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CONTRACT FOR JOINT OBSERVATION AND COOPERATION RESEARCH ON DESERT ECOSYSTEMS OF CHINA AND IRAN

For studying the desert ecosystem in Iran exploiting advantages on both sides, CAS Research Center for Ecology and Environment of Central Asia and Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography, Chinese Academy of Sciences (**Party A**) and Isfahan University of Technology, Isfahan, Iran (**Party B**) are going to establish a desert ecosystem field station after consultation, and sign the contract.

One: Contract Contents and Technical Requirements

1. Contract Contents: Party A and Party B guarantee the joint efforts of both sides to carry out observation and research on the desert ecosystem. The two sides will work together to establish a desert ecosystem observation and research station.

2. Technical Requirements: Party A shall provide Party B with \$100,000 worth of equipment. Party B shall provide the installation site for the equipment, and is responsible for the safety and operation of the equipment.

Two: Contract Period

This contract enters into force on the date of signature and expires on December 31, 2028. After the expiration of the contract, for further cooperation, the two sides can renew the contract or sign a supplementary contract.

Three: Party A's Rights and Obligations

1. Party A shall provide Party B with \$100,000 worth of equipment;
2. Party A is responsible for the commissioning and installation of the equipment;
3. Party A is responsible for training Party B operation staff and 1-2 researchers;
4. Party A provides technical maintenance manual for the English version of the equipment;
5. Party A regularly go to the field station to maintain the equipment.

Four: Party B's Rights and Obligations

1. Party B is responsible for providing the installation site for the equipment and assisting Party A to complete the construction of the field station;
2. Party B is responsible for the safety and operation of the equipment, downloading the data regularly and share with Party A;
3. Party B is responsible for monitoring the running state of the equipment and ensure the continuity of the monitoring data;

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4. Party B is responsible for providing all the observation data since the station was established in Isfahan;
5. Party B is responsible for building a field observation database to ensure the network sharing of observation data over 10 years;
6. Party B is responsible for providing Iran laws and regulations.

Five: Cooperation description

- 1. Resource Sharing:** Only the partners have access to the data obtained in the cooperative study, either party have no right to transmit the data to the third party; and if the data of the cooperative study are published in public, the articles or reports must be marked by both parties.
- 2. Cooperative Withdrawal:** To withdraw from the cooperation, the party must apply for stopping the execution of the contract to the other party by letter at least three months in advance; since receiving the application, both sides must go through the procedures for terminating the contract within three months.

Six: Others

1. The contract is in 6 copies, each side holds 3 copies. (Chinese and English Version);
2. The contract must be signed by both parties on each page, stamped and bound.

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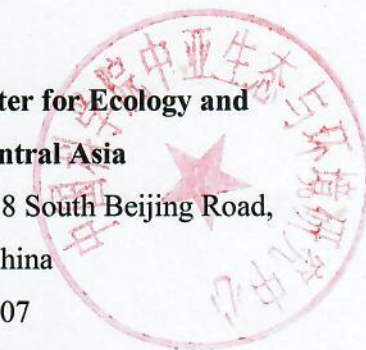
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