



ARISTOTLE
UNIVERSITY OF
THESSALONIKI

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies (DIKAM), of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), 54124 Thessaloniki, Greece, represented by its Rector Haralambos N. Feidas, *on the one hand,*

AND

Nishan World Center for Confucian Studies, No.1 Qingnian road ,Jinan City,Shandong Province,China, represented by its Legal Representative Guo Chengyan, *on the other hand,*
hereinafter 'the Parties',

IT HAS BEEN AGREED THE FOLLOWING:

Preamble

The purpose of the present Agreement is to foster cooperation in research between the Parties in all their common fields of competence. The cooperation is

on the principle of drawing on each other's strengths, resource sharing, reciprocity and common development, with the aim of promoting inter-civilization exchange.

Article 1-Forms of cooperation

For the purpose of the present Agreement, collaboration between the Parties may include the exchange of researchers; the exchange of classics; the exchange of scientific and scholarly publications; the establishment of a digital library as a text-sharing platform; the joint organization of symposia, seminars and conferences; the development of joint research programmes and projects; setting up center for Confucius studies in the Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies (DIKAM), of AUTh, setting up a center for Aristotle studies in the Confucius Research Institute and so on.

Article 2-Procedures and funding

Each party may, if it so wishes, appoint a scientific coordinator in charge of the implementation and follow-up of the present Agreement.

Each project undertaken in implementation of the present Agreement shall be recorded in a specific annex stating its object, modalities, duration and funding.

The Parties agree to facilitate the organization and funding of activities within the framework of the present Agreement, as the case may be with the support of appropriate third parties, upon available resources.

Article 3-Intellectual property

Intellectual property created as a result of cooperative activity undertaken by the Parties shall be co-owned by the Parties in proportion of each Party's respective intellectual, financial, human and material contribution to the creation of said intellectual property.

Publication or dissemination of information pertaining to the cooperative activities and the intellectual property resulting from the Parties' cooperative activity shall be subject to the mutual agreement of the Parties and shall explicitly mention the participation of each party.

Article 4-Exchange of researchers

i) The Parties hereby undertake to exchange researchers within the limit of available material and financial resources. Researcher exchanges shall be on the basis of full reciprocity between the Parties for the entire duration of the present Agreement.

ii) The number of exchange researchers and the duration of each exchange period at the host Party shall be agreed upon by the Parties on a yearly basis.

iii) Each party shall select which of its researchers take part in the exchanges in agreement with the other party.

Article 5-Entry into force, duration and termination

The present Agreement shall be valid for a period of 5 (five) years. It shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both parties. Before its date of expiry, the Parties shall jointly decide on the desirability and, as the case may be, the amendments of its renewal.

A Party shall have the possibility of terminating the present Agreement by notifying the other Party in writing with 3(three) months' notice. The termination of present Agreement shall not affect cooperative actions undertaken under the present Agreement which shall be carried out to their agreed term.

Done in four original copies, one in English and one in Chinese. In the event of any inconsistency between the English and Chinese versions, the English text shall prevail.

Article 6-Miscellaneous

This Agreement is a framework document for strengthening the comprehensive cooperation between the two parties. The Parties may further sign special cooperation agreements for specific projects under the framework of this Agreement, and the rights and obligations of both parties for specific projects shall be subject to the actual signed specific cooperation agreements and the approval documents of the regulatory authorities.

For the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Interdisciplinary Centre for Aristotle Studies (DIKAM), of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki).

Rector: Haralambos N. Feidas


Signature: 


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Date: 16.5.2025

For the Nishan World Center for Confucian Studies,

Legal Representative, Guo Chengyan

Signature: 

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Date: 20.5.2025