MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN
EAST CHINA NORMAL UNIVERSITY, Shanghai, PRC

AND
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, Texas, USA

WHEREAS, East China Normal University, Shanghai, People’s Republic of China, and Texas State University, Texas, USA, are nationally recognized institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, both institutions have expressed mutual interest in collaborating on teaching and research programs in geography and geography education, including collaboration with the National Center for Research in Geography Education; and

WHEREAS, both institutions are convinced that international interaction will bring mutual benefits in geography in both countries; and

IT IS, THEREFORE, AGREED THAT

1. The institutions will promote collaboration which might be of special academic and technical assistance to both institutions.

2. The signatories will designate appropriate academic personnel to participate in activities within specific collaboration agreements approved by both parties.

3. The signatories will negotiate and sign supplemental agreements for the development of projects in specific areas.

4. This agreement shall not bind either party to a financial commitment, unless indicated for specific purposes and according to the law in each country.

5. Nondiscrimination: In their execution of this agreement, all contractors, subcontractors, their respective employees, and other acting by or through them shall comply with all federal and state policies and laws prohibiting discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct. Any breach of this covenant may result in termination of this agreement.

Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
6. The present agreement will take effect as the date of approval and will be valid for five (5) years. Either party may terminate this agreement with ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.

It is envisioned that both institutions will engage in creative activities that will meet these identified areas of interest with quality and a new sense of international cooperation.

This agreement shall remain deposited at Texas State University and at East China National University.

SO BE IT UNDERSTOOD AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED BY THE UNDERSIGNED:

Sign: ____________________________  Sign: ____________________________
Dr. Liu Min                          Dr. Eugene J. Bourgeois
Dean of the School of Geographic Sciences
East China Normal University        Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Texas State University

Date: 2.2.2015                       Date: 1.28.2015