

Bilateral Agreement

Concerning a

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between

Vienna University of Technology, Austria

and

Tongji University, China

2009

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Between

Vienna University of Technology, Austria, represented by Professor Hans Kaiser, Vice Rector for International Affairs, called hereafter TU Wien,

And

Tongji University, Shanghai, China, represented by Professor Yiyi Chen, Dean of Graduate School, Vice-President, called hereafter Tongji University.

Considering

Article C on the Supervision of Graduate Students of AGREEMENT between the two parties,

The fact that there were visiting doctoral students who enrolled in Tongji University preparing their doctoral thesis at TU Wien, supported by the Eurasia-Pacific Uninet since 2005,

The fact that an AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION on the 'Formation and Evolution of Advanced Structural Concrete via Computing' between the two parties was signed in 2007,

The fact that Professor Mang had been awarded as Honorary Professorship of Tongji University in 2007,

The fact that Prof. Mang, Institute for Mechanics of Materials and Structures, TU Wien, will supervise the research activities of PhD candidates from Tongji University to pursue their doctoral studies at TU Wien, under the financial support of Eurasia-Pacific Uninet.

Considering the Austrian Universities Act 2002 - in particular §51 Abs. 2 Z27, Bundesgesetzblatt I Nr. 120/2002 - and the legal provisions of studies at TU Wien (Studienrechtliche Bestimmungen der Satzung der TU Wien, Mitteilungsblatt Nr. 23-2005/06 vom 19.10.2005, und Studienplan für die Doktoratsstudien an der TU Wien, Mitteilungsblatt Nr. 4-2007 vom 3.1.2007)

Both parties agree upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

Tongji University and TU Wien decide to formalize the co-operation between both institutions concerning research of PhD candidates in order to award them a doctoral degree both from TU Wien and Tongji University.

ARTICLE 2

Prof. Y. Yuan, Institute of Underground Engineering, Tongji University, and Prof. Mang, Institute for Mechanics of Materials and Structures, TU Wien, will act as supervisors of the doctoral research. The bilateral agreement will start in the academic year 2009/10. Each doctoral thesis continues for an estimated duration of 4 years.

ARTICLE 3

The Doctoral theses shall be written in English. In addition, a detailed abstract, written in the language of the host university, should be submitted simultaneously. The graduate candidates must also obey to the local regulations of the home university. They shall be defended in public before the end of the estimated duration of 4 years. The public defense will follow the local regulations both of TU Wien and Tongji University. Prof. Mang and Prof. Yuan will be members of the jury as co-supervisors of the doctoral research of the PhD candidate. The other jury members will be selected according to the local regulations both of TU Wien and Tongji University.

ARTICLE 4

On the condition that a PhD candidate fulfills his/her doctoral requirements, both Tongji University and TU Wien will award him/her the doctoral degree. A copy of the official report of the doctoral defense at TU Wien, written in or translated to English, must be handed over to Tongji University, together with three copies of the doctoral thesis. Based on this report and on the actual bilateral agreement, TU Wien will award the qualified candidate the title of "Doktor der technischen Wissenschaften (Dr. techn.)". Tongji University will award the qualified candidate the title of "Doctor of Engineering".

ARTICLE 5

Publications related to the doctoral research will be realized in common understanding, with co-authors both from Tongji University and TU Wien.

ARTICLE 6

No financial consequences are linked to this bilateral agreement. Both parties take care of their own expenses.

ARTICLE 7

If, by the end of the expected duration, no public defense of the doctoral work of the PhD candidate has taken place, the application of the bilateral agreement to the candidate considered will be extended for a period of six months. After expiration of this extension, this bilateral agreement will be no longer applicable to this candidate.

ARTICLE 8

The doctoral students shall be regularly enrolled at both universities and pay for their own medical care and insurance expense during the period in the host University. According to the regulations within the Eurasia-Pacific Uninet neither one of the two parties shall charge tuition fees in the host University. However, they should still charge the tuition fee according to the local regulation of the home university.

ARTICLE 9

The administration of the doctoral students dispatched and accepted by Tongji University should conform to *Procedures on the Cooperation of Graduate Student Double-Degree Programs with Foreign (Overseas) Institutions of Higher Education (Scientific Research Institutes) of Tongji University*.


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Attachments:

Procedures on the Cooperation of Graduate Student Double-Degree Programs with Foreign (Overseas) Institutions of Higher Education (Scientific Research Institutes) of Tongji University

**Procedures on the Cooperation of Graduate Student Double-Degree Programs
with Foreign (Overseas) Institutions of Higher Education (Scientific Research
Institutes) of Tongji University**

Article 1 This set of procedures is formulated with a view to promoting international cooperation and exchanges in graduate education of Tongji University, guaranteeing the quality of master's and doctor's degrees conferred by Tongji University, and improving the internationalization level and comprehensive strength of Tongji University in an all-round way.

Article 2 Cooperation in graduate student double-degree programs refers to the arrangement whereby Tongji University signs agreements of cooperation with foreign (overseas) first-degree institutions of higher education (scientific research institutes) and offers education to outstanding graduate students formally registered in either of the two cooperative universities. Both the Tongji University and the foreign university confer master's or doctor's degrees.

Article 3 The two parties engaged in offering double-degree programs jointly are referred to as dispatching party and admitting party respectively.

Article 4 Dispatched and admitted graduate students are double-degree students in status. Double-degree graduate students receive education in both the dispatching university and the admitting university. After such major stages of training as taking courses, obtaining mutually-recognized credits and thesis defending are successfully completed, double-degree students are eligible to apply for and be awarded degrees conferred by both the dispatching university and the admitting university.

Article 5 Disciplines and majors included in graduate double-degree programs should be the ones that the state has approved and for which universities are authorized by the state to confer degrees. In principle, these disciplines and majors should be closely linked to the discipline construction of Tongji University. Cooperation in graduate double-degree programs with foreign (overseas) first-degree universities and institutions of higher learning (scientific research institutes) with superior disciplines is encouraged.

Article 6 Recommendation and Selection: In accordance with the requirements of the admitting university, dispatching university should examine the various aspects of graduate students qualified to be sent abroad and decide on the candidates through competitive selection. The admitting university should decide on the final enrollees by referring to the recommendation materials provided by the dispatching university and conducting both written examinations and interviews.

Article 7 Course Study: Students from the dispatching and admitting university must obtain credits required for master's (doctor's) degrees through taking courses and obtaining mutually recognized credits. As for mutual credit recognition, students from dispatching university should obtain no less than two thirds (2/3) of the required credits at the dispatching universities in principle (Students dispatched from Tongji University should take compulsory degree courses prescribed in the training program). The remaining credits should be obtained at the admitting university. The courses taken and mutually recognized credits should be approved by the respective Degree Evaluation Subcommittee responsible for each discipline.

Article 8 Mid-term evaluation: Graduate students dispatched and accepted by Tongji University should undergo, mid-term evaluation according to *provisions for the mid-term evaluation of master's degree candidates of Tongji University* and *Provisions for the education on doctorate candidates*, within prescribed time limit in principle.

Article 9 Thesis Writing and Defending: Students from both the dispatching university and admitting university should write and participate in thesis defending in accordance with the *Regulations on the Publishing of Academic Papers of Applicants for Master's or Doctor's Degree in Tongji University* and *Detailed Rules of Degree-Conferring* before becoming eligible to apply for degrees; meanwhile, students should apply for master's or doctor's degree in accordance with corresponding foreign (overseas) institutions of higher learning (research institutions).

Article 10 Administration of Student: dispatching and admitting university should administer students' records in line with their respective requirements on the administration of graduate students on the university enrollment. Students dispatched

to Tongji University from foreign(overseas) institutions of higher education(Scientific Research Institutes) should get enrolled in the manner prescribed for registered foreign students and they should be administered according to the *Regulations on the Administration of graduate student records of Tongji University* and *Instructions for Overseas Students of Tongji University*.

Article 11 Treatment: In principle, graduate students from both the dispatching and admitting parties pay tuition fees only to the dispatching side, and are exempt from tuition to the admitting university. The two universities should try to apply for scholarship for double-degree graduate students. The admitting university should provide accommodation for the double-degree graduates at the expense of the students.

Article 12 Agreements Signing: Each college or school (department, institute) of Tongji University should decide on the discipline and major for the double-degree program, work out the detailed rules, draft and sign a cooperative agreement on the basis of equal consultation.

The agreement should clearly specify such contents as the period of validity, the number of exchange students to be educated per unit period, procedures for recommendation and selection, manner of education, mutual exemption of tuition, mutual recognition of credits, degree-conferring, mutual offering of opportunities for applying for scholarships and organs responsible for the running of the project. The agreement shall also specify that double-degree students dispatched to Tongji University shall take out comprehensive medical insurance for overseas students in China as designated by the Ministry of Education of China.

Double-degree projects sponsored by College and School (department, institute) and other units of Tongji University shall report to the graduate school for verification and approval before signing agreements for such projects and report to the Administrative Office of the Overseas and the Office of Foreign Affairs for record-keeping.

Article 13 Requirements for Keeping Records: Relevant agreements signed by the dispatching and admitting parties, archives materials relating to students' application for admissions and selection by universities as well as various documents and

archives relating students during his/her studies shall be put on records according to the requirements of the two parties.

Article 14 This set of procedures shall come into force from the date of its promulgation.

Article 15 The interpretation of the set of procedures is vested in the Graduate School of Tongji University.