



中国教育国际交流协会  
CHINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

**between**

**China Education Association for International Exchange  
People's Republic of China**

**and**

**UK National Recognition Information Centre  
United Kingdom**

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between

**China Education Association for International Exchange (“CEAIE”),**  
of Yifu Conference Centre, No.160 Fuxingmen Nei Dajie,  
Beijing,100031, China

and

**UK National Recognition Information Centre (“UK NARIC”),**  
of Suffolk House, Suffolk Road, Cheltenham, Glos, GL50 2ED, United  
Kingdom

## **CEAIE**

Founded in 1981, CEAIE is China's nationwide organization conducting international educational exchanges. Headquartered in Beijing, CEAIE has a full commitment to meeting the needs of China's modernization construction, developing exchanges and cooperation between Chinese education community and that of other parts of the world, promoting the advancement of education, culture, science and technology, and strengthening understanding and friendship among the peoples of all countries and regions worldwide.

The main activities of CEAIE are to support People-to-People dialogue and exchange mechanisms, conduct accreditation and other education quality assurance activities, organize the China Annual Conference for International Education and the International Education Expo, facilitate capacity building and provide platforms of cooperation for CEAIE members.

CEAIE develops accreditation procedures and standards as per China's laws, regulations and policies as well as internationally recognised practices, and accredits Chinese-foreign joint institutions and programmes operating in China.

## **UK NARIC**

UK NARIC is the UK's National Recognition Information Centre (NARIC) responsible for providing information and opinion on academic, vocational and professional qualifications from across the world. As the National Agency, managed on behalf of the UK Government, UK NARIC provides the only official source of information on international education and training systems and qualifications and skills attained outside the UK. The organisation offers products and services in three main areas, namely individual qualifications evaluation, information provision services to member organisations and qualifications benchmarking and accreditation internationally.

In a spirit of amicable cooperation, CEAIE and UK NARIC hereby agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"). Both parties are committed to working towards building a partnership that provides platforms and opportunities to their members and education institutions in both China and UK, to enhance the quality of transnational education ("TNE") provision and support China-UK education exchange.

Areas of cooperation include:

1. **Information Exchange.** While respecting each other's copyright policies and intellectual property rights, the two parties will share reports, results, procedures and standards of each other's quality assurance activities, relevant information that might assist in a collaborative approach to performing quality assurance functions, and good practices of China-UK TNE programmes. The information take the form of non-confidential documents and operational information, which are non-confidential and non-commercially sensitive.
2. **Joint Accreditation.** Whenever appropriate and possible, the two parties will develop and carry out joint accreditation or other quality assurance activities on TNE programs of higher education, vocational & technical education and other levels as applicable.
3. **Consultancy Services.** Where appropriate and possible, the two parties will provide tailor-made consultancy services for clients. On a case by case basis, the two parties will identify each other's strengths, and work out proper operational plans, procedures and indicative pricing schedule.
4. **Capacity Building.** Utilising both parties' resources and strengths, the two parties will develop collaboratively professional development programs and tailor-made training opportunities for quality assurance practioners in each respective countries and internationally.
5. **Dissemination.** Each party will use its respective channels to disseminate each other's relevant activities, including the outcome of quality assurance, accreditation and/or quality benchmarking exercises.
6. **Other collaboration.** For mutual benefits, the two parties will explore collaboration in other areas including, drawing on specialists from each other's system to the other party's review processes, and conducting joint research on issues of mutual interests, etc.

This MOU is a voluntary statement of the intention of cooperation between the two parties, and is not intended to create any legally binding obligations.

This MOU will be in force for a period of two year from the signing date and can be extended depending on the mutual interests of both parties. This MOU may be varied at any time by mutual agreement of both parties in writing. This MOU can also be discontinued by either of the parties with a minimum of three-month notice in writing to the other party.

Any collaborative projects that are entered into under the terms of this MOU shall be negotiated and agreed by both parties and will be described in details in working plans that will be annexed to this MOU.

Each party will cover its own costs in implementing the terms of this MOU. For particular areas of cooperation, fundings can be sought from other sources.

The Deputy Secretary-General of CEAIE (at the time of signing Ms SHEN Xuesong) and the Chief Executive of UK NARIC (at the time of signing Dr. Cloud Bai-Yun) will have responsibility for managing the implementation of the terms of this MOU. This responsibility may be delegated to relevant members of the agencies' staff in relation to particular areas of cooperation.

This MOU is made in four originals both in English and in Chinese, of equal legal value. Each party keeps two original copies, one in English and one in Chinese.

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UK NATIONAL RECOGNITION  
INFORMATION CENTRE

Ms SHEN Xuesong  
Deputy Secretary-General

Dr. Cloud Bai-Yun  
Chief Executive

Signature:



Signature:



Signed in Beijing on 3 August 2020

Signed in 03 on 08, 2020

*Cheltenham via Zoom*