EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
Suzhou University
AND
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
AND STATE UNIVERSITY (VPI & SU)

I. In recognition of the importance of understanding and cooperation between our two countries, Suzhou University and VPI & SU agree to enter into a relationship that will foster academic, cultural and educational exchanges in areas of mutual interest.

II. Suzhou’s Chinese and History, Mathematics, Chemistry, English faculties are identified as the appropriate areas of expertise for the exchange; Virginia Tech could offer its faculties of English, History, Mathematics, Chemistry and Computer Science & Electronics.

III. Faculty Exchange Program
A. Faculty from Suzhou could be considered for an appointment as Research Associates and other appropriate short-term positions at Virginia Tech when such opportunities occur; their counterparts should receive consideration for appointment at Suzhou University with salary according to the PRC’s national or local scale for foreign teachers, as well as free accommodations;
B. All travel arrangements, both foreign and domestic, will be the responsibility of the individual faculty member and/or his/her home institution.
C. All per diem expenses (i.e., food, travel, etc), while in residence at the host institution, will be the responsibility of the exchange faculty member.

IV. Student Exchange Program
A. Well-qualified students from Suzhou would be considered for tuition waiver and other forms of financial aid (such as GTA and GRA) from Virginia Tech; their counterparts from Virginia Tech should be able to enjoy tuition waiver, and other privileges as stipulated by Suzhou University policies.
B. Suzhou University students attending VPI&SU will attend classes taught in English and will have the benefit of tutoring services, but not necessarily including translating services.

C. Each institution will provide the necessary assistance for exchange students to obtain visas and other necessary documents.

D. VPI & SU and Suzhou University exchange students will be expected to maintain the required academic standard at the host institution.

E. If VPI & SU is ready to send students to Suzhou University, Suzhou University is prepared to accept a group of 10-20 to study Chinese and other subjects for 4 to 8 weeks in July and August each year. All the expenses will be the responsibility of the participant.

V. Both sides agree to exchange publications regularly.

VI. Exchanges should be implemented as soon as practical, reviewed periodically, and expanded steadily.

VII. Both institutions hope that the exchange program will bring closer the faculties and students of the two institutions in the pursuit of educational ideals and world peace.

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