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LOAN NUMBER 4474 CHA

Loan Agreement

(Higher Education Reform Project)

between

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Dated July 29, 1999

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LOAN AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT, dated July 29, 1999, between PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (the Borrower) and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (the Bank).

WHEREAS (A) the Borrower, having satisfied itself as to the feasibility and priority of the Project described in Schedule 2 to the Development Credit Agreement between the Borrower and the International Development Association (the Association) of even date herewith (the Development Credit Agreement), has requested the Bank to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) the Borrower has also requested the Association to provide additional financial assistance toward the financing of the Project and by the Development Credit Agreement the Association is agreeing to provide such assistance in an aggregate principal amount equivalent to thirty-six million eight hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 36,800,000) (the Credit);

(C) the Borrower and the Bank intend, to the extent practicable, that the proceeds of the Credit be disbursed on account of expenditures in respect of the Project before disbursements of the proceeds of the Loan provided for in this Agreement are made; and

WHEREAS the Bank has agreed, on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, to extend the Loan to the Borrower upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

General Conditions; Definitions

Section 1.01. The "General Conditions Applicable to Loan and Guarantee Agreements for Single Currency Loans" of the Bank, dated May 30, 1995 (as amended through December 2, 1997) (the General Conditions), constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

Section 1.02. Unless the context otherwise requires, the several terms defined in the General Conditions and in the Development Credit Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth and the term "Development Credit Agreement" means the agreement of even date herewith between the Borrower and the Association for the Project, as such agreement may be amended from time to time, and such term includes the "General Conditions Applicable to Development Credit Agreements" of the Association, dated January 1, 1985 (as amended through December 2, 1997), as applied to such agreement, and all schedules and agreements supplemental to the Development Credit Agreement.

ARTICLE II

The Loan

Section 2.01. The Bank agrees to lend to the Borrower, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in the Loan Agreement, an amount equal to twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000).

Section 2.02. The amount of the Loan may be withdrawn from the Loan Account in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Development Credit Agreement for expenditures made (or, if the Bank shall so agree, to be made) in respect of the reasonable cost of goods and services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Loan.

Section 2.03. The Closing Date shall be July 31, 2005, or such later date as the Bank shall establish. The Bank shall promptly notify the Borrower of such later date.

Section 2.04. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a fee in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the amount of the Loan. On or promptly after the Effective Date, the Bank shall, on behalf of the Borrower, withdraw from the Loan Account and pay to itself the amount of said fee.

Section 2.05. The Borrower shall pay to the Bank a commitment charge at the rate of three-fourths of one percent ($3/4$ of 1%) per annum on the principal amount of the Loan not withdrawn from time to time.

Section 2.06 (a) The Borrower shall pay interest on the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding from time to time, at a rate for each Interest Period equal to LIBOR Base Rate plus LIBOR Total Spread.

(b) For the purposes of this Section:

(i) "Interest Period" means the initial period from and including the date of this Agreement to, but excluding, the first Interest Payment Date occurring thereafter, and after the initial period, each period from and including an Interest Payment Date to, but excluding the next following Interest Payment Date.

(ii) "Interest Payment Date" means any date specified in Section 2.07 of this Agreement.

(iii) "LIBOR Base Rate" means, for each Interest Period, the London interbank offered rate for six-month deposits in single currency for value the first day of such Interest Period (or, in the case of the initial Interest Period, for value the Interest Payment Date occurring on or next preceding the first day of such Interest Period), as reasonably determined by the Bank and expressed as a percentage per annum.

(iv) "LIBOR Total Spread" means, for each Interest Period:

(A) three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%); (B) minus (or plus) the weighted average margin, for such Interest Period, below (or above) the London interbank offered rates, or other reference rates, for six-month deposits, in respect of the Bank's outstanding borrowings or portions thereof allocated by the Bank to fund single currency loans or portions thereof made by it that include the Loan; as reasonably determined by the Bank and expressed as a percentage per annum.

(c) The Bank shall notify the Borrower of LIBOR Base Rate and LIBOR Total Spread for each Interest Period, promptly upon the determination thereof.

(d) Whenever, in light of changes in market practice affecting the determination of the interest rates referred to in this Section 2.06, the Bank determines that it is in the interest of its borrowers as a whole and of the Bank to apply a basis for determining the interest rates applicable to the Loan other than as provided in said Section, the Bank may modify the basis for determining the interest rates applicable to the Loan upon not less than six (6) months' notice to the Borrower of the new basis. The new basis shall become effective on the expiry of the notice period unless the Borrower notifies the Bank during said period of its objection thereto, in which case said modification shall not apply to the Loan.

Section 2.07. Interest and other charges shall be payable semiannually on February 15 and August 15 in each year.

Section 2.08. The Borrower shall repay the principal amount of the Loan in accordance with the amortization schedule set forth in the Schedule to this Agreement.

ARTICLE III

Execution of the Project

Section 3.01. (a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this Section, Sections 2.02(b), 3.01, 3.02, and 4.01 of the Development Credit Agreement and Schedules 1, 2, 3 4 and 5 thereto are incorporated in the Loan Agreement, with the following modifications in said Sections and Schedules 2, 3 (other than Part A of Section I and Part A of Section II thereof) and 4 unless the context otherwise requires:

(i) the term "Association" shall be read as "Bank"; and

(ii) the term "this Agreement" shall be read as "the Development Credit Agreement".

(b) So long as any part of the Credit provided for under the Development Credit Agreement shall remain outstanding and unless the Borrower has been notified otherwise by the Bank:

(i) all actions taken, including approvals given, by the Association pursuant to any of the Sections of, and Schedules to, the Development Credit Agreement enumerated in paragraph (a) of this Section, as well as pursuant to Section 2.02(a) of the Development Credit Agreement, shall be deemed to be taken or given in the name and on behalf of both the Association and the Bank; and

(ii) all information or documentation furnished by the Borrower to the Association pursuant to the provisions of any of such Sections of the Development Credit Agreement or Schedules thereto shall be deemed to be furnished to both the Association and Bank.

Section 3.02. For the purposes of Section 9.08 of the General Conditions and without limitation thereto, the Borrower shall:

(a) prepare, on the basis of guidelines acceptable to the Bank, and furnish to the Bank not later than six (6) months after the Closing Date or such later date as may be agreed for this purpose between the Borrower and the Bank, a plan designed to

ensure the continued achievement of the Project objectives; and

(b) afford the Bank a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Borrower on said plan.

ARTICLE IV

Effective Date; Termination

Section 4.01. The following event is specified as an additional condition to the effectiveness of the Loan Agreement within the meaning of Section 12.01(c) of the General Conditions, namely that all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the Development Credit Agreement shall have been fulfilled, except only those related to the effectiveness of this Agreement.

Section 4.02. The date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement is hereby specified for the purposes of Section 12.04 of the General Conditions.

Section 4.03. If the Development Credit Agreement terminates prior to the termination of this Agreement, the provisions of the Development Credit Agreement referred to in this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect between the Borrower and the Bank.

ARTICLE V

Representative of the Borrower; Addresses

Section 5.01. The Minister of Finance of the Borrower is designated as representative of the Borrower for the purposes of Section 11.03 of the General Conditions.

Section 5.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

For the Borrower:

Ministry of Finance
Sanlihe
Beijing
People's Republic of China

Cable address:

FINANMIN
Beijing

Telex:

22486 MFPRC CN

For the Bank:

International Bank for
Reconstruction and Development
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Cable address:

INTBAFRAD
Washington, D.C.

Telex:

248423 (MCI) or
64145 (MCI)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names in the District of Columbia, United States of America, as of the day and year first above written.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

By /s/ Liu Xiaoming

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By /s/ Jean-Michel Severino

Authorized Representative

SCHEDULE

Amortization Schedule

Date Payment Due	Payment of Principal (expressed in dollars)*
February 15, 2005	440,000
August 15, 2005	450,000
February 15, 2006	465,000
August 15, 2006	475,000
February 15, 2007	490,000
August 15, 2007	500,000
February 15, 2008	515,000
August 15, 2008	530,000
February 15, 2009	545,000
August 15, 2009	560,000
February 15, 2010	575,000
August 15, 2010	590,000
February 15, 2011	605,000
August 15, 2011	625,000
February 15, 2012	640,000
August 15, 2012	660,000
February 15, 2013	675,000
August 15, 2013	695,000
February 15, 2014	715,000
August 15, 2014	735,000
February 15, 2015	755,000
August 15, 2015	775,000
February 15, 2016	795,000
August 15, 2016	815,000
February 15, 2017	840,000
August 15, 2017	860,000
February 15, 2018	885,000
August 15, 2018	910,000
February 15, 2019	935,000
August 15, 2019	945,000

* The figures in this column represent the amount in dollars to be repaid, except as provided in Section 4.04 (d) of the General Conditions.

