

Memorandum of Agreement

Between Harbin Institute of Technology, China, and Saint Petersburg State University,
Russia

Establishment of 'Sino-Russian Joint Research Center for Chemistry'

Date: April 20, 2024

Preamble

Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education "Saint-Petersburg State University" (hereinafter referred to as SPbU), duly represented by its Rector Nikolay Kropachev, acting on the basis of Charter, and the Harbin Institute of Technology (hereinafter referred to as HIT), represented by its Rector Han Jiecai, acting on the basis of Charter, hereinafter together referred to as the "Parties" and solely to as the "Party", enter into this Memorandum of Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "MOA") and agree to the following:

1. Purpose

The Parties hereby establish an **Sino-Russian Joint Research Center for Chemistry** (referred to as the "Center") with the aim of fostering collaboration, research, and development in the fields of chemistry.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Center include, but are not limited to:

- 2.1. Collaborating on research projects related to biochemistry, material chemistry, energy chemistry, polymer chemistry;
- 2.2. Initiating a regular academic exchange system for mutual chemical research by regularly inviting the other Party's research team members for academic exchanges and visits;
- 2.3. Setting up joint research teams to apply for international research projects and grants, such as the NSFC-RSF cooperation research grants, research and development project supported by enterprises;
- 2.4. Integrating and sharing education resources to offer Sino-Russian pilot programs on post-graduate education, and realizing the recognition of credit between the two parties;
- 2.5. Forming efficient personnel exchange and joint student-training programs in various disciplines and within different research teams to promote integrating and discipline-crossing, and to promote student exchange and joint training program with mutual degree award;
- 2.6. Organizing workshops, seminars, and conferences to facilitate knowledge exchange.

3. Governance

- 3.1. The Center will be jointly managed by both Parties, represented by designated Co-Directors, one from HIT and one from SPbU.
- 3.2. The Co-Directors will be responsible for the overall direction, coordination, and execution of the Center's activities.

4. Funding

Both Parties may seek additional external funding to supplement the resources allocated for the implementation of this MOA.

5. Intellectual Property

- 5.1. Any intellectual property developed jointly within the framework of the Center shall be shared in accordance with a separate intellectual property agreement to be established by the Parties;
- 5.2. The Parties will collaborate to protect and manage intellectual property rights resulting from the implementation of this MOA.

6. Duration

This MOA shall enter into force on the date of its signing and remain in effect for an initial term of five years. Upon mutual agreement, the Parties may extend the duration of this MOA.

7. Dispute Resolution

Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOA shall be resolved amicably through negotiation between the Parties.

8. Amendments

- 8.1. Any amendments to this MOA must be made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.
- 8.2. Specific details of any activity can be set forth in the annexes to this Agreement upon signing by the authorised representatives of each Party.

9. Termination

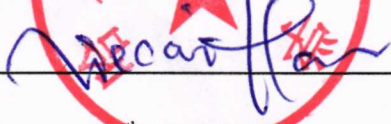
Either Party may terminate this MOA by providing written notice to the other Party 30 days prior to the intended date of termination. Upon termination, the Parties shall work together to conclude ongoing activities and projects.

10. Signatures

This MOA is executed in English for two original copies, and each Party holding one original copy, with both documents having equal effect.

Harbin Institute of Technology

President: Jiecai Han



20th Apr. 2024

Saint Petersburg State University

Rector: Nikolay Kropachev



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