MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

December 2016
The University of Rome Tor Vergata (l'Università di Roma “Tor Vergata”) through its Rector,

AND

The Zhejiang Institute of Administration of China (中国浙江行政学院) through its Vice President,

Willing to establish cooperation ties and partnerships in the fields of scientific research and higher education between the two Institutions;

Considering the common interest that the two institutions have in developing joint activities for the exchange of experiences;

Expressing their will to develop new forms of cooperation in the training field of Public Administration;

Eager to finalize this partnership by defining its scope and by establishing the modalities for its fulfillment;

Both the University of Rome Tor Vergata (hereinafter referred to as UTV) and the Zhejiang Institute of Administration (hereinafter referred to as ZIA) are collectively referred to as the Parties and agree on the following:
Article 1

Scope of the Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter is referred to as “MOU”) is signed with the intention to facilitate all exchanges and cooperation activities between the two Parties in the areas of training, education and research. To develop this bilateral cooperation, the Parties agree to undertake common actions, on the basis of reciprocity where possible, such as:

1, to decide jointly topics relevant to the capacity building of public administration and public policies both in Italy and in China, and organize seminars, workshops or programs around these topics;

2, to offer dedicated training programs (including regular training programs were there any need) on key themes of public administration and public policies design and management developed upon specific requests from either party;

3, to jointly train public managers, civil servants and students of public administration major, and to exchange experiences for joint training;

4, to exchange professors --- the Parties wish to promote regular invitations to conferences and workshops of preeminent professors, teachers and speakers to enrich the knowledge exchange, by means of
presentations and interactions between academics as well as with civil service executives;

5, to develop joint research projects or commission project from one side to the other;

6, to develop joint master degree programs;

7, to send delegation teams to each other, for better communication and experience sharing;

8, other cooperative efforts deemed to be mutually beneficial and viable for the two Parties.

Article 2

Areas of Interest

That this MOU may be supplemented by Agreements in further areas of interest signed by representatives of both Parties. Special initiatives or activities as foreseen in the article above may be subject to a specific Project Proposal or Executive Agreement for the organization and budgeting of activities.

Article 3

Autonomy

That nothing shall compromise the full autonomy of either of the two Parties, except for any obligation agreed upon by prior agreement in
writing.

This MOU is originally written in English. If there is any difference between the Chinese and English content, the English version shall be of the first priority.

Article 4

Financial Obligations

That this MOU places no financial obligations on either of the two Parties, except for any obligation agreed upon through agreement in writing.

In the cases of invited visits between two schools’ staff members, and academic exchanges permitted by both sides like seminars, workshops and visiting scholars, the accommodation that happens during the visit period will be at the inviting school’s expenses.

Article 5

Duration and Termination

That this MOU will become effective from the date on which it is signed and will be effective for the duration of 3 years to be successively renewed on a yearly basis.

Either party may terminate this MOU at any time by giving 2 months notice in writing to the other party, although such action will only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible
inconvenience to all concerned. Regardless of termination, the Parties shall continue to fulfill their obligations until any work that is underway prior to the notice of termination has been completed.

Article 6

Modifications

Any modifications concerning this MOU may only be made by written mutual consent between both Parties.

For and on behalf of the University of Rome Tor Vergata (UTV)

For and on behalf of Zhejiang Institute of Administration of the People's Republic of China (ZIA)

By its Rector

Date: 13/12/2013

By its Vice President

Date: 2016.12.13