## Agreement on Collaboratively Establishing a Master's Program between

## National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan and

## Seminar für Waldorfpädagogik Hamburg, Germany

- This Agreement is designed to establish long-term cooperative relationships between the National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) and Seminar für Waldorfpädagogik Hamburg so as to collaboratively establish a Master's Program in Waldorf Education (MPWE) on the campus of NTHU.
- 2 The aim of the MPWE is concerned with professional and personal development of experienced educators. It is *not* intended to be a Waldorf teacher-training program.
- 3 The NTHU will confer the Master's degree for MPWE, while collaborating with the Freie Hochschule Stuttgart to co-design the curriculum and to supply the faculty of the program.
- 4 It is the NTHU's responsibility for the administrative management of the MPWE in accordance with relevant rules and regulations of the NTHU.
- 5 The MPWE is expected to enroll 15 Taiwanese students and 5 or more students from other countries in each cohort every other year.
- 6 In principle, the students are expected to be experienced educators with a certain background in Waldorf education.
- 7 The learning environment will be English-speaking, or bi-lingual with a Chinese oral translator in class, if necessary. The students can write their Master's theses in English or in Chinese.
- The entire course work of MPWE lasts for three years and comprises 24 credit hours in addition to the Master's thesis. Each credit hour equals 18-hour class learning time. The admission policy and requirements for graduation from the Master's program will follow the academic regulations of the NTHU.
- 9 During each year, instead of meeting in the semesters, the class will meet six days a week in the summer for three weeks and in the winter for one week.
- 10 The collaborative partnership will establish a Program Development Committee to ensure the learning quality of students and the progress of the program.
  - **10.1** The committee will consist of at least one representative from each institution joining the partnership.
  - 10.2 The committee will convene at least once a year to discuss and make decisions on matters related to the curriculum, the assignment of lecturers and the sharing of learning and research resources.
  - 10.3 The committee will review the curriculum and the learning environment of the program on a yearly basis.
- 11 The NTHU will be solely responsible for the finances of the MPWE, while providing the lecturers from abroad with free accommodations during their teaching period at NTHU as well as paying for their traveling costs (e.g., round-trip economy-class flight tickets) and an hourly-based honorarium for their lectures.

12 The Agreement will be in effect from the date of signature for a period of five years. It will be extended automatically for an additional period of five years at each expiration date unless either party gives six months' advance notice in writing to terminate the Agreement.

For and on behalf of National Tsing Hua University For and on behalf of Seminar für Waldorfpädagogik Hamburg

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