



CITY OF DARWIN



CITY OF QINGDAO

## Memorandum of Understanding

The City of Darwin and Qingdao City Government (hereinafter referred to as “each Party” respectively and as the “Parties” collectively) hereby confirm the desire to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in order to develop a friendly and cooperative relationship.

**Article 1 (Purpose)** The purpose of this MOU is to acknowledge that both Parties will contribute to deepening mutual understanding, exchanges and cooperation.

**Article 2 (Agreement)** The Parties agree to actively exchange information and cooperate with each other in fields including, but not limited to city development, trade, investment, innovation, sports, tourism and education.

**Article 3 (Confidentiality)** Each Party shall not provide or disclose any confidential information acquired through mutual exchanges to any third party without prior consultation.

**Article 4 (Legal Binding Force)** Any provision in this MOU has no legal binding force except Article 3.

Through the signing of this agreement, we aim to achieve a growing appreciation of each other’s culture and enhance the people-to-people connections. This agreement sets a strong foundation of mutual respect and reciprocity between both parties

This Memorandum of Understanding will be valid for four years. The agreement shall come into effect from the date of its signing and cease upon expiration, or shall continue if re-signed by the parties.

This agreement is duplicated in English and Chinese, both versions being of equal validity.

Declared in the City of Qingdao on October 17, 2019.

The Hon. Kon Vatskalis  
Lord Mayor of Darwin  
Australia

Mr. Meng Fanli  
Mayor of Qingdao  
People’s Republic of China