

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON CHINESE-ICELANDIC RESEARCH COOPERATION ON ARCTIC ISSUES BETWEEN THE POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CHINA AND THE ICELANDIC CENTRE FOR RESEARCH

In order to promote studies of trans-regional Arctic issues as recognized by the “*Framework Agreement between the Government of Iceland and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on Arctic Cooperation*” and to implement research cooperation and exchange in the field of marine and polar affairs agreed in the “*Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Marine Polar Science and Technology Between the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland and the State Oceanic Administration of the People’s Republic of China*”.

The Polar Research Institute of China (PRIC) and the Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS) have reached the following understanding:

- (1) RANNIS supports the idea of establishing *China-Nordic Arctic Research Center* (hereinafter referred to as “CNARC”) at PRIC. In the starting phase, the related Icelandic research institutions will be the main cooperation partners.

Therefore both parties decide to establish an Advisory Board, which will be composed of 3-5 senior experts from each side in the starting phase.

- (2) PRIC will conduct this research cooperation based on the existing polar strategy research network in China and RANNIS will conduct this coordination through existing Arctic cooperation network in Iceland. (Lists of first members from both parties’ research networks are provided by the Annex of Memo).

- (3) Both parties’ research networks have an open nature. Polar strategy research network in China is open to the related domestic research institutions while Iceland-China cooperation research network is open to the related research institutions in Iceland and may expand to related research institutions in the Nordic countries.

- (4) Forms of the research cooperation mechanism include:

- *To set up collaborative research projects*
- *To take turns to hold meetings*
- *Academic scholars’ visits*
- *The exchange of information and materials.*
- *To publish Annual Reports*

- (5) Main fields of the research cooperation may include (but is not limited to):

- *Adaption to climate change and sustainable development.*
- *Economic cooperation between Asian and Nordic countries.*

➤ *Arctic strategy, policy and legislation.*

(6) Both parties agree that they shall afford the cost of scholars' activities respectively. Hereinbefore the scholars shall come from members of the networks. Meeting and conference shall be funded by the sponsor.

(7) Both parties agree to hold the first "China-Nordic Arctic *Cooperation* Research Seminar" in Shanghai, at a proper time in 2013. The topics and agenda of this seminar will be discussed by both parties and potential participants' from other Nordic countries.

(8) Entry into force, duration and termination

- This MOU shall enter into force on the date of its signing and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years.
- This MOU shall be automatically extended for a further period of five (5) years. Thereafter, this MOU shall continue to be in force by virtue of automatic extensions for the period of five (5) years each.
- Notwithstanding anything in this Article, either Party may terminate this MOU by notifying the other Party of its intention to terminate this MOU by a notice in writing through diplomatic channels, at least six (6) months prior to its intention to do so.

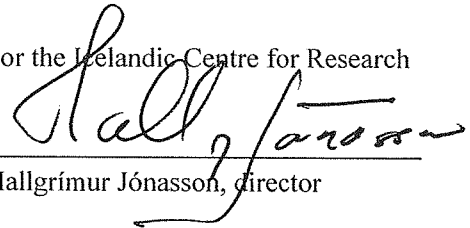
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Annex of Memo: The Lists of first members from both parties' research networks

-China: Polar Network of Strategy Research (PNSR)

Polar Research Institute of China (PRIC);
Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS);
Fudan University;
Tongji University;
Wuhan University;
Ocean University of China;
East China University of Political Science and Law;
Shanghai Jiaotong University;
Shanghai Ocean University;
Shanghai University of Political Science and Law
Shanghai Maritime University.

-Iceland: Arctic Cooperation Partner's Network (ACPN)

The Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS);
The Stefansson Arctic Institute;
University of Iceland;
University of Akureyri;
Polar Law Institute;
Icelandic Maritime Authority;
Icelandic Marine Research Institute;
Icelandic Metoffice;
Icelandic Institute of Natural History;
Arctic Portal;
Climate Research Fund.