

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**ON**  
**MUTUAL COOPERATION**  
**BETWEEN**  
**STAATLICHE NATURWISSENSCHAFTLICHE SAMMLUNGEN BAYERNs**  
**AND**  
**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE**

National Museum of Natural Science, Republic of China, hereinafter referred to as NMNS and Staatliche Naturwissenschaftliche Sammlungen Bayerns, Germany, hereinafter referred to as SNSB.

Considering the common interest in promoting the mutual cooperation in the area of exhibition, education and research, both parties, therefore, wish to expand the basis for the close partnership and cooperative exchange, and have set forth the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

**ARTICLE 1. OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this MOU is to develop mutual exhibitions, as well as academic and educational cooperation on the basis of equality and reciprocity and to promote the good relations and understanding between both institutions.

1. Promoting the academic exchanges between the institutions, and developing an international cooperation in research programs.
2. Sharing and exchanging scientific information and exhibitions to promote the public awareness of science in both nations.
3. Benefitting from the advanced managing experience in collection management, science and research of the other party.

**ARTICLE 2. COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Collaborative activities under this MOU are as follows:

1. exploring possibilities for exchange of collections and expertise;
2. sharing experiences of curation and preservation of natural history specimens;
3. supporting collection digitisation, knowledge exchange and skill sharing;
4. establishing and promoting joint research projects and academic cooperation;
5. exchange of exhibitions, specimens and materials in education and research, publications and academic information;
6. organizing and participating in joint academic and educational activities such as expeditions, visits, seminars, workshops, conferences, exhibitions, publications etc.

### ARTICLE 3. AGREEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION

The joint activities and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges, and other forms of cooperation will be agreed upon in writing prior to the initiation of any activity. Any commitment of resources, financial or otherwise, in support of these activities must be contained in subsequent specific agreements.


### ARTICLE 4. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this MOU will be settled through consultations between both parties.

### ARTICLE 5. AMENDMENTS, DURATION AND TERMINATION

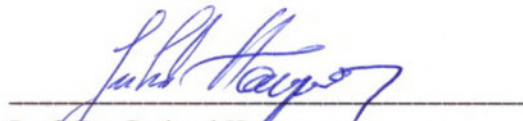
1. Amendments to this MOU can only be written by mutual consent of the two parties.
2. This MOU will be in effect from the date of its signing and be valid for the duration of five years from that date, and will be automatically renewed on an annual basis thereafter, unless terminated or replaced with a new MOU.
3. This MOU may be terminated by either party by providing a written notice at least 6 (six) months in advance. In case the MOU should be terminated, this will not affect the completion of existing activities as agreed upon in the Agreement of Implementation.

Any signed MOU duplicate in English is equally valid.



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