

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Between Yantai Academy of Agricultural Science (Yantai, P.R.China) and National State Educational Institution of Higher Education «Don State Technical University» (Rostov-on-Don, the Russian Federation)

Rostov-on-Don

May 16, 2019

On behalf of Don State Technical University (DSTU), the Rector, Meskhi Besik Chokhovich of the one part and Yantai Academy of Agricultural Science, the President, Liu Minxiao of the other part have concluded the present Partnership Agreement as follows:

1. SUBJECT OF AGREEMENT

- 1.1 Definition of the fundamental principles of strategic partnership and collaboration.
- 1.2 Both Parties are aimed at mutual assistance in problem solving by means of long-term and comprehensive relations.
- 1.3 The main principles of cooperation are mutual respect and confidence, compliance with Russian and international legislation.
- 1.4 Partnership priorities:
 - 1.4.1 Mutually beneficial relations development and bilateral academic contacts support.
 - 1.4.2 Cooperation in research activities and joint projects development.
 - 1.4.3 Cooperation in the field of education, retraining and distance education.
 - 1.4.4 Academic mobility of professors, students and post-graduates.
 - 1.4.5 Co-realization of mutually beneficial scientific and research projects, academic staff training in the territory of Russia and P.R.China.
 - 1.4.6 Organization of scientific symposiums and conferences.
 - 1.4.7 Organization of joint educational programs.
 - 1.4.8 Joint publication of scientific and educational materials.
 - 1.4.9 Co-participation in scientific conferences, joint scientific works publishing.
 - 1.4.10 Co-participation in the international scientific project contests.
 - 1.4.11 Joint research based on innovative technologies.

2. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED

- 2.1.1 Both Parties have equal obligations. Yantai Academy of Agricultural Science realizes its functions in the territory of P.R.China and DSTU — in the territory of Russia.
- 2.1.2. Both Parties may involve co-performers from other institutions for projects realization.
- 2.2. The Parties are empowered to realize the following activities:
 - 2.2.1. To inform each other about international, national and local events (conferences, seminars, exhibitions, festivals, contests, etc).
 - 2.2.2. To search and implement projects in the fields concerning both Parties.
 - 2.2.3. To search funding sources for the projects realization.
 - 2.2.4. To formalize documents for projects funding and implementation.
 - 2.2.5. To represent the interests of each other in Russia and P.R.China while preparing and implementing the projects.

3. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH RESULTS PUBLISHING

- 4.1. All the scientific information received during joint research projects realization according to the present Agreement will be available for both Parties while the Agreement is valid as well as

two years after it has expired. Each of the Parties agrees to ask the other Party for the permission to publish the results of the joint research. By means of negotiations, the Parties agree to determine the legal possibility of scientific research publishing taking into account the state requirements regarding patent legislation, which enables to apply and issue patents. The Parties also agree to stick to the common practice concerning co-authorship.

4. FINAL PROVISIONS

- 4.1 All changes and amendments to this agreement must be done in a written form and signed by empowered persons of both parties.
- 4.2 All joint financial activities of the parties must be formed as separate agreements.
- 4.3 This agreement can be terminated by mutual consent.
- 4.4 This agreement can be terminated before the scheduled time if one party informs the other one in a written form minimum one month prior to partnership cancellation.
- 4.5 The agreement copies received by e-mail or by fax are equal in legal terms.
- 4.6 The present Agreement enters into force upon its signing by the Parties and is valid until December 30, 2025 and its validity period is extended if neither of the Parties declares about its termination at least three months before the expiry date.

5. DISPUTES ESCALATION

- 5.1 The Parties assume to undertake the relevant measures to settle any disputes and claims by mutual consultation and negotiations.

On behalf of Don State Technical University,
Rostov-on-Don, the Russian Federation

Rector

Prof. Dr. Sc. Meskhi Besik Chokhoevich

May 16, 2019

On behalf of Yantai Academy of
Agricultural Science, Yantai, P.R.China

President

Prof. Liu MinXiao

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