LINKAGE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SICHUAN UNIVERSITY, CHINA
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE, U.S.A.

PURPOSE

In order to increase mutual understanding and awareness between the Peoples Republic of China and the United States of America, and to promote cooperation in cultural, trade, engineering and scientific matters, Sichuan University of Chengdu, Sichuan, China, and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville of Knoxville, Tennessee, USA, agree to collaborate with each other in a variety of areas, including the exchange of non-enrolling students, the exchange of faculty members and collaboration on research.

EXCHANGE OF NON-ENROLLING STUDENTS

Sichuan University and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville will facilitate short-term exchanges of students, singly or in groups, between the two institutions as agreed by the coordinators. The host institution will not enroll students of the other institution but will facilitate arrangements for appropriate educational activities and accommodations. Any academic credit which may be awarded to students under this agreement is the responsibility of the home institution. Exchanged students must, throughout the exchange period, maintain levels of insurance coverage as mandated by the regulations of the host university or the laws and regulations of the host government.

EXCHANGE OF FACULTY MEMBERS

Sichuan University and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville will facilitate the short-term exchange of faculty members, singly or in groups, between the two institutions as agreed by the coordinators. The host institution will facilitate arrangements for appropriate activities and accommodations. Each institution will maintain the salaries and benefits of its own teaching staff during such exchanges. Exchanged faculty members must, throughout the exchange period, maintain levels of insurance coverage as mandated by the regulations of the host university or the laws and regulations of the host government.

RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Sichuan University and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville will encourage collaboration on research between the two institutions as a greed by the coordinators.

SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Each institution’s agreement coordinator will screen its nominees for participation in the exchange and will forward those nominations to the other institution’s coordinator. The host institution reserves the right to make final judgment.
COORDINATORS

Coordinators will be named by each institution to ensure that the terms of this agreement are carried out. Further, all activities conducted under the auspices of this exchange program must have the endorsement of the coordinators. At Sichuan University the coordinator will be Yan Shijing, Director of the International Office. At the University of Tennessee, Knoxville the coordinator will be James N. Gehlhar, Director of the Center for International Education. Coordinators will notify their counterparts should a new person be named to the position.

EVALUATION

Each institution shall annually evaluate the linkage agreement and its activities, and write a report.

RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving notice to the other party in writing no later than the end of March in any year. The agreement may be extended by mutual consent of the two parties.

Any amendment to the agreement may be made by the exchange of letters between the two parties.

In witness thereof, the parties have offered their signatures hereto:

Loren W. Crabtree
Chancellor and Vice President
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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Yan Shijing
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