



Regione Toscana



**Cooperative Framework Agreement
on Health Human Resources Development and Health Research**

between

the Health Human Resources Development Center (HHRDC), National Health Commission,
and
the Regional Government of Tuscany.

The Health Human Resources Development Center (HHRDC), National Health Commission, of the P. R. China and the Regional Government of Tuscany of the Italian Republic, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties", have agreed as follows:

Section I

In compliance with laws and regulations of Italy and China, taking into account the Action Plan on Health Cooperation between the Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic and the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China, 2016-2018, and its Implementation Programme, based on the principles of equality and mutual benefit, the above two Parties shall cooperate in Health and Medicine, especially in the field of Human Resources and health research.

Section II

This Agreement shall be applied by the Parties in accordance with applicable international law and their respective national legislations including, for the Italian Party, the obligations ensuing from Italy's membership of the European Union.

Section III

Below are some priority areas to be considered in this Agreement:

- (1) Health Management;
- (2) Public Health and Clinical Medicine;

- (3) Health Research;
- (4) Health Emergency System;
- (5) Integration between Traditional Chinese Medicine and Western Medicine;
- (6) Global Health;
- (7) Clinical Risk Management and Patient Safety.

Section IV

The cooperation will include the following activities:

- Joint organization and implementation of training programs;
- Cooperation to organize seminars and workshops;
- Expert visits for seminars and other academic activities;
- Capacity building study programs;
- Research projects and programs;
- Joint organization of missions of delegations from the two countries;
- Training exchange between experts in Traditional Chinese Medicine;
- Joint promotion of international health cooperation initiatives.

Section V

A Working Group formed by representatives from both Parties shall be established to discuss and map out annual work plans; this working group shall act as the coordinator for programs launched.

An annual evaluation of the cooperation shall be carried out every year. Reporting to leading institutions shall be done by the Working Group after evaluation. Before the implementation of any program, an implementation agreement should be negotiated and signed by the implementing institutions designated by the two Parties.

The Embassies of respective Countries will be informed annually about the progress of the initiatives planned by the Parties in application of this Agreement in their respective territories.

The Tuscany Region will report annually to the Italian Ministry of Health on implementation agreements and collaborative projects adopted in the implementation of this Agreement.

Section VI

The above two Parties shall cooperatively seek for technical, logistical and financial support for cooperative projects.

Section VII

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English shall be the working language in capacity building projects.

Section VIII

The financial coverage for the activities provided for or arising from the implementation of this Agreement, as well as from the activity of the Working Group, will be borne by the Parties and shall not generate, for the Italian Party, any additional costs to the State.

Section IX

Changes to this Agreement may be made in writing only with the consent of both Parties and, for the Italian Party, according to procedures similar to those followed for the approval of this Agreement pursuant to art. 6 paragraph 3 of the law 131/2003.

Section X

Any disputes that may arise in the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be resolved amicably, through direct consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

Section XI

This Agreement enters into force on the date of signature and will have a five-year duration with the possibility of renewal.

Done at Beijing on the 24th June 2019 in duplicate, in the English language.

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