

**WORKING PROGRAMME 2012 – 2015
ON
CULTURE, YOUTH, SPORT AND MEDIA
FLANDERS – PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

**Implementation of the Cultural Agreement
between the Kingdom of Belgium and the P.R.C.**

1. CULTURE

1.1. Heritage: China has a seat in the Intergovernmental Committee for UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. The Ministry of Culture from the Flemish side would therefore like to exchange experts and best practices regarding the respective policies in the field of intangible cultural heritage and cultural heritage policy in general.

1.2. Art: In the past couple of years China has provided the Ministry of Culture from the Flemish side with various invitations for Flemish artists to participate in Chinese festivals and cultural events. The Flemish artists that had the opportunity to go to China were all very positive about this experience. Future invitations will be welcomed and the Flemish Ministry of Culture will do its utmost to foster participation in Chinese festivals and cultural events whenever invitations are send out.

Meanwhile, the Flemish side welcomes and invites the Chinese artists to participate in arts festivals and cultural events held in Flanders.

Both sides shall encourage and support the cultural institutions, such as museums, libraries and theatres etc, to establish long-term and stable cooperation.

Both sides shall provide active support to the EU-China Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2012.

1.3. Literature: Both sides shall encourage their respective organizations in charge of promotion of literary works to participate in each other’s international book fairs. Details will be decided in advance, through diplomatic channels, between their competent authorities.

2. YOUTH WORK

Following the European – Chinese Year of Youth 2011 the Flemish side is interested in cooperation on projects which foster dialogue, cooperation and exchanges between Europe and China in the field of youth work.

The Flemish side also intends to continue bilateral cooperation oriented along the following axes:

- general youth policy;
- commonly defined policy areas such as volunteer work and youth work development;
- participation in relevant international conferences;

3. SPORT

Both sides shall encourage exchange and cooperation in the field of sport. Detailed exchange programmes shall be decided through consultations between administrative departments of sport of both parties.

4. MEDIA AND FILM

4.1. Film: Both sides shall examine the exchange of film weeks and shall encourage the mutual participation to such film weeks.

4.2. Media: Both sides shall, as far as feasible, encourage exchanges and cooperation in the field of radio and television, etc., and provide with the best efforts assistance to facilitate the smooth implementation of the above-mentioned cooperation in their respective countries. Specific initiatives are to be discussed and to be decided upon by the organization involved. It should be noted that the Flemish public broadcasting company is an autonomous organization that decides itself upon international cooperation.

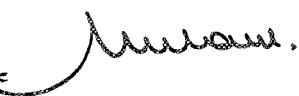
5. GENERAL AND FINANCIAL STIPULATIONS

For exchanges and visits, financial and material stipulations shall be decided upon by the specific parties involved and shall be communicated through the diplomatic channels.

Done in Brussels on the 2nd of February 2012, in duplicate, in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic. The text will be translated into Dutch for national purpose in Flanders. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

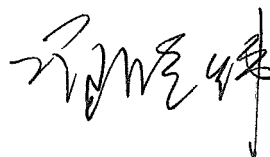
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