PROPOSAL FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONFUCIUS PROGRAM
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA
AND
TAIYUAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

I. The University of West Florida and Taiyuan University of Technology enter into an agreement of educational cooperation and cultural exchanges in areas of mutual academic interest related to increasing students' familiarity with and knowledge development of the Chinese culture and Chinese language by jointly establishing the Confucius Program at the University of West Florida.

II. The two institutions, the University of West Florida and Taiyuan University of Technology, enter into the agreement with the aim of making specific contributions to American-Chinese relations. The academic cooperation between the two institutions will strengthen the relationship between the two countries of the United States and China and facilitate a deeper understanding of their respective living and working conditions.

III. The two institutions agree in principle, to cooperate over the full spectrum of their interest with specific agreements governing individual subject areas. The cooperation will be chiefly concerned with:

1) Exchange of or hosting visiting academic, technical and administrative staff.
2) Exchange of students on undergraduate and postgraduate programs to engage in academic and professional development related to Chinese language and culture.
3) Establishment of direct data links and other electronic communication.
4) Organization of conferences, seminars and workshops for improving cross-cultural understanding about each country.

A) Establishing an Administration Committee:

The administration committee will consist of six members, three from Taiyuan University of Technology (TUT hereinafter) and three from the University of West Florida (UWF hereinafter).

Co-Chairman: Dr. Xu Bingshe (TUT)
Co-Chairman: Dr. Sandra Flake (UWF)
Members: Dr. Li Wenying (TUT)
Zhao Anyuan (TUT)
Dr. Phyllis Metcalf-Turner (UWF)
Dr. Kuiyuan Li (FCLI and UWF)

B) Each host institution will assist with locating accommodation for staff and students who are participating in exchange programs.

C) The common discipline area will be identified with the approval of the chief academic administrator (e.g. Provost at UWF).
D) Responsibilities of each party:

a) The arrangements for the financing of the Confucius Program will be the responsibility of TUT. Students will pay the costs of tuition at the home institution and receive the same service at the host institution at no cost. Students will be responsible for their own food and accommodation, travel, medical insurance, and other incidental expenses.

b) TUT is responsible for the establishment of the fund and the daily cost of the program. TUT will sponsor the requisite number of collaborative administration staff members and responsibilities shared with the designated UWF personnel (e.g., Associate Vice President of Diversity and the International Center and the Co-Director of the Florida China Linkage Institute).

c) UWF will provide the required classroom space, office space and other office necessities.

d) The Co-Director of the FCLI will assist in the recruitment of students from Florida.

e) After the establishment of the Confucius Program, the administration committee is in charge of the routine management thereof.

This program is a non-profitable cultural education institution with TUT and UWF collaborating in fund-raising activities (e.g., cultural workshops/seminars, etc.) that will be used to support the program. TUT will be responsible for ensuring a balanced budget on an annual basis.

E) The arrangement is for a period of three years from 01/01/2007. Termination of the agreement prior to 12/31/2009 (with or without a statement of reasons for termination) shall be in writing and require a notice of one academic semester by either institution.

IV. This agreement is prepared in English and Chinese and each higher education institution (UWF and TUT) holds a copy. The agreement will go into effect upon signing by the Presidents of both universities. Any other issues that have not been included in the agreement are to be discussed and to be added to the agreement as an amendment.

Dr. John Cavanaugh, President
University of West Florida

Dr. Kechang Xie, President
Taiyuan University of Technology

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