives rise to any legally enforceable rights or obligations.

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University of Arizona

President
Chinese Academy of Forestry

Signature: 
Robert N. Shelton

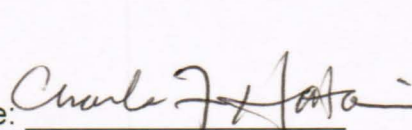
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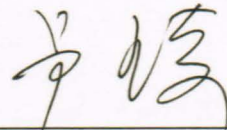
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Dr. Lu Qi

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