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CENTER FOR CHINESE-MEXICAN STUDIES JUSTIFICATION AND GOALS

The People's Republic of China –in what follows China- has been historically, and currently with more intensity,, a major global player with increasing socioeconomic and geostrategic dimensions. Its growing share in the production and trade of goods and services has generated important international changes, which have had impact in Latin America and of course in Mexico.

The case of China on its own is of major theoretical, economic, social and political relevance. The process of The reforms implemented since the end of the 1970s have profoundly questioned theories of development and economic growth. In addition, State policies , on the abolishment of poverty, territorial redistribution between urban and rural areas, on education at its different levels, as well as those related to research and development and specific economic sectors of the population , among others, are of utmost relevance today.

Similarly, and without doubt, the socioeconomic and territorial development in China since the 20th century has generated multiple contradictions and difficulties, on issues such as ecology, the financial sector, consumption of energy and raw materials, territorial inequity and among households, (I don't understand what are the issues among households) among others. The presence of China in Asia is impressive in ambits such as that of global governance, diplomacy, military force and in the United Nations.

China has also increased its weight substantially in Latin America and in particular in Mexico. Since 2003 China has become Mexico's second main trading partner, as a result of a 31:1 trade relationship between imports from China and Mexican exports, i.e. ????.In 2004 Mexico achieves with China its highest trade deficit.??? According to different international analysis, China's economy will continue with its dynamism, at least in the short and medium run, as well as with some of the already mentioned limitations.

As a result, the Center for Chinese-Mexican Studies (CECHIMEX) has as its main goal to improve and deepen the knowledge of Chinese society and its economy socioeconomy, stressing the long-term bilateral relationship between both nations. Currently there is no single institution in Mexico –and Latin America- that focuses specifically on research related to China with a bilateral emphasis. The National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) is a privileged institution given the high scientific level of its academics and the diversity of sciences and fields of knowledge that are integrated within the academic community. Although CECHIMEX will emphasize economic aspects of analysis it will adopt an interdisciplinary approach to incorporating e from its beginnings issues explored in other areas of knowledge such as agriculture,

philosophy, history, engineering, languages, international relations and political science, among others.

CECHIMEX has the following goals:

1. You need a verb here for this to be a goal To further of a tripartite vision between the academic, private and public sectors-for the analysis of the proposed issues.
2. To improve, deepen and coordinate the long-term cooperation among Mexican and Chinese academic institutions, giving rise the elaboration of bilateral knowledge through joint research, exchanges of students from both countries and collaboration between academics from China in Mexico and of Mexicans in China.
3. To sSupport studies, analysis and the development of course programs for students at the B.A., M.A. ad Ph.D. level, as well as to link these with the to activities of the public and private sectors.
4. To design studies and research proposals on the socioeconomic China-Mexico relationship from the perspective of the y different areas of research mentioned above.
5. To reinforce the institutional and individual efforts which already exist at the UNAM and in other private, public and academic institutions in Mexico, as well as with other experts on Chinese – Mexican relations. CECHIMEX will add to these efforts and respect and acknowledge them, concentrating e on analysis and results.?? (don't understand)
6. To create a literature and statistical data base, open to r the academic community, as well as to the public and private participating sectors.
7. To encourage more bilateral agreements between UNAM and other research centers in China to improve the knowldege of China and its languages in Mexico. The link with *CEPE* (Center for Learning for Foreigners) and *CELE* (Center for Learning Foreign Languages) at the UNAM, for example, are very significant in this regard.
8. To create a network of researchers, officers, firms and business associations on the issues outlined above.

CECHIMEX currently accounts for 35 founding members in academe, firms, from both the public and private sectors, in China, Mexico, the European Union and the United States with national and international recognition. (who have international recognition the firms or the academics????) The Professors who sign this letter have developed, since 2004, different activities and contacts related to the issues and goals of CECHIMEX.

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