

## **ANNEX IV TO CHAPTER 13 (TRADE IN SERVICES)**

### **EDUCATION COOPERATION**

#### **Introduction**

1. The objectives of this Annex are to:
  - (a) strengthen bilateral relations between the Parties in the field of education;
  - (b) reflect the importance of education as a factor of social and economic development as well as a means for facilitating a closer economic partnership between the Parties; and
  - (c) recognise that cooperation in the field of education benefits both economies,

while respecting the autonomy of higher education institutions of the Parties in carrying out any collaborative activities and in admission of students in accordance with their relevant policies and regulations.

#### **General Provisions**

2. In accordance with the domestic laws in force in their Areas, the Parties shall promote mutual cooperation in education.
3. The Parties shall encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation between government agencies, educational institutions, organisations and other entities of Hong Kong, China and New Zealand, and the conclusion of arrangements between such bodies for the conduct of cooperative activities.

## **Education Cooperation**

4. The Parties shall:
- (a) encourage their respective academic and vocational accreditation authorities to enter into discussions and dialogue with the purpose of developing greater understanding of and confidence in each others' quality assurance and qualifications recognition processes; and
  - (b) enter into an Arrangement to be between the Education Bureau of Hong Kong, China and the Ministry of Education of New Zealand which will provide the framework to achieve the following goals:
    - (i) facilitate the exchange of publicly-available expertise, knowledge and experience in the field of education;
    - (ii) promote cooperation in areas of interest in vocational education;
    - (iii) encourage the development of joint programmes with institutions of educational excellence that will mutually benefit the Parties;
    - (iv) promote exchanges of staff between education agencies and institutions in relation to programmes that will mutually benefit the Parties; and
    - (v) undertake other forms of cooperation as may be mutually determined.