

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ACADEMIC EXCHANGE COLLABORATIONS**  
**between**  
**THE CENTRE OF AUSTRONESIAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE,**  
**THE UNITED KINGDOM**  
**and**  
**THE CENTER FOR ABORIGINAL STUDIES, NATIONAL CHENGCHI UNIVERSITY (NCCU),**  
**THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MOU”) is entered into between the Centre of Austronesian Studies, University of Central Lancashire, UK, and the Center for Aboriginal Studies, National Chengchi University (NCCU), R.O.C. (Taiwan), hereinafter each referred to “Party” or collectively be referred to as the “Parties”. The Parties are desirous of deepening mutual trust and understanding among the Austronesian peoples by Austronesian academic exchange of cultural studies, have agreed as follows:

**PARAGRAPH 1**

**PURPOSE**

Based on the shared value and the principle of reciprocity, this MOU focuses on the academic exchange of Austronesian cultural studies. The Parties hope to deliver three purposes. First, establishing a cultural collaboration model among Austronesian peoples is conducive to extend further collaborations and exchanges in the future. Moreover, the MOU can inspire people’s interests in Austronesian cultural studies, helping to raise awareness of the importance of preservation and inheritance of Austronesian academic research among young generations domestically. Additionally, it would also be helpful to nurture the talents and value cultivation in this field. Last, through research cooperation activities such as exchanges between scholars and students, short-term lectures and academic exchanges, etc., the MOU can enhance cross-field cooperation opportunities and cultivate Austronesian research talents with global vision, contributing to the international publicity for the Parties. Overall, the MOU hopes to deepen the international impression of “Austronesian peoples”, and strengthens the collaborations and exchanges among the Austronesian Peoples.

**PARAGRAPH 2**

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Parties:

1. Approve that the MOU will describe the manner in which they intend to collaborate.
2. Acknowledge and accept to fulfill their role and responsibilities as identified under the MOU.

**PARAGRAPH 3**

**ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS AND EXCHANGES PROJECT**

This paragraph is for reference only. The actual collaborative activities should be based on the results of the discussion between the Parties. The related activities can be included but not limited to:

1. Scheduling short-term lectures and researches for experts and scholars to the other Party’s University.
2. Arranging academic exchanges for students to the other Party’s University.
3. Co-organizing related professional academic seminars
4. Executing cooperation projects

#### PARAGRAPH 4

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF AUSTRONEISAN CULTURAL RESEARCH EXCHANGES AND PROMOTION

The Parties accept to actively support each other in exchanging and information sharing. Each year, the Parties will invite each other to participate in their academic related activities. The host will assist in providing performance opportunities and publicity for the invited participants in the above activities.

#### PARAGRAPH 5

#### COPYRIGHT ISSUE

With regard to the copyright issues deriving from the academic collaborations, the creator of an original work retains the copyright. If there is any derived issue that came from the Parties, we suggest that the Parties shall make separate contract or agreements on specific issues.

#### PARAGRAPH 6

#### RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES

In case of differences in the interpretation or application of the MOU, both Parties shall seek to reach an amicable solution.

#### PARAGRAPH 7

#### AMENDEMENTS

The MOU may be amended or revised by mutual consent and written agreement of the other Party.

#### PARAGRAPH 8

#### OTHERS

Neither of the Parties have any financial obligations. However, the repayment of expenses related to the specific activities agreed in advance by the Parties is not limited to this. If there is any spending originating from the academic collaborations, the Parties shall make separate contract or agreements based on the principle of reciprocity.

#### PARAGRAPH 9

#### EFFECTIVITY AND DURATION

The MOU will take effect upon signing.

Any Party may terminate the MOU by giving at least 5 months prior written notification to the other Party.

In the event of termination of the MOU pursuant to the preceding subparagraph, the Parties will take all the necessary steps to ensure that such a decision is not prejudicial to any activity then in progress within the framework of the present MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the MOU. Signed in duplicate both in Chinese and English in Taipei, Taiwan and in Preston, United Kingdom respectively on September 15, 2021. The MOU has been authenticated in two languages.



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