

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made between the University of New England SiMERR National Research Centre, the NSW Department of Education, and Jeollanamdo Office of Education for the Asia ConneXions program with the Korea focus in accordance with the Details and Terms.

DETAILS		
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<p><b>Introduction</b></p>	<p>A. The NSW Department of Education is responsible for leading the provision of world-class education in NSW public schools.</p> <p>B. UNE is a public university located in Armidale in regional New South Wales, Australia.</p> <p>C. SiMERR National Research Centre is an Australian national research centre that works on large-scale national and international projects. SiMERR has a track record of completing high-impact research on education issues associated with rural and regional communities to achieve improved educational outcomes for all students by enhancing professional knowledge and competencies of teachers and school systems.</p> <p>D. Jeollanamdo Office of Education is the office of education governing all educational matters in the province of Jeollanamdo in South Korea, including education in schools, professional development for teachers and principals, developing educational policies, and providing visions and directions for school education.</p> <p>E. The Asia ConneXions (<a href="http://www.une.edu.au/asiacommexions">www.une.edu.au/asiacommexions</a>) program connects Australian schools with schools in Korea, Japan, China, and Indonesia using high definition (HD) videoconferencing to enhance students' global thinking, cultural learning, and/or second language learning. The Australia-Korea ConneXion (AKC) program is the Korean focus of the Asia ConneXions program.</p> <p>F. This MOU demonstrates an intention by UNE-SiMERR, the NSW Department of Education, and Jeollanamdo Office of Education to promote joint activities listed in Clause 1, in particular, the Asia ConneXions Program coordinated by the UNE-SiMERR research team.</p>
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**TERMS**

**1. Scope of co-operation**

- 1.1 The purpose of this MOU is to set out how the parties intend to provide global education opportunities for students in New South Wales, Australia, in particular from rural and regional areas, and students in Jeollanamdo, South Korea, utilising videoconferencing through the Asia ConneXions program. This program connects Australian students with students in Korea, Japan, China, and Indonesia through videoconferencing, e-pals, and, wherever possible, school exchange visits. This MoU focuses on the Australia-Korea ConneXion.
- 1.2 The three parties, UNE-SiMERR, the NSW Department of Education, and the Jeollanamdo Office of Education, agree to encourage the following activities to support the Asia ConneXions program linking with Korea and intend to cooperate and promote the Asia ConneXions program. This includes:

- 1.2.1 supporting videoconferencing links between NSW public schools and Korean schools (primary & secondary) in Jeollanamdo focusing on cultural learning and/or language learning.
  - 1.2.2 providing information for global education opportunities for schools in NSW and Jeollanamdo in order to develop their students' global thinking and global citizenship.
  - 1.2.3 sharing and discussing ideas and information about teacher education and professional development.
  - 1.2.4 collaborating with each other on educational projects that are mutually beneficial.
  - 1.2.5 undertaking visits to each other's country for educational purposes.
- 1.3 Any commitment of resources relating to the implementation of the activities referred to in this MOU will be negotiated by the three Parties and agreed to in a written document prior to commencing the activities.

## **2. Facilitation**

- 2.1 The cooperation will be overseen by the designated representatives of the Parties.
- 2.2 At the time of signing this MOU, the designated representative for: UNE-SiMERR is Name the NSW Department of Education is Elisabeth Robertson; and the Jeollanamdo Office of Education is Name/signature of third party removed

## **3. Term of MOU**

This MOU is effective for five years from the date of signing or until ended by any of the Parties giving 60 days' written notice at any time to the other Parties, whichever occurs first.

## **4. Relationship**

Nothing in this MOU creates an agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship between the Parties or any of their respective officers, employees, contractors or agents.

## **5. Legal Effect of this MOU**

This MOU is only intended to express the intentions of the Parties. The expressed intentions are not binding and no legally-binding obligations are intended to, or do, arise as a consequence of the Parties signing of this MOU. Actions taken by any of the Parties in reliance on this MOU will be at that Party's sole risk.

## **6. Counterparts**

This document may be executed in any number of counterparts and, if so, the counterparts taken together constitute one and the same instrument.

Signed by the NSW Department of Education

Name: Ms Dail McGilchrist *per*  
Title: Executive Director  
Learning and Teaching Directorate  
*Jason Milen*

Date: 12 October 2016

Signature of Witness

LINA MULARCZYK

Name of Witness (BLOCK LETTERS)

Signed for and on behalf of University of New England

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Name: *Name/signature of third party removed*  
Title: Vice Chancellor and CEO

Date: 13 October 2016.

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Signature

Name/signature of third party removed

Name of Witness (BLOCK LETTERS)

Signed by Jeollanamdo Office of Education

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Name: *Name/signature of third party removed*  
Title: Education Governor

Date: 12. Oct. 2016.

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Signature of witness

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Name of Witness (BLOCK LETTERS)

Signed by UNE through the SIMERR National Research Centre

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Name: *Name/signature of third party removed*  
Title: Founding Director

Date: 12/10/16

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Signature

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Name of witness (BLOCK LETTERS)