

GENERAL INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES BETWEEN ITALY AND CHINA

The undersigned Universities of China and Italy:

- 1 The "Parthenope" University of Napoli, Napoli, Italy;
- 2 The Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China;
- 3 The Ca' Foscari University, Venezia, Italy
- 4 The Fudan University, Shanghai, China
- 5 The "Federico II" University of Napoli, Napoli, Italy
- 6 The Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China
- 7 The University of Torino, Torino, Italy
- 8 The Guangdong University of Technology, Guangdong, China;
- 9 The University of Florence, Florence, Italy
- 10 The Dongguan University of Technology, Dongguan, China
- 11 The University of Macerata, Macerata, Italy
- 12 The Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- 13 The University of Naples "L'Orientale", Italy
- 14 The South China Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Guangzhou, China
- 15 The University of Genova, Genova, Italy
- 16 The Hebei Normal University, Hebei, China
- 17 The University of Reggio Calabria, Italy
- 18 The East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai, China
- 19 The University of Sannio, Italy;
- 20 The Sichuan Agricultural University, Chengdu, China
- 21 The University of Basilicata, Potenza, Italy
- 22 Environmental Research Foundation of Basilicata Region, Potenza, Italy
- 23 The University of Salerno, Fisciano (SA), Italy

hereafter individually referred to as "Party" or "Partner" and collectively as the "Parties" or the "Partners".

- in consideration of the already existing scientific and educational collaboration developed in the past years with excellent results achieved;
- in consideration of the common scientific interests concerning the development of sustainable management systems, environmental accounting methods, circular economy patterns and environmental and human health protection;
- in consideration of the urgent need to establish environmental protection and appropriate resource use for the benefit of world population and peaceful relations worldwide;
- in order to contribute to the improvement of international cultural integration within a scientific context:
- in consideration of the shared memory of the scientist, philosopher and educator Matteo Ricci (Li Madou), whose deep understanding of the cultural patrimony of the two countries contributed to bridge China and Italy since the XVI century to date, towards increased reciprocal knowledge, trust and collaboration;

agree to establish a partnership to promote the mobility of Faculty, young researchers and PhD students, with the aim of increasing friendship and trust and providing new opportunities to acquire international experience and develop joint research project for increased knowledge sharing and increased natural capital protection worldwide. Parties agree to name this partnership after Matteo Ricci, in consideration of his huge contribution to friendship and scientific progress of China and Italy.

Article 1 General provisions

The purpose of the present agreement is to define the terms of the collaboration between the signatory Universities for more effective research and education patterns. Such collaboration aims to implement an effective exchange of Faculty and young researchers among Chinese and Italian Universities, to promote joint research projects and funding applications, to gradually develop courses, joint tutorial of PhD theses, joint degrees, workshops and symposia, written materials and journal articles that can be of mutual benefit of research teams and students of both Parties.

Scientific and educational cooperation shall be pursued in areas of mutual interest, on a basis of equality and reciprocity, in accordance with Parties' institutional mission and objectives, especially in order to promote the internationalization process between them. The present agreement is applied in agreement with and within the framework of the regulations and laws enforced by the two Partner countries.

Article 2 Forms of Cooperation

Parties hereby agree to cooperate in their mutual interest for a range of Higher Education and Research and Innovation activities, including - but not limited to - the following forms of cooperation:

- > student exchange programs at Undergraduate, Graduate and Doctoral levels on unilateral and mutual basis for the purpose of education and/or research;
- ➤ faculty exchange programs (short visits and short-term faculty exchange programs included), on unilateral and mutual basis for the purpose of lectureship, teaching and/or research; technical administrative and professional staff exchange programs, on unilateral and mutual basis, for the purpose of institutional capacity building and individual career development;
- > joint organization of higher education and training programs (short-term higher education and training programs included) on topics of mutual interest and invitation of each other's faculty and staff members to participate therein;
- > joint organization of seminars, conferences or workshops on topics of mutual interest and invitation of each other's faculty members to participate therein;
- > joint application for external funding of higher education, training and research programs and projects on topics of mutual interest, at national and international levels and invitation of each other's faculty and administrative and technical staff members to participate therein;
- > information exchange on higher education, training and research programs;
- information exchange on teaching, learning material and other literature relevant to each other's educational, training and research programs;
- > other forms of bilateral international cooperation of mutual interest.

Article 3 Mobility of Faculty and Students

Mobility of Researchers and Professors is integral part and special focus of this agreement. The partner Universities will support their Researchers and Professors by means of sources of funding made available by the two Governments, private Sponsors or by international agencies and

Institutions, based on submitted projects.

When abroad, the visiting Scholars will have the full support of the hosting University in terms of facilities, services, and rights as the local Scholars, free of charge.

The Matteo Ricci network will not directly hold and administrate research and mobility funds, but will promote support by public and private donors, provide information about available opportunities, facilitate applications and disseminate results. If funds are obtained by means of funding applications, funds will be administrated by the Coordinator of the proposed project according to the rules of the sponsoring or funding Institution.

Article 4

Scientific and educational fields

The following scientific and educational fields are included in the research and educational collaboration:

- Sustainable Use of Resources
- Natural Capital, Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems, Ecosystem Services
- Agriculture, Forestry, Land Use Change
- Climate Change
- Environmental Accounting
- Assessment of Environmental Performance of Systems and Processes
- Cleaner Production Systems
- Waste and Wastewater Management
- Urban Metabolism/Eco-cities
- Environmental Economics
- Industrial economics
- Social and cultural capital
- Population dynamics, migrations
- Macroeconomics, Trade and Globalization
- Circular Economy
- Foreign investments and technology transfer
- Fourth Industrial Revolution and supply chains

among others to be identified depending on specific interests of Partners. Inclusion of philosophic and humanistic studies is welcome and will be detailed in specific updates to the present agreement.

Article 5 Executive Protocols

Parties agree that the detailed terms and conditions that guide each activity based on articles 2 and 4 of this Agreement will be separately determined and agreed upon by the Parties for its development and implementation.

These terms and conditions will be outlined in executive protocols, specifying the nature of the joint activity(ies) and including a technical description, logistical and management details, financial and scientific coordinator(s) and manager(s) in charge of scientific coordination and administrative and financial management (respectively).

Article 6

Steering Committee and Coordination of Activities

Each University nominates one Representative as Member of the Steering Committee, to coordinate the activities of the Network in terms of exchange flows, available financial support, joint submission of projects, release of Calls, assignment of travel scholarships. This will not limit the individual activities of each Partner nor the Partner's willingness to implement other projects and agreements with Institutions outside of the present Agreement and the Matteo Ricci Network. The

Steering Committee will designate a Coordinator who will remain in charge for three year and may be selected again up to a maximum of three additional years.

The meetings of the Steering Committee will occur at least once, every year. Meetings could also be held through telephone conference or other online communication technologies.

All correspondence, all documents and all drawings relating to this Agreement shall be in English. Any translation into other language shall be deemed as reference and English version shall prevail in any case.

Article 7 Joint courses, degrees, research

The Steering Committee, with the help of all Partners, will keep an updated list of the existing opportunities for exchange funding, travel scholarship, mobility projects and will disseminate them to the entire Network.

In addition, the Partners commit to jointly explore the possibility to:

- a. implement joint PhD programmes, when possible according to the regulations in Partner countries;
- b. assign joint PhD research and theses to be developed in Partner countries under joint supervision;
- c. Submit applications for research and mobility funding on topics that are of interest for the Partners, in order to support the related research and mobility as well as strengthen collaboration and understanding.

Article 8 Validity of Parthership

This Agreement of International Cooperation within the Matteo Ricci Network will remain in force for five years from the signature by all the academic authorities in charge and can be renewed upon an evaluation of results achieved and agreement of all Parties or those of them interested to continue the partnership. Renewal will be managed by the Coordinator of the Steering Committee, at least three months before the expiration date. During the renewal procedure, changes to the MoU can be suggested by each Member and subject to the approval of the Partners.

Each partner University can withdraw at any time from this agreement by means of a written communication. Partners commit to complete the projects in progress at the time of the withdrawal and involving their collaboration.

After the MoU is signed, new Partners can join by expressing per written their willingness to the Steering Committee Coordinator. He/she will inform all the Network Partners and will implement the procedure to add the new Partners to the MoU by means of an Annex to the MoU.

Article 9 Arbitration Clause

In the event that any questions or doubts arise from this Collaboration protocol, it is agreed that the legal representatives of Parties will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

And, being in agreement, the Parties sign this MoU in English, in a number of original copies equal to the number of Partners, of equal content and form. Each party will retain one original copy.

Article 10 Financing

This Agreement does not require any allocation of expenditure for the Parties. The costs for the development and the implementation of the activity(ies) based on this Agreement will be determined and agreed upon by the Parties in Executive Protocols, in which the source of funding for the purpose will also be detailed.

Article 11 Intellectual Property

All background Intellectual Property will remain the ownership of the originating Party. Access to such Intellectual Property will be negotiated on a case by case basis among the interested Partners. Any new Intellectual Property generated as a consequence of this Agreement will normally be owned by the Party that has created it. Variations to this position may be negotiated on a case by case basis. In particular, should this relate to any taught programs developed as set out in article 3 above, arrangements agreed will in all cases be set out in further Agreements.

Licenses for the exploitation of Intellectual Property will be negotiated on a case by case basis.

Article 12 Disclosure

The Parties may disclose to the public this Agreement and information with respect to activities carried out under this Agreement in accordance with the Parties' relevant policies.

Article 13 Equal Opportunity Policies

The institutions, Parties to this agreement, shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race color, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital or familiar status, ethnicity, religion, political opinions, national origin, or disability.

Article 14 Promotional Material and Use of Logos

Neither Party to this Agreement, shall use the name and logo of the others in any form of publicity or promotional material without the written consent of the Party concerned.

Article 15 Settlement of Disputes

Disputes arising out of interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled by an Arbitration Committee nominated by the Steering Committee, including representatives of the disputing Partners.

Article 16 Language Arrangements

This Agreement is drawn up in <u>English Language</u>, and in one original for each Party - which are equally valid.

This Agreement is also drawn up in Chinese Language for convenience only. It will not be binding upon the Parties hereto.

This Agreement in Chinese Language is drawn up in one original per each Party – which are equally authentic.

In case of doubt or differences of interpretation, the English version shall be the governing and prevailing version over the Chinese one.

If registration or other formalities of this Agreement will be required in compliance with the rules in force in one of the Partner Institutions, the corresponding fees are exclusively charged to the Party(ies) concerned.

Each Party will respectively retain one original in English language and one original in Chinese language.

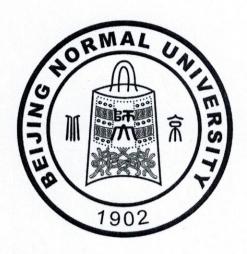


The Università degli Studi di Napoli "Parthenope", established in Naples, (IT), via Amm. F. Acton, n. 38, c.a.p. 80133, P.IVA 018-773-20-638, C.F. 800-182-40-632, represented for the purpose of signing this Agreement – "General International University Co-operation Agreement for Educational and Scientific purposes between Italy and China" – by its Legal Representative Rector pro-tempore, Prof. Alberto Carotenuto, hereby agrees to become Member of the "Matteo Ricci Network", as described above.

By signing this Agreement, the Università degli Studi di Napoli "Parthenope" commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Naples, 3 0 NOV. 2018

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The UniversityBeijing Normal University,									ų.		
established in No.19 Xinjiekouwai Street, Haidian District, Beijing, China.(address & country),											
represented	for	the	purpose	of	signing	this	Form	by	the	undersigned	legal
Representative											
PresidentQi Dong											
hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,											
By signing this MoU, the University. Beijing Normal University. commits to its implementation,											
with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.											



Ca' Foscari University of Venice

The University Ca' Foscari University of Venice,

established in 1868 (address & country) Dorsoduro 3246, 30123 Venice,

represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal Representative Prf.

Michele Bugliesi

hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,

By signing this MoU, the University Ca' Foscari University of Venice commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Date 18/02/2019

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Prof. Michele Bugliesi

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The University Department of Environmental Science and Engineering at Fudan University,								
established in 2005 Songhu Road, Shanghai, China,								
represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal								
RepresentativeXin Yang								
Rector/President/Dean Dean								
hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,								
By signing this MoU, the University Department of Environmental Science and Engineering at								
Fudan Universitycommits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.								
DateMarch 8, 2019								



The University of Naples Federico II,

established in Corso Umberto I 40, 80138 Napoli, Italy

represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal Representative Prof. Gaetano Manfredi, Rector, hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above.

By signing this MoU, the University of Naples Federico II, commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

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Shanghai Jiao Tong University,

established in Shanghai, China (No. 800 Dongchuan Road),

represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal Representative.

Professor Geng Yong

Dean of School of Environmental Science and Engineering

hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,

By signing this MoU, Shanghai Jiao Tong University commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Date. November 9, 2018



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

The University of Torino,

established in Via Verdi 8, 10124, Torino, Italy,

represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal Representative prof. Gianmaria Federico Ajani,

Rector

hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,

By signing this MoU, the University of Torino commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Date

1 4 MAR. 2019



The University Guangdong University of Technology established in No.100, Waihuan Xi Road, Guangzhou Higher Educatin Mega Center, Guangdong, China represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal Cai Yanpeng Representative..... Rector/President/Dean... Dean of Institute for Environmental and Ecological hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above, By signing this MoU, the University. Guangdong University of Technology commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

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研究院	



The University of Florence,

established in Piazza San Marco, 4 Florence (Italy), represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal Representative Prof. Luigi Dei, Rector hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above.

By signing this MoU, the University of Florence commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

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The Rector *Prof. Luigi Dei*



The University <u>Dongguan University of Technology</u> ,								
established in No. 1 Daxue Road, Songshan Lake, Dongguan, Guangdong, China,								
represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal								
Representative <u>Prof. NIU Junfeng</u>								
Rector/President/Dean <u>Dean of Research Center for Eco-Environmental Engineering</u> ,								
Dongguan University of Technology								
hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,								
By signing this MoU, the <u>Dongguan University of Technology</u> commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.								
Date June 28, 2019								



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The University of Macerata, established in via Crescimbeni n.30-32, c.a.p. 62100 Macerata (Italy), Partita IVA and Codice fiscale: 00177050432, represented for the purpose of signing this *General International University Co-Operation Agreement for Educational and Scientific Purposes between Italy and China* by the undersigned legal Representative, Rector Prof. Francesco Adornato, hereby agrees to become Member of the *Matteo Ricci Network*, as described above.

By signing this MoU, the University of Macerata commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Macerata, 95 93 2019

THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE - RECTOR

(Prof. Francesco Adornato)





The UniversityTsinghua University,									
established in Beijing (address & country). Qinghuayuan, Haidian District, Beijing, China,									
represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal									
RepresentativeProf. ZHUANG Weimin									
Rector/President/Dean. Dean of School of Architecture, Tsinghua University									
hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,									
By signing this MoU, the UniversityTsinghua Universitycommits to its									
implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.									
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Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"

The University of Naples "L'Orientale", established in Via Chiatamone 61,62 – 80121 Napoli, Italia, represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal Representative prof.ssa Elda Morlicchio, Rector hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,

By signing this MoU, the University of Naples "L'Orientale" commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

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The Institution ...South China Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences....., established in ...No.723, Xingke Road, Tianhe District, Guangzhou, Guangdong, 510650, China.., represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal Representative.

Prof. REN Hai

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The University of Genova,

established in Genova, Italy,

represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal

Prof. Paolo Comanducci

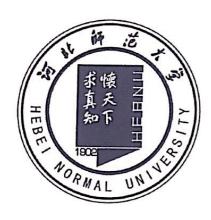
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hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,

By signing this MoU, the University of Genova commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Date 29/1/2019





The Hebei Normal University, Hebei province, China....., established in 1902(address & country) and located in Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province, China, represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal Representative Dr. Liu Jingze (刘敬泽),

Vice President of Hebei Normal University for Academic and International Affairs, hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,

By signing this MoU, the Hebei Normal University commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Date: Nov. 05, 2018

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The "Mediterranea" University of Reggio Calabria,
established in via Salita Melissari Feo di Vito,89124 Reggio Calabria (ITALY)
represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal Representative
Prof. Santo Marcello Zimbone

Rector

hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,

By signing this MoU, the "Mediterranea" University of Reggio Calabria commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Date 01.03.2019

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Prof. Santo Marcello Zimbone





The UniversitySchool of Resources and Environmental Engineering at East China University							
of Science and Technology							
established in Meilong Road 130, Shanghai, China,							
represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal							
RepresentativeProf.Wang Hualin							
Rector/President/DeanDean							
hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,							

By signing this MoU, the School of Resources and Environmental Engineering at East China University of Science and Technology commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Date...... Aug. 1, 2019.....

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The University of Sannio,

established in Piazza Guerrazzi, 1, 82100 Benevento, represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal Representative Prof. Filippo de Rossi, Rector, hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,

By signing this MoU, the University of Sannio, commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

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The University	ity	<u>S</u>	ichuan Agi	riculti	ral Univers	sity,					
established in	1	<u>No</u>	. 46 Xinkar	ng Ro	ad, Yuche	ng Dis	trict, Yaa	ın, Sic	chuan,	China.	
represented	for	the	purpose	of	signing	this	Form	by	the	undersigned	legal
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hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,

By signing this MoU, the <u>Sichuan Agricultral University</u> commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Date. April 11. 2019



The University of Basilicata, established in Potenza, Italy, represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned legal Representative prof. Aurelia Sole, Rector, hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above,

By signing this MoU, the University of Basilicata commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Date 16th September 2019

The Rector Prof. Aurelia Sole



The Environmental Research Foundation of Basilicata Region, established in No. 277, Via Pretoria, 85100 – Potenza (ITALY), C.F.: 96083250769, represented for the purpose of signing this Form by the undersigned General Director, Dr. Pasquale De Luise, hereby agrees to become Member of the Matteo Ricci Network, as described above.

By signing this MoU, the Environmental Research Foundation of Basilicata Region to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Potenza, 16th September 2019

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR





The Università degli Studi di Salerno, established in Fisciano (SA) Italy, Via Giovanni Paolo II n.132, c.a.p. 84084, P.IVA 00851300657, C.F. 80018670655, represented for the purpose of signing this Agreement – General International University Co-operation Agreement for Educational and Scientific Purposes between Italy and China – by the undersigned legal Representative Rector pro-tempore Prof. Aurelio Tommasetti, hereby agrees to become Member of the "Matteo Ricci Network", as described above.

By signing this Agreement, the Università degli Studi di Salerno commits to its implementation, with all the obligations and conditions it sets out.

Fisciano (SA), 2 4 SE 1 2019

The Legal Representative - Rector pro-tempore (Prof. Aurelio Tommasetti)