



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN **University of Auckland, University of Canterbury, University of Otago,
University of Waikato, Victoria University of Wellington, Auckland
University of Technology, Lincoln University, Massey University**
(“the NZUniversities”)

AND **Peking University , People's Republic of China**
(“PKU”)

TOGETHER **(“the Participants”)**
The Participants (PKU and the NZUniversities) will work collaboratively towards the continuing operation of the New Zealand Centre at Peking University (“the Centre”).

1. Purpose

The Centre aims to promote and advance understanding and cooperation across diverse fields of academic and other sector engagement between New Zealand and China.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Centre are to:

- a) Promote scholarly exchanges and collaboration of researchers and academics across all disciplines among Peking University and other relevant Chinese Universities and the New Zealand Universities;
- b) Provide a forum for China-New Zealand dialogue among different sectors (government, academia, business) in education, cultural exchange and cooperation, economic transformation, innovation and national growth strategies, and other topics of mutual interest;
- c) Promote New Zealand studies at PKU through lectures, courses, conferences, and workshops;
- d) Undertake special projects to enhance New Zealand-China understanding and cooperation in research, teaching, and publication on New Zealand Studies.
- e) Prepare and operationalise an annual work plan, by joint decision with the NZC Advisory Board.

3. Responsibilities of the Participants¹

The New Zealand Universities will:

- a) Provide teaching staff for the undergraduate course on New Zealand History and Culture annually for students at PKU;
- b) Manage an annual programme for visiting researchers and academics and student interns from New Zealand; and a reciprocal programme for visiting researchers and academics from PKU to New Zealand, in consultation with the NZ Centre Director at PKU;
- c) Undertake to deliver public seminars, conferences or workshops on topics relevant to NZ-China research and policy relationships at the Centre.

Peking University will:

- a) Provide appropriate space for the Centre and ensure the Centre and its activities are promoted on campus;
- b) Host the annual undergraduate course on New Zealand History and Culture;
- c) Promote the Centre to all faculties within PKU and advance opportunities to partner with visiting NZ academics;
- d) Support New Zealand researchers and academics in making contact with the PKU faculty relevant to their disciplinary interests and manage a reciprocal programme for visiting researchers and academics from PKU to New Zealand in consultation with the Chair of the New Zealand Advisory Board;
- e) Promote seminars by New Zealand visiting researchers and academics;
- f) Promote the Centre's activities with other Chinese Universities, government agencies and relevant sectors.

4. Governance

- a) The Centre at PKU will be headed by a Director ("Centre Director") to be appointed by Peking University in consultation with the New Zealand Centre Advisory Board ("NZC Advisory Board");
- b) The NZC Advisory Board will comprise representatives from the New Zealand Universities and include representatives from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Education New Zealand;
- c) The NZC Advisory Board will develop the strategy and priorities with the New Zealand stakeholders and ensure the close alignment of objectives and activities;
- d) The Chair of the Advisory Board ("the Chair") will be appointed for a two-year term by the NZC Advisory Board members;
- e) The Chair will act as a point of contact between the Centre Director and the NZC Advisory Board;
- f) From time to time, representatives from Peking University and the NZC Advisory Board will meet to discuss matters of mutual interest regarding oversight, management, and operations of the Centre.

¹ COVID-19 travel restrictions allowing

5. Operations

- a) The Centre will be housed in a purpose-built facility at Peking University campus;
- b) The Centre will endeavour to provide space for visiting New Zealand researchers and academics who may be asked to contribute seminars and guest lectures at Peking University, including the undergraduate course on New Zealand;
- c) The New Zealand Universities will continue to provide financial support through the NZC Advisory Board, as may be jointly decided with Peking University, towards the Centre's operations. The core funding for the Centre's operating budget is to be jointly decided annually by the Participants, usually no more than NZ\$ 45,000;
- d) The Centre's Director will liaise with the Chair of the NZC Advisory Board to create opportunities for Chinese researchers to contact their counterparts in New Zealand.

6. Duration

- a) This Memorandum will commence on the date on which it is signed by the Participants, or, if signed on separate days, on the day the last signatory signs the Memorandum, and will continue in effect for five years from that date;
 1. If either of the Participants or one of the New Zealand Universities wishes to terminate its participation in this Memorandum during its term, that Participant will raise the matter with the other Participants for discussion under 4 (f) of this Memorandum. The Chair of the NZC Advisory Board will ensure that all members of the NZC Advisory Board are informed.
- b) All matters of contention are to be resolved by mutual arrangement.

Three months before the expiry of this Memorandum, the Participants will review the terms of this Memorandum. Subject to a satisfactory review by the Participants, which confirms that the Memorandum is achieving the objectives set out above, the Participants may renew the Memorandum for a further term of five years subject to any changes accepted in writing by the Participants.

This Memorandum is signed in English and Chinese.

EXECUTION

Signed by the Participants as follows:

Peking University, People's Republic of China

Professor Gong Qihuang

President

Date: _____

The New Zealand Universities

University of Auckland



Professor Dawn Freshwater

Vice-Chancellor

Date: 27 July 2022

University of Canterbury



Professor Cheryl de la Rey

Vice-Chancellor

Date: 27 July 2022

University of Otago



Professor David Murdoch

Vice-Chancellor

Date: 27 July 2022

University of Waikato



Professor Neil Quigley

Vice-Chancellor

Date: 27 July 2022

Victoria University of Wellington



Professor Jennifer Windsor

Acting Vice-Chancellor

Date: 27 July 2022

Auckland University of Technology



Professor Damon Salesa

Vice-Chancellor

Date: 27 July 2022

Lincoln University



Professor Grant Edwards

Vice-Chancellor

Date: 27 July 2022

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Professor Jan Thomas

Vice-Chancellor

Date: _____