Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Helsinki, Republic of Finland and the Ministry of Culture, the People's Republic of China, on Jointly Supporting Focus China of 2015 Helsinki Festival

The City of Helsinki of Finland (referred to as the "Finnish Party") and the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China (referred to as the" Chinese Party") both jointly referred to as the "Parties") have come to the following understanding on the Focus China of 2015 Helsinki Festival (referred to as the Festival).

1. The Parties are committed to create favourable conditions for Chinese cultural and artistic programs in the fields such as performing arts, visual arts, literature and film etc. to be a part of the programme of the Festival.
2. Centre of International Cultural Exchange entrusted by the Chinese Party will establish a working coordinating mechanism with The Festival organizing committee to keep contact and communication, make preparation and ensure implementation of jointly-decided cultural programs within the framework of this MOU.
3. The Parties will facilitate extensive promotion and coverage of the Festival by media from both countries. The costs of media coverage will be covered by the Finnish Party for the Finnish media and by the Chinese Party for the Chinese media.
4. The parties will actively seek financial support for jointly-decided programs in accordance with the normal procedures of cultural exchange. Hereby the Chinese Party will cover the artists and participants fees, as well as the costs of travel, freight, insurance etc. of the artists, participants and material related to the program. The Finnish Party will cover the costs on site in Helsinki, such as local transport, lodging as well as costs for performance and exhibition venues. The Finnish Party may also independently decide to arrange and finance other festival programs related to Chinese culture and art.
5. The Chinese Party will provide support and assistance to the Finnish Party for selecting programs in China.
6. All the actions undertaken within the framework of this MOU should be based on the principle of promoting friendly cooperation between our two countries and will be in accordance with the respective national laws, regulations and procedures, as well as the relevant international agreements to which China and Finland are parties.
7. This MOU shall come into effect on the signing day, and be valid until 31st December 2015.
8. Signed in duplicate on 13 June 2014 in Helsinki, in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the City of Helsinki of
the Republic of Finland

For the Ministry of Culture of
the People's Republic of China