Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation on Culture and Art

between Beijing Municipality of the People's Republic of China

and City of Helsinki of the Republic of Finland

Since the signing of the Sister City Agreement between Beijing Municipality of the People's Republic of China and City of Helsinki of the Republic of Finland (hereinafter referred to as the "Two Sides") on July 14th, 2006, the two cities have carried out various cultural exchange activities under the support of the governments of the Two Sides, which have produced good results. Chinese New Year activities which have been successfully held for eight times since 2007 have become a great success. These achievements can be attributed to the efforts of Beijing Municipal Bureau of Culture, the City of Helsinki Cultural Office and Finland-China Society.

To consolidate and deepen cooperation on culture and art, the Two Sides agree

1. that they will enhance personnel exchanges, send artists in different fields for mutual visits regularly, and ensure reciprocal support from the government sending the artists;
2. that they will continue cooperation in "Chinese New Year" and discuss upgrading the activity; and organize a respective Helsinki in Beijing event in Beijing planned to take place in the autumn of 2015;
3. that they will support art festivals in each other's cities;
4. that they will strengthen cooperation in cultural and creative industries such as drama, music, dance, visual arts and design;
5. that they will promote youth cultural exchanges and mutual visits and;
6. that they will encourage cultural institutions and enterprises to cooperate with their counterparts in the other city, or facilitate the cultural institutions' and enterprises' investments in the other city.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall serve as a framework for the Two Sides' cooperation in the field of culture. Details of implementation shall be subject to discussion and consensus.

This Memorandum of Understanding does not constitute any legally binding obligations for the Two Sides.

Signed in Helsinki, the Memorandum of Understanding is done in duplicate in Chinese and English, with both texts being equally authentic.

Beijing Municipality	**City of Helsinki**
The People's Republic of China	**The Republic of Finland**