

**Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation between
Canton of Basel-Stadt, Swiss Confederation, and
Shanghai Municipality, People's Republic of China,
for 2021–2023**

The Shanghai Municipality and the Canton of Basel-Stadt (referred to as “Both Sides” hereinafter) signed an agreement on a sister city relationship on 19 November 2007. Both Sides have agreed to further strengthen official relations and seek to jointly promote cooperation in the fields of economy, life sciences, health, education, scientific research, training, urban development and planning, media exchange, tourism, culture and district relations, as well as implement specific projects of cooperation and exchange. Both Sides agree to enter into this MoU, and define friendly cooperation in the period from 2021 to 2023 as follows:

1 Enhancement of Official Relations

- 1.1. Both Sides seek regular communication between their government leaders.
- 1.2. In addition to official meetings, Both Sides will invite each other to major events whenever possible.
- 1.3. The Shanghai Municipal People's Congress, the Shanghai Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and the Parliament of the Canton of Basel-Stadt seek friendly exchange on topics of mutual interest and exchange of visits under the framework of sister city.

2 Economy, Logistics and International Conferences

- 2.1. Both Sides will support their economic affairs authorities in organizing reciprocal visits and strengthening cooperation; provide assistance to the establishment of contacts between companies, trade promotion agencies and chambers of commerce; recommend each other as a business location; and provide information and contacts for inter-company cooperation and investments. Priority will be given to the establishment and expansion of cooperation networks, particularly in the areas of life sciences, finance, IT, logistics and creative industries.
- 2.2. Both Sides will encourage visits by delegations from their partner city and will, whenever possible, support their business representatives in establishing business relations, joint ventures and branch offices.
- 2.3. Both Sides will foster business relations between the EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg and the Shanghai international airports with the aim of establishing direct air links for passenger and cargo traffic between Shanghai and Basel by 2022.

- 2.4. Both Sides will continue to foster friendly relations between the Port of Switzerland and the Shanghai Municipal Transport and Port Authority (SMTPA).
- 2.5. Both Sides support the organization of forums, conferences and trade shows in Shanghai and Basel on agreed-upon topics or areas.

3 Life Sciences and Health

- 3.1. Both Sides will foster communication and network expansion for companies and organizations in the field of life sciences.
- 3.2. The health authorities of Both Sides intend to conduct active exchange and cooperation in medical services and public health, with one of the focuses placed on information and communication technology application in healthcare.
- 3.3. Both Sides will support cooperation projects in clinical medicine and in medical research between the Schools of Medicine of Jiao Tong University, Fudan University and Tongji University, as well as their respective affiliated Hospitals and the Medical Faculty of the University of Basel, the University Hospital Basel and the University Children's Hospital Basel (UKBB). The cooperation of the University Hospital Basel and the affiliated Hospitals of Jiao Tong, Fudan and Tongji University aims at transfer of innovation by 1) common clinical studies in major non-communicable diseases i.e. breast cancer, with a priority on patient-related outcome measures and 2) exchange of MD's in fields combining prevention and treatment of diseases of old age i.e. bone and joint degeneration.

4 Education, Scientific Research and Training

- 4.1. Both Sides will support international study and exchange programmes organised between the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (School of Business FHNW) and Shanghai. The existing cooperation between the School of Business FHNW and the Shanghai Lixin University of Accounting and Finance, the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFE) and the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology (USST) shall be stepped up and cooperation shall be expanded to include other educational institutions.
- 4.2. Both Sides will support and promote research and development projects between the Basel Zoological Garden and the Shanghai Zoo for the purpose of exchanging knowledge and experience, particularly in the area of breeding programmes.
- 4.3. Both Sides will support cooperation projects between East China Normal University and the University of Basel. In addition to this, they will encourage further cooperation between the University of Basel and universities in Shanghai.

- 4.4. Both Sides will enhance the cooperation and exchange in higher education, primary education and vocational education. The education authorities of Both Sides will establish contacts as well as exchange and share materials and information about their respective education systems. Both Sides will promote the exchange of faculties and students, cooperation in science and technology, training of skills and invitations to youth science, art, sports and cultural programmes organised by Both Sides so as to advance the mutual understanding and friendship among the youth.
- 4.5. The exchange programme for young managers from selected companies in Shanghai and Basel with the involvement of the Shanghai Administration Institute Economic Management College (SEMC) and the School of Business of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland will be continued. In addition, Both Sides will review their cooperation on training for business management teachers and training course development.
- 4.6. Subject to actual circumstances and in accordance with the respective laws in the People's Republic of China and Switzerland, both sides will support the establishment in Shanghai of a school for international students under the patronage of the Canton of Basel-Stadt.

5 Urban Development and Sustainability

- 5.1. Both Sides will promote exchange and experience-sharing in the fields of sustainable urban development, such as environmental management, ecological protection, scientific studies and monitoring of the environment, renewable energy supply, improvement of energy and resource use efficiency in the building sector, wide use of renewable energy in buildings, water resources conservation, waste classification and recycling as resources, mitigation of or adaptation to the impacts of climate change, low-impact development, green mobility and green community.
- 5.2. Both sides will support friendly relations and exchange on the topic of smart cities.

6 Marketing, Media Relations and Tourism

- 6.1. Both Sides will support and promote mutual broadcasting of city/region promotion films and facilitate media exchange with a view to increasing mutual understanding between their citizens.
- 6.2. Shanghai Jing'An District Government is responsible for maintaining and operating the original basilisk fountain; the "ZHOU" stone sculpture will be looked after and maintained by the Parks and Recreations Administration of the Department of Public Work and Transport of the Canton of Basel-Stadt.
- 6.3. The tourism organizations of Both Sides will support the implementation of all activities promoting each other as tourist destinations.

7 Culture and Society

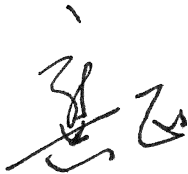
- 7.1. Various cultural and social activities shall be undertaken between Basel and Shanghai in connection with the sister city relationship. Authorities for culture and broadcasting of Both Sides will invite each other to their art festivals, the Biennale and other celebrations in addition to carrying out other cooperative projects.
- 7.2. Both Sides shall consider and promote exchanges among artists from Basel and Shanghai whenever possible.
- 7.3. Both Sides will promote the exchange and performance of local art and cultural organizations. Performance troupes will be sent to participate in each other's festivals and celebrations, showcasing their own culture and traditions.

8 Exchange at District Level

- 8.1. Both Sides will support exchanges between the Shanghai districts of Xuhui and Jing'An and their counterpart organizations of Basel. The fields of life sciences, education and culture will have priority.
- 8.2. Both Sides will promote cooperation between the Shanghai district of Huangpu and their counterpart organizations of Basel in the areas of finance, cultural and creative industries, medicine and life sciences on the basis of friendly consultation.

Both Sides reserve the right, based on friendly consultation, to organise additional exchange programmes in other areas for the benefit of both sides.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in Shanghai and Basel on April 15, 2021. It has been written in duplicates in the Chinese, English and German languages, and all texts are equally authentic.



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