

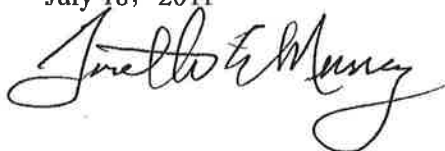
**Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Further
Enhancement of Exchanges and Cooperation between Anhui
Provincial Education Department of China and Maryland
Higher Education Commission of USA**

In order to strengthen the friendship between Anhui Province of China and Maryland State of the United States of America, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, under the agreement framework of the province/state's comprehensive strategic partnership, Education Department of Anhui Province and Maryland Higher Education Commission are willing to promote bilateral cooperation and the advancement of academic and educational exchanges between institutions of high education in Anhui Province and universities in Maryland State in the spirit of "strengthening exchanges and friendly cooperation." Both parties have reached a consensus in the following areas:

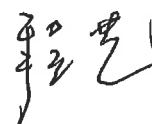
- I. To establish a contact and consultation mechanism for higher education to strengthen high-level visits, regularly exchanging development information and plan for cooperation, forming up a long-term relationship and constantly expanding the scope of cooperation.
- II. To hold University Presidents Forum of Maryland State-Anhui Province at the time agreed by both parties, to strengthen the link between the universities and colleges in the two states/provinces, so as to better highlight the functions of higher education for the regional economy.
- III. Both parties encourage and support academic exchanges and research cooperation between professors and scholars of both sides to strengthen training of high-level personnel. Education Department of Anhui Province advocates that universities and colleges in Anhui should set up scholarships and grants to attract the Maryland students studying in institutions of high learning in Anhui.
- IV. Both parties support their universities to establish inter-university exchange and cooperation relationship and to expand cooperation in specialized fields. The Education Department of Anhui Province fully supports Hefei Normal University and Towson University to conduct the cooperation of the in-service teachers training program leading to master's degree in education to enhance the level of the in-service teacher education in Anhui Province.

The letter of intent will take effect since the date signed by authorized representatives of both parties. Both Chinese and English texts of this MOU have the same authenticity and bear the same legal effect.

Chair of Higher Education
Commission of Maryland
July 18, 2011

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jonell E. Munnery".

Director-general of Education
Department of Anhui Province
July 18, 2011

A handwritten signature in Chinese characters, appearing to be "和艺" (He Yi).