

Memorandum on Further Strengthening Friendship
Between the Jiangsu Province of the People's Republic of
China and the Province Noord-Brabant of the Kingdom of
the Netherlands

(Draft)

The Jiangsu Province and Noord-Brabant Province established a friendship in 1994. Since then, the two provinces have carried out extensive and effective exchange and cooperation in various areas such as economy and trade, science and technology, environment and ecology, and culture.

The year 2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the friendship between Jiangsu and Noord-Brabant. Both sides will further strengthen exchange and cooperation in various areas to realize mutual benefit and win-win result on the basis of equality and reciprocity. Both sides agree to set up a Jiangsu Province-North Brabant Province Joint Committee (hereinafter referred to as JSNBJC) to improve and focus the bilateral exchange and cooperation mechanism. Both sides agree:

1. To enhance cooperation in the areas economy and trade, education, science and technology, agriculture, ecology and environment, urban development, logistics, culture, sports, tourism and health care (including Life Sciences and Health), encourage two-way visit and people-to-people exchange, and improve the quality and level of exchange and cooperation between the two provinces and between the sister cities.
2. To set up JSNBJC, which shall start running in 2020, be in full charge of the high-level visits, and be responsible for preparation, implementation and follow-up of the exchange and cooperation plans of the two provinces, establishing working groups in key cooperative areas at proper time under the framework of the JSNBJC.

3. To have the JSNBJC comprise government bodies and the relevant organizations, hold JSNBJC annual meetings alternately in Jiangsu and North Brabant, and prepare and sign a meeting summary after each meeting.
4. To designate Foreign Affairs Office of Jiangsu Provincial People's Government as the organizing department of the Chinese side, and the International Affairs Unit of North Brabant as that of the Dutch side.
5. To each appoint an official, who will jointly set the agenda and summary of the JSNBJC and a protocol.
6. To evaluate the workings of the JSNBJC every two years.

This Memorandum does not constitute an international agreement which may lead to rights and obligations. No provision of this Memorandum is to be understood and performed as a legal or financial obligation or commitment of the Parties.

This memorandum takes effect on the date of signature and will remain in effect unless terminated by either Party by giving the other Party a written notice.

This memorandum is signed in three translations, Chinese, Dutch and English, in Nanjing on October * of 2019. All translations as mentioned before are equally valid.

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