

# **Memorandum of Understanding on Science and Technology Cooperation**

*between*

The Department of Science and Technology of Guangdong  
Province, P.R.China

*and*

The Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology,  
Switzerland

The Department of Science and Technology of Guangdong Province (hereinafter GDST), of the one part, and The Commission for Technology and Innovation (hereinafter KTI/CTI), of the other part, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

desiring to promote application-oriented science and technology cooperation, enhance corporate technology innovation in the enterprises and research institutions, and upgrade their international competitiveness, and encourage and facilitate the construction of partnership between organizations concerned from both sides,

have agreed as follows:

## **Article 1. Principle and Purpose**

The Parties, on the basis of common interest and mutual benefit, promote the cooperation between research institutes, universities and enterprises from Guangdong and Switzerland.

## **Article 2. Forms of Cooperative Activities**

The priority areas already agreed upon for cooperation include, without limitation,

- 2.1 Exchange of data, information and newsletters;
- 2.2 Exchange of visits, and cooperation between experts, engineers and scientists from both sides;
- 2.3 Co-organization of relevant conferences, workshops and exhibitions;
- 2.4 Guidance and Co-organization for the construction of Sino-Swiss Centers on Science and Technology Exchange and Innovation (e.g. The construction for the Center of Sino-Swiss Precision Manufacturing Technology);
- 2.5 Joint support for Sino-Swiss science and technology cooperation projects;
- 2.6 Organization and implementation of vocational training cooperation projects;

2.7 Other forms of cooperation upon mutual consent.

### **Article 3. Areas of Cooperative Activities**

Cooperation may be pursued in, but not limited to, the following priority areas:

- 3.1 Manufacturing technology (e.g. Precision manufacturing technology);
- 3.2 Life sciences (e.g. pharmaceutical, traditional Chinese medicine);
- 3.3 Information and communication technology (e.g. safety and security, 3D data processing, 4G communication);
- 3.4 Energy technology (e.g. renewable energy);
- 3.5 Environment technology (e.g. water treatment, total life cycle management, organic agriculture, recycling);
- 3.6 Transportation, logistics;
- 3.7 Science, technology, and professional training / education policy cooperation.

### **Article 4. Applicable Law**

All activities carried out under this MoU shall abide by the current domestic laws and regulations.

### **Article 5. Funding**

Cooperative activities under this MoU shall be subject to the availability of appropriated funds of all cooperative partners. Parties shall bear, directly or indirectly, the costs of discharging their responsibilities under this MoU, unless otherwise stated.

### **Article 6. Coordination**

A Steering Committee shall be established to ensure the prompt and efficient implementation and management of this MoU. Steering Committee members (at least two on each side) shall be appointed upon signature of this MoU.

The Steering Committee shall convene once a year, evaluate the activities under this MoU, and develop a working program for the following year.

GDST shall designate Guangdong Association for International Science and Technology Cooperation (GAISTC) as the coordinating organization; OPET shall designate the Swiss Commission for Technology and Innovation (KTI/CTI) as the coordinating organization. GAISTC and KTI/CTI will be responsible for the implementation of cooperation initiatives. Both coordinating organizations shall appoint one contact person.

## **Article 7. Amendments**

The areas and forms of cooperation may be redefined upon written notice by one party to the other.

## **Article 8. Implementation**

This MoU shall come into force upon signature of both parties and shall remain in effect for the term of five years. This MoU is subject to be constantly reviewed and developed in order to respect mutual interests of the signatories.

Done on April 21st, 2007 in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, P.R.China, in duplicate, in Chinese and English language, both versions being equally valid.

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