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**Draft Implementation Agreement for the Science and  
Technology Innovation Confucius Institute  
at the University of Huddersfield**

**i. Goal**

In view of the regional advantages of Huddersfield in the United Kingdom, the actual situation of University of Huddersfield, and the related provisions of the Constitution of the Confucius Institute, the Institute will focus on the teaching of Chinese as a foreign language and scientific Chinese teaching, training local Chinese teachers in primary and secondary schools and providing free classes for local communities and pillar enterprises to learn Chinese and understand Chinese culture. Furthermore, a platform for high-level exchanges in economy, culture and scientific research between Huddersfield and Shanghai will be formed, which will further deepen the Sino-UK relationship. On this basis, a full-time business Chinese course and even Chinese degree programme will be offered at University of Huddersfield, becoming the Sino-UK Exchange Center in the West Yorkshire.

**ii. Chinese teaching (with science and technology characteristics)**

**General Chinese classes**

Currently there exist needs to learn Chinese among students (and staff) in the University of Huddersfield (especially, as we understand, among students of your joint Programmes in Shanghai SBC and at Fujian Normal University), but no standard Chinese language courses are available yet. The Confucius Institute (CI) will be able to provide Chinese language classes, ranging from elementary, intermediate to advanced levels, geared toward the proficiency levels and needs of would-be applicants. The CI could also provide more specific classes such as “*Chinese Listening and Speaking*”, “*Chinese Reading and Writing*”, “*English-Chinese Interpretation and Translation*”, so as to form a systemized curriculum of the Chinese, and in the long term to facilitate new degree courses, to help produce graduates of Chinese, or even to build a Chinese programme.

### **Chinese classes with a focus on science and technology**

Both University of Huddersfield and East China University of Science and Technology (ECUST) are vigorous in science and technology, and the School of International Education at ECUST is experienced in teaching Chinese featuring science and technology. The CI is, accordingly, able to provide Chinese classes with a sci-tech focus. These classes can also cater to students with specific demands, such as listening comprehension, reading comprehension, speaking,

writing, vocabulary, syntax.

### **Chinese classes open to staff and the public**

The CI could also provide Chinese classes for learners other than University of Huddersfield students. This can be staff and students of local schools, and other townsfolk to travel in China or work in China. We understand that there may be such needs for companies in your 3M Buckley Innovation Centre, and other local companies that export to China or import from China. Classes under this category can be short-term or long-term. They can be as basic as teaching highly useful Chinese expressions in everyday conversations, while intensified immersion Chinese classes and classes introducing Chinese culture can also be arranged.

### **Chinese classes with a cultural theme**

The CI also designs classes with a cultural theme. These classes aim to familiarise whoever interested in traditional Chinese culture. What we have in mind are classes featuring Chinese painting and calligraphy, papercutting, tea art, cuisine, Tai chi.

### **Chinese classes serving occupational purposes**

When the time is ripe (and certainly after the CI gets full-fledged

and has ideal teaching staff), the CI is willing to assist the local government, the local chamber of commerce, and other business or trade organizations in training employees who will be able to use Chinese as their working language. The classes can be custom-made. Besides, group visits to China can also be organized annually, bridging British and Chinese business worlds.

### **iii. Chinese culture promotion**

#### **Regular lectures on Chinese culture**

In addition to traditional Chinese culture like Chinese philosophy and traditional Chinese medicine, the CI is also glad to introduce the modern-day China to British people. We will invite eminent scientists, scholars, professors, and successful entrepreneurs to lecture on the latest developments in Chinese society, economics, education, science and technology (especially information technology, mobile technology, and artificial intelligence).

**Summer camps** (preferably with a focus on experiencing Chinese sci-tech culture)

The summer camps can be in Huddersfield, or at ECUST in Shanghai. This is meant to provide an opportunity for the Huddersfield students to fully experience Chinese culture in addition



to learning Chinese. The CI can plan summer camps of various themes, for example, the *Six Skills* in traditional China, which are “*etiquette, music, archery, wagon-steering, calligraphy, and arithmetic*”. If the summer camps take place in Shanghai, the biggest metropolis in China and a bustling financial and trade centre, the students will be more likely to see the contemporary China and have a taste of the modern Chinese culture.

### **Cultural events and activities**

These can be Chinese language and culture-related competitions among the CI students, like Chinese character dictation (Chinese version of spelling bee), Chinese poetry recitation. The CI intends also to coordinate exhibitions of Chinese culture (calligraphy, painting, papercutting, etc.), to help expand the existing Chinese cultural celebrations, such as the Spring Festival celebrations, to engage those interested within the town and beyond, to plan new cultural events on such occasions as the CI Day or other traditional Chinese festivals, and last but not least, to support the local Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) in their national events.

### **Chinese language learning and Chinese culture online**

The CI will try to publicize its language classes and cultural

events via the website of University of Huddersfield, and hopefully in the long term launch the CI website and a social networking account, which can serve as a platform for teacher-student interaction. The purpose is to get in closer touch with CI students as well as the locals, who are interested in Chinese language and culture, and to promote cultural exchange. Online Chinese courses can also be provided under ideal conditions.

### **Contributing to cultural diversity in Huddersfield**

We understand that Huddersfield has a higher-than-average percentage of ethnic population in the UK, and is a welcoming town that embraces cultural diversity. The CI will try its best to play an active role in enhancing such diversified and colorful cultural environment. We are more than an institute of cultural export, and will always remain open to various existing cultures in Huddersfield.

### **iv. Location of the Confucius Institute**

The CI at University of Huddersfield will be housed in the Ostler Building. Open in April 2017 and costing approximately 28 million pounds, the building is a masterpiece of campus construction at University of Huddersfield in the new century, being the most eco-friendly building on the campus. His Royal Highness the Duke of

York and a number of business representatives attended its opening ceremony.

The Ostler Building is home to School of Music, Humanities and Media. Faculties and students of history, English Literature, linguistics and contemporary languages, English literature and creative writing, as well as film studies are working and studying there. Situated at the front of the University and in direct connection with the Student Affairs Center, it is convenient for faculties and students to access library, computing center, sports venue and food service area. Language labs, offices and meeting rooms in the building are available for the CI as well.

#### **v. Organization and administration the CI**

The CI is managed by a council of six members: three from University of Huddersfield (one of whom is the chairperson) and three from ECUST (one of whom is the deputy chairperson).

The budget of the CI is to be approved by the council, and the implementation of the budget should be consistent with what has been officially agreed on.

Two directors are responsible for running the CI, with the British dean appointed by University of Huddersfield and the Chinese dean appointed by the CI Headquarters (Hanban)

(recommended by ECUST). The two deans are responsible for carrying out the planned programmes and proposing a reasonable budget in line with the approved activities.

The CI faculty will consist of teachers and volunteers from ECUST.

## **vi Personnel and funding**

### **1) Positions in the CI:**

A director nominated by University of Huddersfield ;

A Chinese director nominated by ECUST ;

A number of faculties to meet teaching demand (recommended by ECUST and approved by CI Headquarters);

One full-time secretary (selected by University of Huddersfield);

A number of volunteers (recommended by ECUST and approved by CI Headquarters);

The candidates for the two directors should be selected from the incumbents of University of Huddersfield and ECUST. University of Huddersfield will cover the expenses of the British dean and staff members, including but not limited to wages, travel and accommodation, while the relevant expenses of the Chinese dean and the Chinese faculties will be covered by the CI Headquarters (Hanban).



ECUST will reserve the basic salary and post allowances for the Chinese dean and faculties.

2) The start-up funding provided by the CI Headquarters (Hanban) to the CI is no more than \$150,000.

3) Annual budget

The CI Headquarters (Hanban) allocate funds according to the proposed projects after evaluation;

University of Huddersfield will provide matching funds (personnel and office support) annually.

CI Headquarters (Hanban) and ECUST are responsible for providing accommodation and wages for the Chinese dean and faculties.

The annual budget should be able to cover the expenditure of the CI in fulfilling various tasks and pay direct and indirect employees.

Signed for and on the behalf of  
University of Huddersfield

Vice-Chancellor

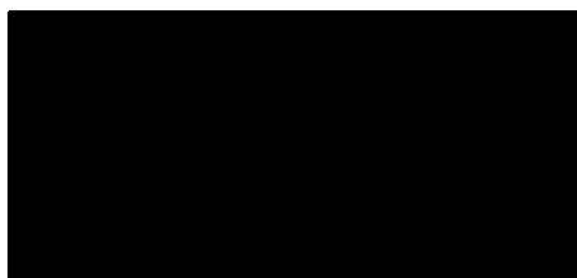


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Date: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Signed for and on the behalf of  
East China University of Science  
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