

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The Ministry of Social Affairs, Children and Integration of the Kingdom of Denmark

And

The Ministry of Civil Affairs of the People's Republic of China

On

Cooperation and Knowledge Exchange

In the field of eldercare, long-term care and rehabilitation

Introduction

The Ministry of Social Affairs, Children and Integration of The Kingdom of Denmark and the Ministry of Civil Affairs of the People's Republic of China, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

recognising that strengthening cooperation on the exchange of knowledge and technologies in the social field can provide mutual beneficial opportunities to the people of both countries;

considering that Denmark and China are facing shared demographic challenges with a growing elderly population;

considering the potential benefits that lie in an exchange of knowledge and experience between the Parties; and

to promote substantial cooperation in the field of eldercare, long-term care and rehabilitation;

the Parties have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Objectives

This present Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MoU) is a framework agreement.

The objective of this MoU is to promote, develop and facilitate cooperation between the Parties in the field of eldercare, long-term care and rehabilitation.

Article 2

Areas of Cooperation

The parties have agreed to cooperate within the following areas:

1. Long-term care

Long-term care covers a wide-range of social services, including home adaption, assistive devices and home help for elderly and disabled persons.

2. Activating and preventive measures

Activating and preventive measures aim at maintaining the health of elderly people ensuring that they can manage to stay in their own homes.

3. Rehabilitation and training

Rehabilitation and training focus on how to motivate older persons to engage themselves in rehabilitation and training, and how to upgrade the methods used by the municipalities.

4. Welfare Technology

Welfare technology presents great potential for helping elderly people staying active and independent.

5. Result based monitoring of quality and outcome

Result based monitoring of quality and outcome ensures that services for the elderly on an individual level are designed on the basis of knowledge of the results of prior actions.

6. Training of staff in the field of eldercare

Training of staff in the field of eldercare is essential in the establishment of a sustainable eldercare system.

Article 3

Forms of Cooperation

1. The Parties will establish a system of cooperation under mutual discussion and appoint an executive institution. Subject to their applicable national laws, regulations and procedures, each Party will ensure fair and equitable treatment for participants of the other Party engaged in the pursuit of activities under this MoU.
2. Cooperation may include the following forms:
 - Exchange information about policy making in the field of eldercare and the responsibilities of the public authorities,
 - exchange information in the fields of priority including advanced methods, technologies and know-how of eldercare,
 - co-organise seminars, workshops and participate in international conferences held by the other party, and
 - other forms of cooperation in the field of eldercare within the competence of the Parties.
3. Within the framework in Article 3, Paragraph 2, the Parties will support projects on the mutual exchange of best practise in the development of eldercare.

Article 4

Outcome

The desired outcome of this MoU is to promote and exchange the experiences and solutions in the field of eldercare in Denmark and China within the areas mentioned in Article 2.

Article 5

Organisation of Cooperation

Each Party make the necessary arrangements in order to ensure the fulfilment of the objectives of this MoU.

Article 6

Review

At the request of one Party this MoU shall be subject to review by the Parties.

Article 7

Entry into Force and Termination

This MoU shall enter into force on the date of signature, and expires in five years from date of signing, unless extended by mutual agreement by the parties.

This MoU may be terminated by either Party giving written notice of its intention to terminate at least 3 months prior to its expiry date.

This MoU may be amended by supplementary agreements which from their entry into force shall be considered as an integral part of the MoU.

Signed in duplicate in Copenhagen, Denmark on 19 September 2013 in English and Chinese, both texts being equally authentic.

**For the Ministry of Social Affairs, Children
and Integration of the Kingdom of Denmark**



**For the Ministry of Civil Affairs of the
People's Republic of China**

