



AGREEMENT OF RECIPROCITY
FOR THE ACCREDITATION
OF UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE
CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION
DEGREE PROGRAMS



BETWEEN

The American Council for Construction Education
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

The National Board of Construction Management Accreditation
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

This is an Agreement of Reciprocity between the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE) of the United States of America and the National Board of Construction Management Accreditation (NBCMA) of the People's Republic of China. It offers a unique opportunity to harmonize standards and encourage mutual development. It is entered into for the purpose of confirming that undergraduate university degree programs in construction education accredited both by the NBCMA and by the ACCE are mutually acceptable. This Agreement covers the programs already accredited by both bodies and those to be accredited or re-accredited in the future.

It is agreed that:

- 1. The overall objective of both ACCE and NBCMA is to accredit undergraduate university degree programs in construction education, and as a consequence raise the standards of education.*
- 2. The standards, criteria and processes of accreditation used by ACCE and NBCMA are broadly equivalent.*
- 3. ACCE and NBCMA will accept each other's accredited programs as equivalent.*
- 4. ACCE and NBCMA will inform the other of changes in any procedures and of its annual accreditation activities. Each party reserves the right to nominate one or more persons to attend accreditation visits and relevant committee meetings of the other body as observers. Such observers are entitled to receive relevant papers.*
- 5. If either ACCE or NBCMA revises any of their accreditation standards, criteria and/or processes, they will inform the other body of such changes.*
- 6. This Agreement of Reciprocity, to be signed in both Chinese and English languages, will become effective from the date of signing. The Agreement of Reciprocity will be reviewed within 5 years of the signing date. Should a dispute arise within the terms of the Agreement, all efforts should be made to resolve and differences.*

*Agreed on behalf of NBCMA on
July 23, 2005*

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July 23, 2005*

For NBCMA

President, ACCE