MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, CANADA

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba and the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China share many common interests and concerns relating to the well-being of their citizens and the delivery of educational services to their populations;

WHEREAS Manitoba and the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China recognize that with the deepening of the mutual relationship, through further exploring their complementary educational assets, each jurisdiction will bring benefits to their citizens;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China and Manitoba wish to reinforce existing strengths in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and to open new bonds of cooperation;

THEREFORE, in a spirit of promoting closer relations, the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China and the Province of Manitoba intend to work co-operatively to the fullest possible extent consistent with laws and existing treaties between their respective countries.

The priority areas for cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be the following:

- Developing ESD partnerships at the technical and post-secondary levels;
- Twinning of ESD schools in Manitoba and the People's Republic of China; and
- Sharing of ESD learning resources and expertise.

As relations strengthen between them, the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China and the Province of Manitoba will explore other co-operative initiatives on matters of common interest, such as:

- Establishing institutional partnerships between technical and post-secondary institutions in the People's Republic of China and Manitoba;
- Twinning teacher education institutions in Manitoba and the People's Republic of China (related to ESD); and
- Agreeing to collaborate on ESD research.

The Province of Manitoba's activities with respect to this MOU will be coordinated through the Department of Education and Advanced Learning and the activities of the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China will be coordinated through the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Toronto.

This MOU will be in effect for an initial term of five years and will be reviewed jointly by representatives of the signatories prior to or during the fifth year. The MOU can be renewed or revised by mutual consent, and terminated by providing the other signatory with six months written notice of intent to terminate.

Signed in duplicate in Beijing, China thisequally valid.	day of October, 2014 in English and Chinese, both versions being
For the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China: Original signed by	For the Province of Manitoba: Original signed by