

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
HANKUK UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES
AND
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, higher education institution of the Republic of Korea, and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”,

AIMING to promote mutual academic and cultural exchange between Hankuk University of Foreign Studies and higher education and research institutions of the Republic of Latvia, as well as to promote the acquisition of the language and culture of the other country,

WILLING to contribute to the friendship and bilateral relations in education and science of the Republic of Korea and the Republic of Latvia, and

CONSIDERING the provisions of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the Republic of Latvia on Cooperation in the Fields of Culture, Education, Youth and Sports signed on 19 October 2011 in Riga, Latvia,

have reached the following understanding:

SECTION I

The Participants promote and encourage cooperative relations in the fields of education and research, as well as academic exchanges, involving students, academic staff and researchers, between Hankuk University of Foreign Studies and the higher education and research institutions of the Republic of Latvia.

SECTION II

The Participants will do their utmost to respect the integrity and independence of each other and endeavour to promote cooperation and exchanges (of information and people) on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit.

SECTION III

In order to achieve the purposes mentioned in Section I and Section II of this Memorandum of Understanding the Participants will strive to implement the following, based on the principle of equality and in compliance with the laws and regulations of each other's country:

1. Hankuk University of Foreign Studies will inform the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia of its interests and the possibilities for the higher education and research institutions of the Republic of Latvia to involve themselves into the academic exchanges or other forms of mutually beneficial cooperation with Hankuk University of Foreign Studies.
2. The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia will consult with the higher education and research institutions of the Republic of Latvia regarding their interests and encourage the development of direct contacts with Hankuk University of Foreign Studies.
3. The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia will inform Hankuk University of Foreign Studies of the intentions and proposals for cooperation from the higher education and research institutions of the Republic of Latvia in the fields of academic exchanges, student exchange programmes, reciprocal visits of academic staff and researchers and student internship opportunities.
4. The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia will inform Hankuk University of Foreign Studies of the open call for Latvian state scholarships for studies, research and summer schools open to nationals of the Republic of Korea that is published at the beginning of each year.

SECTION IV

The details and financial terms for implementation of cooperative and collaborative activities between Hankuk University of Foreign Studies and the higher education and research institutions of the Republic of Latvia will be agreed upon by negotiations and through mutual consultation between the relevant institutions and organizations.

SECTION V

The Participants positively view the possibility of the opening of a Latvian study programme in the framework of Baltic studies as part of the curriculum at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia will explore the possibility to support such acquisition of Latvian language and culture in line with request by Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, as well as financial, legal or other restrictions.

SECTION VI

This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to create legally enforceable rights or obligations.

SECTION VII

The Participants intend to exchange information about the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and to resolve any disputes or ambiguities amicably through mutual consultations or negotiations.

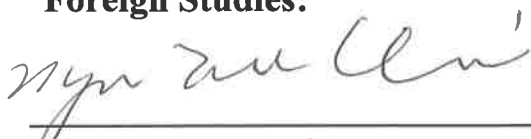
SECTION VIII

1. This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to commence on the date of its signing and be valid for a period of five (5) years, renewing automatically once for the same five (5) year period unless either Participant sends a written notice to the other Participant, six (6) months prior to the expiry of this Memorandum of Understanding, expressing its intention to terminate it.

2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified in writing by mutual consent of the Participants.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed on 17 September, _____ in Republic of Korea in duplicate in English and Latvian languages, each text being equally authentic. In the event of any difference in the interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the English text will prevail.

**For Hankuk University of
Foreign Studies:**



2018. Sep. 17

**For the Ministry of Education
and Science of the Republic of
Latvia:**

