

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Shanghai Municipality and Central Denmark Region
2014-2016

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

Recalling the sharing of knowledge, expertise and best practices between and 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. Science and technology and related business cooperation

Building upon the productive cooperation since 2003 and the multiple projects under the Midtnet-Programme from 2011 to 2014, the Parties will continue to develop the cooperation in science, technology and innovation, promote exchange of visits by science and technology delegations, and help establish connections between knowledge centers, educational institutions and companies from both sides.

2. Food safety and agriculture

Based on previous visits and seminars on food safety and agriculture, the Parties will support cooperation as well as knowledge and technology sharing in food safety, food traceability, food quality control and agricultural technology through joint projects, study visits and business cooperation.

3. Social welfare and rehabilitation

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

4. 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 continue to support the cooperation between Shanghai Theatre Academy, Shanghai, and Royal Theater Ballet School, Holstebro in Central Denmark Region, in teacher training, art performance and other relevant areas under the framework of the five-year cooperation agreement signed by the two institutions in November 2013.

The Parties will support and facilitate the participation of the other party in festivals, exhibitions, seminars and other cultural events in both places, including the participation of Royal Danish Ballet in the Shanghai International Arts Festival, and the participation of Shanghai in the Chinese Spring Festival celebration in Aarhus in 2017 and other events under the framework of the European Capital of Culture in Aarhus and Central Denmark Region in 2017.

5. Exchange of civil servants

The Parties will support exchange of civil servants between both sides at municipal and district levels.

6. Engagement at district level

The Parties will continue to support exchange and cooperation at the district level between the two sides, including the participation of Huangpu District in the cooperation between the Parties in the fields of social welfare and education, the cooperation between Chongming County and Samsø Municipality in green technology planning and development, and the cooperation in specific areas to be decided between Pudong New Area and the City of Aarhus.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force on the date of signing and remain effective for three years. It can be automatically renewed upon its expiry if neither party proposes a termination.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed on (Date) in (Place) in both Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

Mayor of Shanghai

President of Central Denmark Region