

**Plan of Cooperation
In the fields of Health and Medicine between
the Ministry for Social Policy of Malta and
the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China
for the years 2009-2013**

In accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Agreement between the Government of Malta and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Co-operation in the fields of Health and Medicine signed in Malta on the 3rd April 1998, the Ministry for Social Policy of Malta and the Ministry of Health of the People's Republic of China, (hereafter referred to as the "Parties") have agreed on the following Plan of Cooperation for the years 2009-2013.

Article 1

The Parties will develop as well as give support to co-operation in the fields of health and medical science. They will assist each other in order to improve the quality of health care and its delivery on both countries.

Article 2

The Parties shall co-operate in the following fields:

- system of health care delivery,
- health care financing,
- epidemiology of communicable and non-communicable diseases with special reference to cardiovascular diseases and diabetes,
- emergency/disaster medicine,
- training of nurses, pharmacists and paramedical health workers,
- environment health with special reference to the microbiological, virological, toxicological analysis of food, air, water and analysis of pesticides,
- primary health care.

The Parties shall exchange experts in various branches of the medical, science and health professions as mutually agreed, with emphasis in the following fields:

- ward pharmacy and the manufacture of pharmaceuticals,
- clinical and community nursing,
- virology and toxicology,
- health financing,
- health services management,
- epidemiology.

The exchange of clinical experts and health personnel for periods mutually agreed upon may be arranged for the purpose of training, field experience and for demonstration of modern diagnostic, laboratory and therapeutic techniques. Clinical demonstrations shall be performed in accordance with the medical practice regulations of the host country.

Article 3

The Parties shall promote the development of direct collaboration between institutes in their respective countries. Such joint research projects shall be financed by the collaborating institutes.

Article 4

The Parties shall designate co-ordinators on each side to be responsible for implementing projects in the specified fields of co-operation and shall evaluate the progress of collaboration pursuant to the Plan on annual basis. Such meeting shall normally take place during the World Health Assembly or at any venue to be decided by the two Ministries.

Article 5

The financing of the exchange of specialists and trainees pursuant to Article 2 will be as follows:

- the Sending Party will pay travel costs to and from the capital of the receiving country;
- the Receiving Party will pay local expenses including lodging, full board and approved in-country travel costs connected with the purpose of the program of stay.

Article 6

This Plan shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of four years. Either Party may terminate this Plan prior to its expiration by the giving of six months' prior written notice.

Signed in Beijing on the December 15, 2008, in two original copies in the English and Chinese Language, both versions being equally authentic.



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