

# **Statutes for The Nordic Confucius Institute in Stockholm**

## *Preamble*

The Nordic Confucius Institute is an institute of the Department of Oriental Languages at Stockholm University. The name of this institute shall be The Nordic Confucius Institute in Stockholm.

The statutes governing the institute are published in English only.

## *1. Objectives of the Institute*

The institute shall promote cultural and scholarly exchange between China and the Nordic countries and promote study and research related to Chinese culture in the Nordic countries. Especially it shall carry out and expand the scope of Chinese language teaching as well as promote exchange and cooperation in the field of Chinese language teaching in the Nordic countries.

## *2. Activities of the Institute*

The institute shall organize activities in accordance with the institute's objectives. The activities may include:

- i. Training teachers of Chinese in the Nordic countries
- ii. Organizing short-term courses in Chinese in the Nordic countries for students at different levels
- iii. Organizing scholarly seminars and symposia on Chinese language teaching
- iv. Organizing and promoting the HSK standard Chinese language test
- v. Organizing the production of Chinese language study material
- vi. Organizing lectures, seminars and symposia in fields such as Chinese language, history, economy, society, philosophy etc.
- vii. Carrying out research on Chinese language teaching in the Nordic countries
- viii. Offering in-service Chinese language training in the Nordic countries
- ix. Organizing cultural activities such as Chinese film shows

## *3. Organization*

The institute shall have a director and a deputy director. It shall have a board consisting of six members, composed of the director, the deputy director and four other members. The chairperson shall be selected among the board members. The deputy director, two of the board members and the chairperson of the board shall be nominated by the Chinese part. The two Swedish board members and the director shall be nominated by the Head of the Department of Oriental Languages, after consultation with the Faculty of Humanities. All six members of the board are appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of Stockholm University for a period of three years beginning January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2007.

The board shall plan, supervise, and evaluate the activities of the institute. The decisions of the board shall be in accordance with university rules governing departmental decision-

making procedures. The institute will have a separate budget. It shall hold at least one annual meeting at which the presentation of an annual report of the activities, including the accounts of the previous year, will be made to the Department of Oriental Languages. A proposal for planned activities during the coming year shall also be discussed at the annual meeting.

#### *4. Funding and Resource Disposal*

The Chinese part undertakes to contribute to the activities of the Confucius Institute with 500.000 SEK/year, in total 1.500.000 SEK over three years. The Swedish part, the Department of Oriental Languages, will also contribute the equivalent of 500.000 SEK/year over the same three-year period. Funding for the operation of the Confucius Institute will be made available to Stockholm University no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> of January each year, beginning 2005.

Authorization of payments shall be done in accordance with those rules applicable at Stockholm University.

#### *5. Education and Teaching*

Graduate students cannot be accepted by the Nordic Confucius Institute in Stockholm, but must be admitted by a department or a faculty within Stockholm University.

#### *6. Dissolution of the Institute*

Both parties may prematurely end this cooperation with six months prior notice to the other party. If the Institute is dissolved all assets will remain in the hands of Stockholm University.

#### *7. Revision of Statutes*

These statutes may be changed through a decision by the Vice-Chancellor of Stockholm University, based on a recommendation by the Head of the Department of Oriental Languages and the director, after consultation with the Faculty of Humanities at Stockholm University.