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General: This memorandum of understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”) is made on this day, May 26, 2018 (which is the “Effective date” of the MoU), at Beijing, between

“Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)”, located at Building 3, 16 Lin Cui Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100101, China (hereinafter referred to as “ITPCAS”)

and

“Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources”, Goran, Golestan Province, Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as “GUASNR”).

All above are hereinafter individually referred to as the “Party” and collectively called the “Parties”.

ITPCAS is one of the prestigious R & D organizations, founded by Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), focusing on investigations of climate and environment, alpine ecosystem, earth dynamics in the pan-Third Pole region.

GUASNR is one of top public universities in Iran, specialized in agricultural sciences, water resources, forestry, range management, soil conservation.

The parties decide to collaborate in construction of the TPE Iran Center, on the basis of the understanding contained in this MoU and in accordance with their respective governments national laws and regulations.



Paragraph 1. Objectives of TPE Iran Center

The TPE Iran Center will function as platform for collaborative scientific research, science and education integration, academic exchange, and strategy consulting etc.

1) Platform for collaborative scientific research:

Study areas include Ecology, Water Resources, Climate and Environment Change and its influence on civilization etc; Perform observations of ecology, meteorology, climate and environment change in Iran and the West Asia.

2) Center for science and education integration:

Providing opportunities for Iranian students to study in China; Summer schools for undergraduate and graduate students in Iran; Visiting scholars and students bilaterally; initiate research programs for young scientists in Iran.

3) Platform for academic exchange:

Academic conferences for scientists in China, Iran and other countries;

4) Center for strategy consulting:

Assessing the status of regional water resources, environment, and ecology for regional sustainable development.

5) Serving local people:

Providing scientific knowledge for local people.

Paragraph 2. TPE Iran Center Construction

The ITPCAS and GUASNR decide to construct the TPE Iran Center in the GUASNR campus and experimental fields.

- 1) In 2018, TPE Iran Center will start recruitment process, including administrative (two Chinese and one Iranian), one technical staff.
- 2) In 2018, TPE Iran Center will rent two offices, one meeting room, one laboratory and one apartment from GUASNR as temporary place. GUASNR will provide spaces for TPE Iran Center as offices, laboratory and apartment; TPE Iran Center will pay the rent accordingly.



- 3) In 2018, TPE Iran Center will start observation of Meteorology, Atmospheric Turbulence, Ecology, Lake, Soil, Precipitation etc. TPE Iran Center will conduct the observation and essential instruments; GUASNR will provide logistical assistance at TPE Iran Center's cost.
- 4) In 2018, an official plaque for "TPE Iran Center" is to hang in TPE Iran Center offices.
- 5) In 2019, TPE Iran Center will rent more offices, laboratories and apartments for visiting scientists from China. GUASNR will provide spaces for TPE Iran Center. TPE Iran Center will modify the offices, meeting rooms, laboratories at its own cost.
- 6) In 2019, TPE Iran Center will install more observation instruments in Iran.
- 7) From 2020, TPE Iran Center will officially operate.

Paragraph 3. Scope of the agreement

The collaboration between ITPCAS and GUASNR focuses on the research on multi-disciplinary fields in the Iran and West Asia. Both parties decide that it is very high priority that both uphold the spirit the equality and mutual-benefit in conducting cooperative activities. Therefore, both parties hereby decide on the following conditions in conducting cooperation between both sides:

- 1) ITPCAS and GUASNR decide to construct TPE Iran Center in GUASNR campus.
- 2) The TPE Iran Center focuses on carrying out research, developing information/database, disseminating of research results through publication, education, sharing of experience, awareness raising and training involving key stakeholders by organizing meetings, workshops and seminar at local, regional and international level. It focuses on multidisciplinary and integrated studies.
- 3) ITP and GUASNR decide to collaborate in multi-disciplinary fields in the Iran and West Asia regions under mutually-agreed-upon subjects.
- 4) The final goal of this center is to study for understanding scientific problems of the Pan-Third Pole region, so as to get a better knowledge about the development of environment and come up with some approaches to tackle the emerging problems accelerated by the global climate change.
- 5) Both ITP and GUASNR would collaborate in talents cultivation and young



scholars training. Each side would send and hold with good spirit visiting students or scholars to the other side for academic exchange and other trainings.

- 6) The samples will be collected and analyzed jointly. Both sides should grant each other the priority of sharing data from the research on these samples, and brief on each other their intentions concerning these results. The academic fruits should be owned by both sides if they are acquired from the cooperation between ITP and GUASNR. And both sides decide to work together for joint publications in international journals.

Paragraph 4. Confidentiality of the documents and information and obligations:

1. Information, documents and what-so-ever which are related to each party or exchanged within the framework of this MoU will be considered as confidential and will only be used to meet the intended purpose of related or submitting Party. The Parties will comply with classification and protection of the confidentiality of information and documents exchanged within the framework of their domestic laws and regulations. Submission of such information and documents to a third party will be subject to written consent of the related of submitting Party.
2. This MoU is not legally binding and is not intended to create any obligation as such. Domestic laws and regulations of the Parties remain superior to any commitments created by this MoU.
3. Should any dispute arise during the course of this MoU, the two sides will seek to resolve the matter by discussion between them.

Paragraph 5. Duration

- 1) This MoU enters into effect as soon as it has been signed by the two parties and will remain in effect for an initial period of five years and it shall be automatically renewed for another period unless and until either party gives notice to other side of its intention to terminate the MoU at least three months ahead of the proposed date of termination. However, such notice of termination will not have any prejudicial effects on any activities which have been commenced and under the MoU.

Signed at _____ on _____ (Iranian Calendar) corresponding to _____ (Gregorian calendar), in two original copies in Persian, English (and Chinese) languages. All texts are equally valid. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.



Signed at GUASNR on 1398/2/8 (Iranian Calendar) corresponding to 28/04/2019 (Gregorian calendar), in two original copies in Persian, English (and Chinese) languages. All texts are equally valid. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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