

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, NUTRITION
AND INDIGENOUS MEDICINE
OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA
AND
THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine, " Suwasiripaya", 385 Rev. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka, of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as " MOH") and the Chinese Academy of Sciences, No. 52 Sanlihe Road, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as " CAS") , (MOH and CAS are hereinafter referred to as the " Parties") ,

Desiring to promote cooperation in scientific research, technology application and education based on the principles of reciprocity and mutual benefits and with due consideration to the protection and allocation of intellectual property rights,

have reached the following Understanding:

1. General Objective and Areas of Cooperation

The Parties, within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will jointly design and implement proposals, action plans and programmes of cooperation under the following mutually agreed objectives:

1. To identify the possible causing factors to the occurrence and distribution of the Chronic Kidney Disease (CKDu) of unknown etiology in Sri Lanka.
2. To update the human capacity building of Sri Lanka in early detection, diagnosis and intervention of CKDu patients.

2. Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will promote scientific, technological and educational cooperation under the above-agreed objectives through the following forms and plans of cooperation:

1. Joint research

- (1) To design research protocols including matched case control study, cohort study and random clinic trials to identify the cause of the CKDu. These protocols may be based on Chinese experiences and should be suitable for Sri Lanka specific situations.
- (2) To conduct statistical studies on the current records, verify the current diagnosed cases to conduct retrospective investigation of patients who have undergone renal biopsy, and redefine diagnostic criteria of CKDu.
- (3) To survey the environmental factors and to explore specific biomarkers of CKDu.
- (4) To update the National Renal Registry Information System of Sri Lanka and develop new screening methods for early detection and intervention of CKDu patients.
- (5) Provision of a CKDu research center with medical laboratory facilities

2. Educational and training programmes

- (1) The Parties will provide opportunities to graduate candidates of both countries to pursue postgraduate degrees (MSc, M Phil, and PhD) in academic institutes of either country.
- (2) The Parties will establish training programmes in China for Renal Care medical doctors (Prevention, Curative), related staff and volunteers for Sri Lankan and vise visa.

3. Bilateral symposia

Bilateral symposia may be proposed by each Party and held in either country.

4. Exchange of visits

The Parties will encourage visit exchange of interested scientists and administrative personnel to conduct and develop cooperative activities.

5. Cooperative research projects and field investigations

Based on bilateral symposia and visit exchanges of scientists and administrative personnel, cooperative research projects and field investigations will be initiated and implemented jointly by the institutions affiliated to the Parties.

6. Exchange of information and publications

The Parties will inform each other about their activities, development in the science and technology policies, and meetings, seminars/conferences to be organized by them, and will encourage the exchange of their publications and the scientific information that may be of mutual interest, within the legal frame work of the MOU.

7. Other cooperative activities may be added upon mutual agreement of the Parties.

3. Implementation

1. Unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing by the Parties, each Party will bear all costs of its activities under the MOU.

2. MOH will, in accordance with relevant laws and regulations in Sri Lanka, obtain exemptions from taxes such as customs duties, etc., in cooperation with the relevant authority, that may be imposed on imported equipment and materials provided by the CAS in connection with the implementation of all cooperative activities.

3. MOH will facilitate the acquisition of all necessary permits, licenses and other forms of approval required in Sri Lanka for implementation of all cooperative activities. CAS will facilitate the acquisition of all necessary permits, licenses and other forms of approval required in China for implementation of all cooperative activities.

4. The Parties will provide all necessary logistic support for cooperative activities in both countries, including but not limited to local transportation, communication with local governments, logistic and technical assistants.

5. The Parties will make every effort to ensure the safety of personnel dispatched for implementation of all cooperative activities in both countries and will facilitate the dispatch and reception of personnel and assist, as necessary, in the obtainment of visas and domestic and international travel permission.

4. Intellectual Property Rights

The data generated from the joint research will be shared by both parties. There will be joint ownership of and use of any intellectual property derived from the coopera-

tion framework set forth in the MOU. Publications arising from the research will be decided jointly by the representatives of the parties. Each Party may not disclose in any manner such Intellectual Property to any third parties without the prior written consent of the other Party.

The provision of intellectual property rights shall be enforced in conformity with respective national laws and regulations of the respective countries and with international agreements signed by the Parties.

5. Confidentiality and Secrecy of Documents

Each Party will undertake to observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents, information and other data received during the period of the implementation of the MOU or any other agreement made pursuant to this MOU.

6. Amendments and Dispute Resolution

Either Party may request, in writing through their relevant Embassies to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, if any amendments is to be incorporated in future. Either party may request any such amendment shall be valid if entered in writing duly signed by the parties.

Any differences or disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of this MOU shall be settled through mutual negotiation conducted through diplomatic channels of the Parties.

7. Supplementary Articles

1. The MOU shall enter into force upon signature of the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years.
2. Upon expiry date, the MOU shall be extended automatically for another period of five (5) years, unless revoked by either Party with written notice at least six months before the expiry date.
3. Each Party reserves the rights for reasons of security, public order or public

health to suspend temporarily, either whole or in part, the implementation of this MOU. Such suspension shall take effect thirty (30) days after notification has been given to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

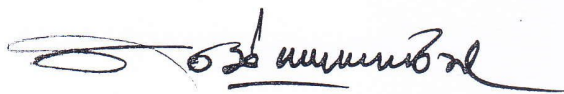
4. Either Party may terminate this MOU at any time with written notice to the other party six (6) months in advance by fax, e mail or letter, and such termination shall not be prejudicial to the implementation of any procedure, plan and programmes of cooperation made under the scope of this MOU which will be carried out until due discharge by performance.

Signed at Beijing on this 25th day of October, 2016 in duplicate in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

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For and on behalf of

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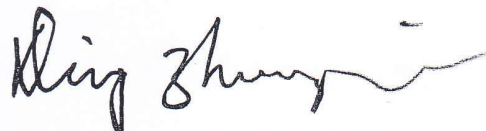
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