MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
SHANDONG ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
JINAN, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

AND

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
AMES, IOWA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Iowa State University and the Shandong Academy of Social Sciences, recognizing the value of cooperation in research and training, propose this general agreement as a step toward the development of a lasting relationship. This agreement would enable researchers of the institutions to carry out scientific studies in each other’s societies in order to broaden the scope of appreciation of the social, cultural, economic, political, and historical development of the two societies. The ultimate goal is to strengthen the ties between the People’s Republic of China and the United States of America.

1. Exchange of Scholars. We agree to facilitate short-term exchanges of faculty and staff. These exchanges will involve working on research projects, giving seminars, and learning about the activities of the host institution. Each party will be responsible for round trip travel expenses of their own personnel. Costs of visiting scholars will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

2. Exchange of Students. We agree to facilitate exchanges of graduate students. This may involve students from the Shandong Academy of Social Sciences studying for their advanced degrees at Iowa State University. Students from Iowa State University may go to Shandong to gather data for use in obtaining their advanced degrees. Each institution will abide by its own admission requirements. Costs of visiting students will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

3. Exchange of Materials. We agree to facilitate the exchange of appropriate scientific materials. This would include books, journals, and research reports. Exchange of instruments used to gather sociological data and advice on developing parallel studies in the two countries would be appropriate. Consideration would be given to exchanging sociological data as well.

4. Collaboration on Research. These exchanges may lead to discussions about small-scale joint research projects. We agree to explore the possibility of conducting joint research in and around the areas of Shandong and Iowa. Because of the interests of the institutions, possible topics of study include: population dynamics, the family, leadership in regional planning, ecological/environmental issues, community studies (especially small cities and townships), social issues such as juvenile delinquency, and the fundamentals of science. Other areas of mutual interest can also be considered. All studies will involve the development of theories, methods, and policies as well.
Proposals for specific activities under this agreement must be submitted in writing to and approved by both parties. Proposals for activities must specify the plan of work and the budget, stating which parties are responsible for each budget item. To facilitate budget planning, these specific plans should be submitted by September of each year for the following year.

This agreement will go into effect on November 18, 1987 and conclude on December 31, 1993. Renewal of the agreement shall be contingent upon the mutual agreement of both institutions.

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