## Memorandum of Understanding between

#### the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland and

# the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea on Cooperation in the Field of Primary and Secondary Education

The Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Participants");

RECOGNIZING the importance of international cooperation in the field of primary and secondary education for the national development of each country;

DESIRING to strengthen the mutually beneficial relations between the two countries;

Have reached the following understanding:

## PARAGRAPH 1 Objectives

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") aims to promote cooperation between the Participants and provide a framework for cooperation in areas of common interest in the field of primary and secondary education based on the principles of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

# PARAGRAPH 2 Principles

- 1. This MOU will be carried out in accordance with the respective laws and regulations of the two countries, and within the framework of the respective educational policies and procedures of the Participants.
- 2. This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding rights or obligations.

## PARAGRAPH 3 Scope of Cooperation

The Participants will encourage cooperation in the following primary and secondary education areas:

- a. Exchange of experience, research materials, publications and teaching materials on primary and secondary education and information in areas of mutual interest;
- b. Exchange of teachers and students;
- c. Exchange of information on high school credit system;
- d. Exchange of information on respective policies and systems on learning environments for future:
- e. Exchange of information on teacher evaluation system;
- f. Exchange of information on democratic citizenship education including curriculum and teacher training resources;
- g. Encourage teaching and learning of each other's language and history; and
- h. Any other forms of cooperation in the primary and secondary education that may be jointly decided by the Participants

# PARAGRAPH 4 Implementation and Funding

- 1. Details of the substance, scope and implementation of cooperative activities and/or programs carried out under this MOU may be set out in more specific supplementary arrangements of the Participants.
- 2. The implementation of activities and/or programs under this MOU is subject to the availability of human, material and/or programs under this MOU.
- 3. Unless otherwise specifically decided, each Participant will bear its own costs arising from cooperative activities and/or programs under this MOU.

#### PARAGRAPH 5 Resolution of Differences

Any difference arising from the interpretation, implementation and/or application of this MOU will be resolved amicably through mutual consultations between the Participants, without reference to any third party or international tribunal.

#### PARAGRAPH 6 Amendment

- 1. This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants.
- 2. Such amendments will come into effect on such date as may be mutually determined by the Sides and will form an integral part of this MOU.

#### PARAGRAPH 7 **Entry into Effect, Duration and Termination**

1. This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature.

2. This MOU will remain in effect for five (5) years and will be automatically extended for successive periods of three (3) years, unless either Participant notifies the other, in writing, of its intention to terminate the MOU at least six (6) months prior to the expiry date of the relevant period.

3. This MOU may be terminated at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants.

4. Termination of this MOU will not affect the validity and duration of any arrangements, programs, activities, and/or projects made pursuant to this MOU that are underway and not yet completed at the time of termination, unless otherwise jointly determined by the Sides.

Signed in duplicate at Holsink on the 13 day of August, 2019, in the English language.

For the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of **Finland** 

For the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea

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