



Gansu Desert Control
Research Institute



University of Tehran



Forest, Range and Watershed
Management Organization

Letter of Co-operation (LoC)

Gansu Desert Control Research Institute, China
and
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Tehran, Iran
And
Forest, Range and Watershed Management Organization, Iran

The Gansu Desert Control Research Institute (hereinafter referred to as GDCRI and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the University of Tehran (hereinafter referred to as UTCAN) and Range and Watershed Management Organization (hereinafter referred to as FRWO) will endeavor to promote and develop academic and research co-operation, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Article 1. Participating parties

The participating parties will be GDCRI, UTCAN and FRWO

Article 2. Areas of co-operation

Each part will, subject to the national laws, policies and availability of funds will attempt to take necessary steps to encourage and boost co-operation in the following areas:

1. Exchange of academic materials and information, especially technical knowledge relating to desertification
2. Joint research projects on desertification control, silviculture and economic exploitation of desert lands
3. To have regular visits and meetings in order to promote relationship and discuss issues of common interest
4. To exchange participants for capacity building program between GDCRI, UTCAN and FRWO.
5. Joint academic workshops, seminars, training courses, forums and other activities in order to share information and experiences in Iran and China on desertification combating
6. To jointly organize researches and operations on shifting sand fixation, oasis shelterbelt development, shelterbelt along roads, railways, and rivers, integration of ecological control and industry development, and seed technologies
7. To explore adaptation methods, especially exploitation of plant resources, in addition to combating desertification, for economy development.

The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each program and activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by three parties prior to the initiation.

Article 3. Intellectual Property

Any "Intellectual Property" generated as a result of this LoC shall be owned by the parties involved.

Article 4. Effective Date and Length of LOC

This LoC will remain in force for a period of **five** years. Any amendment and/or modification of the LoC will require written approval of both sides and shall be appended hereto. After the initial five-year period, this LoC shall be renewed automatically unless one of the parties notifies the other of its desire to conclude it.

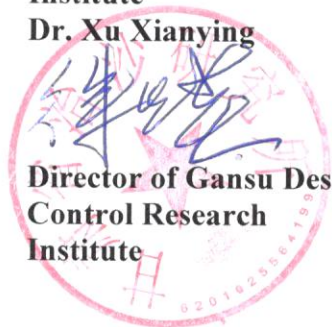
Either party reserves the right to terminate this LoC upon six months' prior written notice to the other.

This LoC shall take effect when signed by each side

Date: 7 August 2019

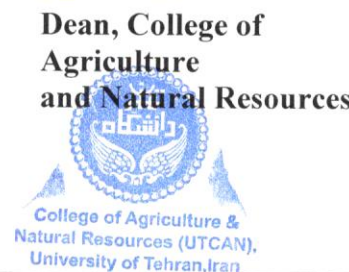
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