

AGREEMENT
ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE KARAKALPAK STATE UNIVERSITY, NUKUS, UZBEKISTAN,
& "L'ORIENTALE" UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES, ITALY

The Karakalpak State University, Nukus (Uzbekistan, Republic of Karakalpakstan), represented by Rector Reymov Akhmed, and "L'Orientale" University of Naples (Italy), represented by Rector Roberto Tottoli, henceforth referred to as "the Parties", admitting the importance of the scientific research and education in the development of any country and taking into account that exchange of work experiences as well as material and information are of great importance for both Parties signing this Agreement with the following provisions:

1. Subject of Agreement

1.1 The Parties, in the framework of their existing possibilities and on the basis of equal rights and mutually beneficial collaboration, intend to develop cooperation in education, research and science, recognising that these are an important factor in the development of society and state.

1.2 This Agreement defines the main directions and forms of cooperation between the Parties, and is the basis for the creation of a scientific partnership in the development and implementation of scientific research, education, information and other joint projects.

2. Areas of cooperation

Cooperation between the Parties will include the following areas:

2.1. Educational and cultural activities:

- Collaboration in the area of culture and science through the organisation of joint work, research and events, such as archaeological and ethnographical expeditions, historical projects, design of exhibitions as well as restoration and conservation of historical and cultural monuments;
- Exchange of experience and methods in the research process, educational technologies, exchange of scientific materials;
- Improvement and implementation of various forms and methods of integration in the field of the education, research and science.

2.2. Research activities:

- providing joint scientific research, including those aimed at the scientific support of critical issues in education and professional formation, work in laboratories and on the field and in other research centres;
- organising joint field archaeological expeditions as well as joint summer school dedicated to historical and archaeological studies;
- engaging undergraduates and graduate students into the scientific research according to the priority areas of the fundamental and applied research, joint management of post-graduate students and scientific consultation for Ph.D. students;
- conducting training courses, as well as seminars and other activities for students and other specialists in the period of the joint work;

- implementation of joint projects on scientific diffusion of information and information systems as well as work on joint innovation projects;
- provision and exchange of information, joint consultation and exchange of experience in research management;
- preparation of joint scientific monographs, scientific publications, teaching materials, articles, etc.

3. The Forms of Cooperation:

3.1. Cooperation, according to this agreement should be implemented in following forms:

- development of joint scientific projects in the field of archaeology, history and cultural anthropology;
- organisation of conferences, meetings and seminars of mutual scientific interest;
- preparation of joint scientific and methodical publications, popular articles and papers, and other documents and texts, etc.;
- mutual consultations and other forms of mutual interaction of the Parties.

3.2. Development of other forms of cooperative activities, which Parties consider corresponding to this Agreement.

3.3. Cooperation may be implemented in other mutually acceptable forms, which conform to the implementation of the Agreement.

3.4 The scientific directors and coordinators of the Project are: on behalf of the Karakalpak State University, Head of the Department of History, Professor Zholmurza Hakimniyazov; on behalf of "L'Orientale" University of Naples, Professor Michele Minardi.

4. Obligations of the Parties

4.1. The parties will endeavour to provide maximum assistance to each other in the implementation of the obligations undertaken under this Agreement.

4.2 The Karakalpak State University is obliged to collaborate in obtaining visas for work and research on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan for the Italian and other foreign scholars and specialists when engaged in the joint work for more than 30 days continuously;

4.3 "L'Orientale" University of Naples is obliged to provide insurance (medical, life insurance and emergency aid) for the representatives and employees of the Italian side;

4.4 The publication of articles, monographs, papers and reports, as well as photos, pictures, geographical and topographical maps obtained as a result of the joint work and research of the Parties is allowed only with the agreement of both Parties and with the crediting of all authors who actively carried out the research.

4.5 The scholars and representatives of "L'Orientale" do not have the right to take archaeological, anthropological and historical material and finds outside the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan without special permission of the Karakalpak State University and according to laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

4.6 The parties agreed also to attract potential financial partners to support their joint scientific and cultural projects mentioned in the Agreement.

5. Duration of the Agreement on Cooperation

5.1. This Agreement on scientific cooperation of the Parties becomes valid for a period of five years from the date of signing the agreement and may be extended only with the written consent of both Parties. As settled by the Parties, the present Agreement is written English.

6. Final Provisions

6.1. The Realisation of other specific joint projects is carried out by the Parties on the basis of other separate agreements.

6.2. The Agreement may be modified, amended or supplemented with the mutual consent of the Parties through a supplementary written agreement, which will become an integral part of the main Agreement and must be signed by the representatives of the two Parties;

6.3. Each Party has the right to terminate this Agreement by written notification to the other Party. The validity of the Agreement in this case is terminated after one month from the date of receipt by the other Party of such notification.

7. Responsibilities of the Parties

The Parties are responsible for the disclosure of information that has become known to the Parties in the course of joint activities and recognised by them in writing as confidential in the manner established by the current legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Republic of Italy.

8. Signature and details of the Parties:

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Roberto Tottoli, is written over a horizontal line.

Date: 18/11/2024