



Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation
between the
Hong Kong Public Libraries of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
and the
Bavarian State Library of the Federal Republic of Germany

The Hong Kong Public Libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Bavarian State Library of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter referred to as the «Sides»), desiring to further strengthen the cooperation between the Sides, considering the mutual benefits for each Side arising from joint activities and projects in the fields of library science and the development of library and information services, have reached the following understanding:

1. The Sides will cooperate on the basis of equality, openness and respect for each other's rights and traditions and will act in accordance with the laws and regulations respectively applicable to the Sides.

2. The Sides will endeavor to develop and implement joint projects and activities in the spheres of library and information services and technological innovation, especially in the digital realm, and to promote intercultural understanding.

3. The Sides will consider taking the following forms of cooperation:

3.1. Establishment of a technology partnership, particularly with regard to the development of a joint strategy for digitization of holdings of both Sides and the long-term preservation of digital information.

3.2. Creating special digital collections which are of mutual interest and exploring the possibilities of an exchange of digital collections.

3.3. Sharing of information on participating international conferences and seminars.

3.4. Holding of joint training events, internships, visits to libraries with the purpose of sharing expertise in introducing the latest achievements and state-of-the-art technologies in librarianship.

3.5. Exchange of experts, scientific knowledge, experience and technologies in various areas of library and information activities.

3.6. Exchange of information materials on library work of mutual interest on a regular basis.

4. The Sides will develop and support mutually beneficial cooperations in priority areas. The specific terms and conditions and forms of such cooperations may be set out in separate written correspondence between the Sides.

5. The Sides recognize their different legal status, administrative structures and sources of financing involved in the relations between the Sides. This Memorandum is not intended to create any legally binding obligations and will be carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations respectively applicable to the Sides, and subject to the availability of their appropriate funds and other resources.

6. Any differences arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved through consultations between the Sides.

7. This Memorandum can be amended only by the mutual written agreement of the Sides.

8. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature. It will remain in effect until terminated by either Side upon 3 month’s written notice to the other Side.

This Memorandum is hereby signed in Hong Kong and in Munich on 21 January 2013 in English in 2 (two) copies, one for each Side.

Signed for and on behalf of the Leisure & Cultural Services Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by

Signed for and on behalf of the Bavarian State Library of the Federal Republic of Germany by

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Mr. LEE Yuk-man, Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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Dr. Klaus CEYNOWA, Deputy Director General of the Bavarian State Library

In the presence of Miss Rochelle LAU, Chief Librarian (Hong Kong Central Library)

In the presence of Dr. Thomas TABERY, Deputy Head of the Oriental and Asia Department (Bavarian State Library)