# Letter of Intent for Cooperation (LOIC) Between Western Washington University, WA And The Confucius Institute of the State of Washington, WA

In order to promote Chinese language education within the State of Washington and to support the Chinese program and facilitate China studies at Western Washington University (WWU), the Confucius Institute of the State of Washington (CIWA) and WWU agree to enter into this Letter of Intent for Cooperation (LOIC).

# **ARTICLE I. Objectives and Responsibilities**

CIWA and WWU will cooperate in efforts to establish projects, programs, and/or activities to support the Chinese language program and other China studies programs at WWU. Both parties agree to exercise reasonable effort to develop the following general forms of cooperation:

- 1. Establish ties of friendship and cooperation;
- 2. Seek resources that serve and facilitate the teaching of and research on Chinese language and culture;
- 3. Promote potential opportunities for the wider community to learn Chinese language and culture.

#### CIWA will:

- 1. Help WWU to identify and secure teaching and learning resources, including Chinese books, references, audio/visual materials from CIWA's Chinese partner universities:
- 2. Provide both information about funding opportunities to WWU and guidelines on funding applications on an annual basis.
- 3. Assist WWU with funding and budget proposals and seek financial support from CIWA's Chinese partners in China.
- 4. Manage and administer funds provided by CIWA Chinese partners to support Chinese programs at WWU.
- 5. Assist WWU as requested, to apply for CIWA-sponsored Chinese instructor (s) to teach Chinese courses at WWU.
- 6. Provide resources and guidelines for the students of WWU to attend the Chinese Proficiency Tests organized by CIWA at the Pacific Lutheran University.
- 7. Provide the students of WWU with information about scholarship programs at CIWA's Chinese partner universities.
- 8. Provide information about funding opportunities for research and academic conferences in China and support to faculty and staff at WWU to apply for such funds;

#### WWU will:

- Identify matching funds which may include teaching and learning resources available on campus, space for the events and necessary administration to support the jointly developed Chinese language and culture programs/projects;
- 2. Maintain regular communication with CIWA including:
  - Submitting written event reports and invoices with original receipts to CIWA after each event or each quarter for the program/project that has been complete as requested;
  - b. Submitting an annual budget proposal by the end of each year for CIWA's review and submission to CIWA's funding partners in China;
  - c. Providing updates on personnel changes that relate to the collaboration described in this LOIC;
- 3. Provide visa application documents and assistance when a CIWA-sponsored Chinese instructor is requested;
- 4. provide teaching venue(s), necessary office conditions and appropriate funding for the teacher's professional development opportunities (including support for at least one domestic conference travel a year);
- 5. provide to the CIWA-sponsored Chinese instructor the same rights and protections afforded to any other Visiting Faculty to WWU.
- 6. Promote the Chinese Proficiency Tests (HSK & HSKK) at WWU and provide necessary resources, including space and computers required to administer the HSK tests if WWU decides to hold such tests on its campus;
- 7. Provide necessary assistance to WWU students who wish to apply for scholarships published through CIWA.

#### ARTICLE II. COOPERATION WITH THIRD PARTIES

CIWA and WWU recognize the benefits of resources from a third party to this collaboration and/or to WWU alone. Both parties agree that this LOIC is not exclusive. Either CIWA or WWU can identify another party or parties for joint participation in mutually agreed upon projects and activities.

# **ARTICLE III. DURATION, TERMINATION**

This LOIC is valid for a period of five year(s) from the date of last signature and may be renewed by the mutual written consent of the parties 30 days prior to expiration. Any modification to this LOIC shall be made in writing and require the approval of the authorized signatory of WWU and the authorized signatory of Confucius Institute of the State of Washington, or their designees.

Either party can terminate this LOIC with a 90-day written notice to the other party.

#### ARTICLE IV. NON-BINDING NATURE

This LOIC is intended only to set forth the general understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter herein, and does not, and is not intended to, contractually bind the parties.

CIWA and WWU are the only parties to this MOU. This MOU neither implies nor creates any financial obligations on the part of the Pacific Lutheran University.

#### ARTICLE V. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

In the event that a dispute arises under this LOIC, the parties shall make every effort to resolve it themselves. Should the parties enter future contracts contemplated by this LOIC, such contracts will contain a detailed resolution process.

#### ARTICLE VI. CONTACT PERSONS

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