

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT
Between the Shanghai Bar Association (“Shanghai Bar”) and the
Bar of Montreal (“Montreal Bar”) (collectively the “Bars”)

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS the City of Montreal and the City of Shanghai have enjoyed friendly relations and been engaged in a formal « twinning » relationship since 1985;

WHEREAS the Montreal Bar and the Shanghai Bar wish to increase their international exposure and establish a collaborative relationship in order to develop academic exchanges and professional contacts in the field of law;

WHEREAS the Shanghai Bar and the Montreal Bar wish to develop bonds of friendship and collaborate on projects of mutual interest, foster mutual understanding of each other’s legal systems and to learn from each other;

THE PARTIES AGREE TO ENTER INTO A RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL COLLABORATION AND UNDERTAKE:

1. Based on the principles of mutual benefit and respect for each other’s independence, the Bars will develop and foster programs and activities, namely to:
 - (a) Exchange legal knowledge on doing business in Canada and China;
 - (b) Exchange legal information on each country’s legal system;
 - (c) Promote professional exchanges and visits on legal subjects of mutual interest;
 - (d) Promote international exchanges for law students, young lawyers and legal professionals seeking to learn about each other’s legal, business and social environment;
 - (e) Promote cultural exchanges of a legal nature;
 - (f) Encourage members of the Shanghai Bar to visit Montreal in order to understand its business environment and its civil law traditions and vice-versa;
 - (g) Promote the organization of meetings, lectures, conferences, courses, seminars and visits on the North American and Chinese business environments that can be mutually beneficial to the Bars;
2. The Bars undertake to favour exchanges of law students and young lawyers and to collaborate with their local Law Faculties in order to promote and encourage any Canada-China activities organized by the Law Faculties;

3. It is an express objective of the Bars to enhance friendship between both organizations and their lawyer members;
4. The Bars agree to undertake the time and resources to ensure that any jointly organized meetings, courses, conferences, or seminars are successful and open to as many members of the Bars as possible. Each Bar agrees to assume its own expenses unless there is a specific agreement otherwise.
5. In order to carry out the above-mentioned objectives, a detailed plan of any activities organized in pursuance of the objectives shall be agreed upon between the Bars;
6. The Bars agree to the use by the other of their logos and other branding material for the purpose of promoting joint events organized under this Agreement. The Bars agree to protect each other's respective logos and branding material and to prevent the unauthorized use of their logos and other branding material.
7. The Bars agree to keep each other informed of their annual activities and shall encourage participation by their members;
8. This Collaboration Agreement can be terminated at any moment by way of a letter addressed to the President of either Bar;

WHEREFORE the Bars have signed through their respective representatives in Shanghai:

This 2nd day of September, 2011

The Shanghai Bar Association

The Bar of Montreal

Per: Sheng Leiming, President

Per: Stephen G. Schenke, Past President
