

Charter of the "Belt and Road" International Medical Education BRIMEA

Chapter I: General Provisions

Article 1: Establishment of the BRIMEA

The "Belt and Road International Medical Education BRIMEA" is inspired by the great strategy of the "One Belt & One Road Initiative" and jointly proposed and established by several Chinese medical education universities as well as by the medical education institutions of the countries along the Belt and Road and of some other countries.

The name of the BRIMEA:

- Chinese name: "一带一路"国际医学教育联盟 (hereinafter referred to as the "BRIMEA");
- English name: Belt & Road International Medical Education BRIMEA (hereinafter referred to as the "BRIMEA").

Article 2: Members of the BRIMEA

Founding members are those who participate in establishing the BRIMEA and voluntarily abide by the Charter.

Joining members are those who participate in the BRIMEA after its establishment and voluntarily abide by the Charter.

Article 3: Co-founders of the BRIMEA

Domestic co-founders (in alphabetical order by the English name of the institution): Anhui Medical University; Capital Medical University; Central South University Xiangya School of Medicine; Harbin Medical University; Huazhong University of Science and Technology Tongji Medical College; Jilin University, Norman Bethune Health Science Center; Nanjing Medical University; Southern Medical University; Sun Yat-sen University Zhongshan School of Medicine; Tianjin Medical University; Xi'an Jiaotong University Health Science Center; China Medical University; Binzhou Medical University; Fujian Medical University; Gannan Medical University; Hainan Medical University; Hebei Medical University; Ningxia Medical University; Qiqihar Medical University; Shandong University Cheeloo College of Medicine; Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine; Shihezi University School of Medicine; Southwest Medical University; Wenzhou Medical University; Wuhan University School of Medicine; Xinxiang Medical University; Xuzhou Medical University.

Overseas co-founders (in alphabetical order by the country they are located in): Azerbaijan Medical University; North American Federation of Iatrolgy Society Canada; University of Tartu Estonia; University of Applied Sciences Wuerzburg-Schweinfurt Germany; International University of Kyrgyzstan; MAHSA University Malaysia; Autonomous University of Baja California Mexico; College of Physicians & Surgeons Pakistan; King Edward Medical University Pakistan; University of the Philippines Manila; "Vasile Goldis" Western University of Arad Romania; Mahidol University Thailand; Yeditepe University Turkey; Bogomolets National Medical University Ukraine; Mae Fah Luang University; Punjab Institute of Cardiology Pakistan; Services Institute of Medical Sciences Pakistan; Lewis University USA; Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University, Ukraine.

Article 4: Nature of the BRIMEA and Its Vision

The BRIMEA is a non-profitable organization of medical education, founded on the voluntary base by the medical education institutions in China and other countries, especially the institutions along the Belt and Road, for the purpose of sharing the global resources of health care, complementing each other's advantages, promoting mutual benefits and enhancing overall integration.

The vision of BRIMEA is to push forward the quality of the medical education for the nations along the Belt and Road and give an impetus to the development of global medical education and healthcare in an active way.

Article 5: Purpose of the BRIMEA

The BRIMEA is founded by the principles of voluntariness, equality, cooperation and development to establish the long-term, mutually beneficial and cooperative relations among the allied member institutions and fully share the resources, knowledge and experience, carry out cultivation of global medical professionals in an interdisciplinary manner (including short-term and long-term training), promote discipline development, science innovation and social services. At the same time, the BRIMEA encourages to set up long-term partnership among the member institutions and through a series of activities facilitate the active cooperation between its members, jointly address the new issues that appear in the global medical education for solution and meets the new demands.

Article 6: Applicable Laws

All the activities carried out by the BRIMEA apply the laws of the People's Republic of China.

Chapter II: Organizational Structure and Obligations

Article 7

The high learning institutions within the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Macao Special Administrative Region and Taiwan Province) as well as the overseas high learning institutions that

complete official registration, accept the BRIMEA Charter, participate in BRIMEA activities, carry out or plan to carry out the medical education, scientific research and counseling activities may apply to the council board and become members of the BRIMEA upon approval.

Article 8

Any member of the BRIMEA that violates the provisions of the Charter or fails to perform its obligations shall be advised by the council to vote out of the BRIMEA.

Article 9

The council board will be set up under the BRIMEA, acting as its supreme organ. The first council board shall be composed of its founding members. Starting from the second council board, the council members shall be elected by its members. The chairman of the council board and the vice chairman shall be rotated by the member universities for a term of three years. The council board meets once a year. The Chairman of the council board may convene an interim meeting as required. The council meeting shall be held only when over half of its members may be able to attend.

Article 10: Main Duties of the Council Board

- (1) formulate and revise the charter and management system of the BRIMEA's internal organization;
- (2) validate BRIMEA work plan;
- (3) admit new members;
- (4) prepare for and hold the council meetings;
- (5) organize member institutions to carry out activities; and
- (6) decide other major issues of the BRIMEA.

Article 11

The Council board of the BRIMEA shall set up a secretariat under it, usually in the institution where the chairman of the council board serves. The secretariat is the daily affairs agency of the BRIMEA under the leadership of the council board to guide and coordinate the work of its member institutions; make recommendations to the council on the revision of the Charter and its internal management system; and draft the proposals according to the opinions of the BRIMEA's annual work plan and preparation of the annual implementation report; formulation of the agenda of the council meetings and so on. The secretariat staffs are appointed by the chairman of the council board.

Article 12

Common affairs of the BRIMEA shall take effect only with the approval of half of the council members.

Article 13

The BRIMEA may set up special academic committees as required, once approved by the council board.

Chapter III: Areas of Cooperation

Article 14: Disciplines Construction

The BRIMEA enhances cooperation among the members schools in the field of global medical and health sciences and promotes the construction of disciplines related to the healthcare sector of the countries along the Belt and Road and its cross-cutting development, by complementing each other's strengths, actively promoting the co-compilation of textbooks and materials, sharing of information and data resources among the member institutions.

Article 15: Talent Cultivation

A joint training base of innovative professionals shall be established for the countries along the Belt and Road to carry out the training and cultivation of the innovative and top-notch talent requested by the global medical and healthcare demand; joint research of medical education reform and textbook construction shall be carried out so as to realize the collaborative development and sharing of the medical and health curriculum resources.

Article 16: Team Building

The BRIMEA shall promote cross-school lectures and guidance of teachers among its members, and guide the inter-institutional construction of student exchange and other systems; jointly carry out teacher recruitment and training, jointly hire high-level researchers and professors; promote the sharing of teachers' resources; and cultivate and dispatch experts and leaders in the global medical and healthcare fields.

Article 17: Scientific Research

The BRIMEA shall encourage and support inter-institutional academic exchange among faculties and teachers, jointly organize various high-level academic forums for medical and healthcare and medical education and strive to enhance the

academic atmosphere and academic standards of the BRIMEA members, jointly carry out key research programs or international projects by taking advantage of the advantage of its members in their scientific research.

Article 18: Social Services

The BRIMEA shall jointly establish an international healthcare service exchange platform to promote the relevant pragmatic cooperation among the member medical institutions, address and find the solution to the major problems related to global public healthcare, build up open think tank with the multidisciplinary composition to promote international medical cooperation in a rapid way.

Article 19: International Exchanges and Cooperation

The BRIMEA shall promote the establishment of a platform for cooperation and exchange among its members with internationally renowned medical institutions, actively participate in international academic cooperation, coordinate the exchange of visits with high-level foreign experts and enhance the efficiency of intellectual guidance, strengthen teacher exchanges, student exchange, student internships and other management cooperation among the BRIMEA members.

Article 20

The cooperation items include but not limited to the above-mentioned areas.

Chapter IV: Rights and Obligations of the Member Institutions

Article 21

BRIMEA members shall enjoy the following basic rights:

- (1) supervise and question the work of the BRIMEA and make comments and suggestions on its performance;
- (2) propose amendments to the unaccomplished matters of the Charter;
- (3) participate in all major events and daily activities of the BRIMEA;
- (4) may voluntarily apply for withdrawal from the BRIMEA; and
- (5) other rights in line with the BRIMEA Charter.

Article 22

BRIMEA members shall fulfill the following basic obligations:

- (1) abide by the provisions of its Charter and safeguard the lawful rights and interests of the BRIMEA;
- (2) implement resolutions and decisions of the council board; and
- (3) take the initiative to cooperate with the BRIMEA to ensure its normal operation.

Chapter V: Supplementary Provisions

Article 23

In case that there are any issues to be added, the Secretariat shall propose amendments based on the proposals of the BRIMEA members to its council board for consideration and approval.

Article 24

This Charter shall be effective after being voted by the BRIMEA council meeting.

Article 25

Any question or dispute concerning the interpretation of any provision of this Charter shall be settled by the BRIMEA council board.

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