

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS (BELGIUM) AND THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

At the invitation of Mister Huang Zhendong, Minister of Communications of the People's Republic of China, Mister Theo Kelchtermans, Minister of the Government of Flanders (Belgium) for Public Works, Town and Country Planning and Internal Affairs visited Beijing from March 25 to March 27, 1994.

Both Ministers held cordial and friendly discussions.

The Government of Flanders is willing to promote the exchange of new technologies between Chinese and Flemish experts concerning port planning and management, harbour construction and renovation, dredging works, hydraulic and nautical research. To achieve this goal, following items have been agreed :

1. The Government of Flanders will make an intervention with the Belgian Federal Minister for Development Cooperation concerning a new five year programme for training of Chinese experts in the A.P.E.C. courses on "Port Management" and "Port Informatics".
2. In collaboration with the Belgian Federal Ministry for Development Cooperation and A.P.E.C., in 1995, the Government of Flanders will organise a three months' course in "Flanders Hydraulics" for Chinese experts on "Port engineering".
3. The Government of Flanders is willing to send public experts in harbour and waterway engineering for short missions to collaborate with Chinese experts on feasibility and planning studies for new harbour constructions or harbour extensions.
4. The Government of Flanders is willing to make a financial intervention in the ships manoeuvring training of Chinese harbour pilots and tug boat captains on the ship manoeuvring simulator of "Flanders Hydraulics".
5. The Government of Flanders also wants to promote the exchange of new technologies concerning nautical and ship manoeuvring research between "Shanghai Ship and Shipping Research Institute" and "Flanders Hydraulics Laboratory", by financing an exchange program of Flemish and Chinese experts for short missions to collaborate on foreign or internal joint orders.

In order to implement the above items, both parties will yearly draw up concrete programmes on cooperation. Costs involved in any of the above activities will be agreed in advance. The cooperation will primarily be based on mutual respect and friendship inspired by the friendly relationship between both countries and their people.



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Minister of the Government of Flanders for
Public Works, Town and Country Planning
and Internal Affairs.

Beijing, 25 march 1994

Mr. Huang Zhendong
Minister of Communications of the
People's Republic of China.

