

# **Memorandum of Understanding Between Shanghai Municipality of the People's Republic of China and Central Denmark Region of the Kingdom of Denmark 2019-2021**

*Recalling* the sister-city agreement signed between Shanghai Municipality and Aarhus County in 2003 and the renewal of the agreement in 2008 as well as in 2013 by Shanghai Municipality and Central Denmark Region (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

*Recalling* the sharing of knowledge, expertise and best practices between the Parties, and in particular, the cooperation in health, rehabilitation, education, science, technology, and environmental protection, which have improved mutual understanding and brought great benefits to both sides,

And *wishing* to further promote collaboration and strengthen the relationship, the Parties have agreed to commit themselves to expanding and deepening their collaboration through supporting and facilitating relevant organizations from both sides in their collaborative efforts in the following areas.

## **1. Healthcare**

The Parties will encourage and support the exchange and cooperation between the healthcare departments in such areas as hospital management and development, ICT applications in healthcare, medical innovation (artificial intelligence), rehabilitation, chronic diseases prevention and control, and elderly care, among others. The cooperation forms include exchange of visits, academic and clinical collaboration, and scientific research.

## **2. Social Welfare and Rehabilitation**

The Parties will continue to stimulate innovation and knowledge exchange in the social welfare and rehabilitation aids area, and further develop the collaboration at the district level and between other relevant partners.

As a concrete result of the China Denmark Cities and Regions Forum held in Aarhus in November 2018, VIA University College and Huangpu District has entered into collaboration for further education of Chinese doctors. The initiative is strongly supported by CDR. the curriculum is

developed by VIA University College pursuant to the needs and requests of the Chinese side to ensure its relevance for the target group. The courses will include Rehabilitation, Nutrition, Dementia and Palliation and site visits to hospitals and rehabilitation institutions in Central Denmark Region.

### **3. Education and Culture**

The Parties will enhance the exchange and cooperation in higher education, primary and secondary education, and vocational education, with a view to improving the mutual understanding among youth from both sides and facilitating the academic and research collaboration between teachers from the two sides.

The Parties will support and facilitate the participation of the other party in festivals, exhibitions, seminars and other cultural events held in both places.

### **4. Science and Technology Cooperation**

Building upon the productive cooperation since 2003 and the multiple projects under the Midnet-Program from 2011 to 2014, as well as the Shanghai Action plan on international cooperation in Science and Technology, the Parties will continue to develop cooperation in science, technology and innovation, promote exchange of visits by science and technology delegations, and help establish connections R&D knowledge centers, educational institutions and companies from both sides.

### **5. Exchange of civil servants**

The Parties will continue to support and promote the exchange programs of civil servants between the two sides.

### **6. Engagement at district level**

The Parties will continue to support exchange and cooperation at the district and municipal level between the two sides, including the cooperation between Pudong New Area and the City of Aarhus in shipping, smart city, science and technology innovation, culture, and healthcare etc. as well as the cooperation between Huangpu District and VIA University College.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force on the date of signing and remain effective for three years.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed on October 30, 2019 in Central Denmark Region in both Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

City of Shanghai

Central Denmark Region

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