

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**between**  
**the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China**  
**and the Province of British Columbia of Canada**

**PURPOSE:** To establish and strengthen educational exchange and ties between the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Advanced Education of the Province of British Columbia, Canada.

**WHEREAS,** Both the Ministry of Education of The People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Advanced Education of the Province of British Columbia, Canada recognize mutual benefits to be gained from communication, cooperation, and discussions on various educational issues, including instruction in the English and Mandarin languages; and

**WHEREAS,** Both the Ministry of Education of The People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Education of the Province of British Columbia, Canada recognize mutual benefits to be gained by teachers from the exchange of ideas, teaching methodologies, assessment methods, technology implementation and professional development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** Both the Ministry of Education of The People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Education of the Province of British Columbia, Canada recognize mutual benefits to be gained from encouraging, inspecting and certifying

school programs in each others' provinces/countries that meet the requirements of both provinces/countries; and

WHEREAS, Both the Ministry of Education of The People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Education and Advanced Education of the Province of British Columbia, Canada recognize mutual benefits to be gained from government, ministry and educational official delegation visits to each other's provinces/countries to learn from each other and to discuss other potential cooperative educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Both the Ministry of Education of The People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Advanced Education of the Province of British Columbia, Canada recognize mutual benefits to be gained from seeking avenues for cooperation in international education, including means of strengthening exchange of information on post-secondary education to assist with the recognition of post-secondary credentials,

NOW THEREFORE, the Ministry of Education of The People's Republic of China and the Province of British Columbia, Canada commit to establishing and strengthening educational communication and ties for the mutual benefit of their governments, ministries, teachers and students; and representatives from both parties will meet on an on-going basis to discuss specific projects of mutual interest.

This Memorandum of Understanding takes effect upon the date of signature and will remain in effect unless amended or terminated by mutual consent, or terminated by either of the Parties upon 90 days notice in writing to the other Party.

This Memorandum of Understanding will be executed in duplicate in the Chinese and English languages respectively by the two Parties, both texts being equal and valid.

Signed in the City of Beijing in the Country of China on November 6, 2003.

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Minister of Education  
The People's Republic of China

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Premier  
Province of British Columbia  
Canada

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