Academic Cooperation Agreement Between
Tibet University, Tibet Autonomous Region, China
And
The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, USA

Tibet University, Tibet Autonomous Region, China ("Tibet University"), and The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, U.S.A. ("University of Virginia"), establish this Agreement for the purpose of cooperation in computer science and Tibetan language research projects. These projects will be undertaken principally by the Computer Science Department of Tibet University and the Tibetan and Himalayan Digital Library of the University of Virginia. The goal of this cooperation is to provide both parties with an opportunity for exchange and cooperation in scientific research and education. In furtherance of this Agreement, both parties will exchange scholars and students to conduct research. In order to carry out the Agreement, the parties will maintain close contact to provide the necessary financial and personnel resources.

Tibet University and the University of Virginia will cooperate in the following fields:
1. Computer Science
2. Library Science
3. Geographical Information Systems and Geography Science
4. Tibetan Script Computing Research

Each party agrees to assist the other party in obtaining institutional and governmental permissions, including visas, as may be required to effectuate this Agreement. During the term of this Agreement, the parties may, contingent on the approval of both, undertake cooperative projects in other fields that further their respective educational missions.

The University of Virginia and Tibet University will share responsibility for expenses related to these projects, with the understanding that the University of Virginia will provide the majority of the necessary funds. Specific responsibilities for expenses will be decided after consideration of the particular research projects, and will be detailed in separate written agreements between the parties.

This Agreement is effective for three years following signature by both parties. This Agreement may be revised or extended upon the mutual written agreement of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized officers on this 8th day of October 2003.

Tibet University

By Liu Qinghui
President

The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia

By John T. Casteen
President