



**AGREEMENT ON CO-OPERATION  
IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The Government of the Republic of Malta  
And  
The Government of the People's Republic of China  
(hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties")

Acknowledging the importance that tourism can have both for their respective economies and for greater understanding and friendly relations between the two peoples;

Considering the will of both Contracting Parties to take steps aimed at preserving natural and cultural resources in order to ensure lasting development in the sector of tourism;

Convinced of the need to promote active co-operation in the field of tourism;

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

Both Contracting Parties shall give special attention to the development and strengthening of tourism co-operative relations between their countries so as to improve the mutual knowledge of the life, history and culture of their peoples towards the other country.

**Article 2**

Both Contracting Parties shall give special attention to thematic specialised activities, international congresses, symposia, exhibitions, sports activities, as well as music and theatre festivals organised by the other country.

**Article 3**

Both Contracting Parties shall endeavour to strengthen co-operation intended to promote the development of their tourism sectors. They shall encourage the exchange of experts to promote personnel exchange visits and tourism marketing and co-operate in the sectors of tourism education, training and technological research so as to better preserve, develop and manage the tourism resources.

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#### **Article 4**

Both Contracting Parties shall promote:

- (a) the development of co-operation to protect historical buildings for tourism purposes,
- (b) the exchange of publications and tourism information,
- (c) the establishment of joint ventures in tourism.

#### **Article 5**

Both Contracting Parties shall entrust their respective national tourism administrations to discuss the issue of opening up a tourism office in the other Contracting Party when they deem it necessary. The tourism office shall be an official non-profit organisation aimed at promoting tourism of the Contracting Party to the resident country, and shall be subject to the national legislation of the resident country.

#### **Article 6**

The Contracting Parties shall make efforts to develop further their co-operation in international fora in the field of tourism and shall exchange information concerning their achievements in this field.

#### **Article 7**

The Contracting Parties shall consider the present Agreement as the guiding document for future co-operation between the two countries in the field of tourism.

#### **Article 8**

This Agreement will come into force immediately on the date of signing and will be effective for a period of five (5) years. Its validity will be extended automatically by tacit acquiescence for further periods of five (5) years each unless denounced in writing by one of the Contracting Parties by an advance notice of six (6) months.

*Handwritten signature*

Done at Valletta, Malta on <sup>24th</sup>  
languages, both texts being equally authentic.



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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
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