

**SUMMARY OF MEETING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SCIENCE OF THE NETHERLANDS
AND
THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON
CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
HIGHER AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND SCIENCE**

At the invitation of the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, Mme. Maria van der Hoeven, Minister of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands, leading a delegation of 8 paid an official visit to the People's Republic of China in January 2004, during which she met with Mr. Zhou Ji, Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China.

At this meeting various topics concerning educational and scientific co-operation and exchange were discussed between the Minister of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands and the Minister of Education of People's Republic of China, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties".

The Parties agreed upon this document as the Summary of Meeting that complements the Memorandum of Understanding signed in The Hague on 18 April 2000.

1. Recognition of degree systems

The Parties recognize the importance of transparency of each other's educational systems and express the wish to exchange information on the mutual recognition of degrees and diploma's within their respective legal framework. The Parties respect the autonomy of the educational institutions in the Netherlands and China, in particular regarding the admission of students and determination of entry requirements for study courses.

Both Parties will make available the list of educational programmes that qualify as higher education. The Parties consent to look into the elaboration of paragraph 10 of the above-mentioned Memorandum of Understanding.

2. Exchange of Sinology students

Under paragraph 1 of the Memorandum of Understanding the exchange of Sinology students has been decided upon. With reference to the autonomy of the educational institutions in the Netherlands and China the Parties acknowledge the freedom of the educational institutions to adapt their co-operation arrangements according to their own judgement.

3. Co-operation in the field of professional and vocational education

With reference to paragraph 6 of the Memorandum of Understanding Parties support and promote the direct co-operation between China and the Netherlands in the field of vocational and adult education and life long learning.

The Netherlands Council for Vocational and Adult Education and the Department of International Co-operation and Exchanges, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China will discuss the details of this co-operation.

4. Co-operation in the field of higher education

The direct co-operation between Chinese and the Netherlands education institutions is being promoted under paragraph 6 of the Memorandum of Understanding. Parties recognise the authority of the educational institutions in the Netherlands and China to launch and offer joint educational programmes.

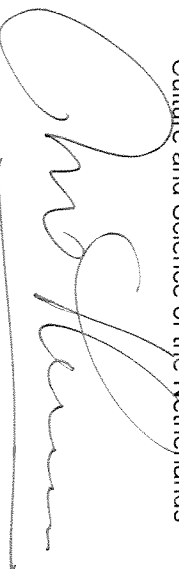
5. Scientific co-operation

In addition to the existing possibilities for scientific and educational co-operation and exchange between the Netherlands and the People's Republic of China, as described in the Memorandum of Understanding, both Parties agree to encourage the co-operation between universities and research institutes of the two countries, especially in the fields of social sciences and humanities.

Details will be jointly decided upon by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Science and the Department of International Co-operation and Exchanges, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, within the Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in duplicate at Beijing on 12 January 2004 in the English language, both versions having equal validity.

For the Ministry of Education,
Culture and Science of the Netherlands



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Mr. Zhou Ji
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