

Cooperation Agreement on the Archaeological Project

between

Department of the History of Science and Scientific Archaeology, University of
Science and Technology of China

and

Department of Archaeology, University of Neyshabur

To promote the academic study of science and civilization along the silk road and the cooperation between China and Iran in this field, the Department of the History of Science and Scientific Archaeology of University of Science and Technology of China and the Department of Archaeology of University of Neyshabur will jointly implement an archaeological project. On the basis of mutual understanding, respect, cooperation and win-win spirit, the two parties have reached the following cooperation agreement.

I. Cooperation Parties

Chinese Party: Department of the History of Science and Scientific Archaeology of University of Science and Technology of China (DHSSA-USTC hereafter).

Iranian Party: Department of Archaeology of University of Neyshabur (DA-UN hereafter).

II. Composition of the Joint Archaeological Team

1. The project is co-headed by the leaders of both parties, i.e. the director of the DHSSA-USTC and the director of DA-UN. In the implementation of the project, the two parties hold an equal right relationship.

Co-Director of the Project: Professor Shi Yunli, DHSSA-USTC

Co-Director of the Project: Professor Hassan Nami, DA-UN

Leader of the Chinese Team: Professor Zhang Juzhong, University of Science and Technology of China

Members of the Chinese Team: Yang Yuzhang, Luo Wuhong, Cheng Zhijie, Zeng Linyuan, Fang Fang, and so on.

Leader of the Iranian Team: Dr. Omran Garzhian, University of Neyshabur

Members of the Iranian Team: Hassan Basafa, Mohammad Hossein Rezaie, Hassan Nami, Parastoo Masjedi and so on.

2. In accordance with the relevant laws of the Islamic Republic of Iran, archaeologists from the Chinese Party participating in the joint archaeological project are eligible for relevant customs clearance procedures. Related permission and formality documents are to be handled by the Iranian Party.

III. The Contents, Work Division and Formats of the Cooperation

1. The theme of the project is “Prehistoric Culture and Society in Eastern Iran—Joint Archaeological Study of Bori Site in Khorasan Razawi Province”. The major contents of the project include joint archaeological exploration, excavation and research on the Bori Site, a representative site of Neolithic and Iron Ages in eastern Iran. Meanwhile, according to research requirements of the project, archaeological investigation and sampling analysis can also be carried out on relevant sites in the area under research.

2. During the implementation of the project, the two parties will carry out divided and collaborative research in accordance with their respective research advantages. The archaeological culture research will be mainly done by DA-UN, with the assistance of DHSSA-USTC, while scientific archaeology will be conducted mainly by DHSSA-USTC, with the assistance of DA-UN. Both parties should fully cooperate with each

other in sampling and specimen taking during the implementation and share all information on relevant cultural relics and analyzing results.

3. The work of archaeological culture research on the relics and remains obtained from the joint excavation, taking into account the relevant legal provisions of Iran, will be carried out mainly within Iran. As for the works of scientific archaeology on the site and unearthed cultural relics, such as the dating and analyses of different samples and specimens of human bones, animal and plant remains, stone, jade, ceramics, metals, building materials, etc., as well as other types of scientific analyses and multidisciplinary research, if they can be implemented in Iran and be completed within two months, the priority should be given to Iranian Party, especially to DA-UN; if it cannot be done in such a way, the priority will be given to DHSSA-USTC. Should the samples and specimens used for analyzing, testing and authenticating be taken out of Iran's territory, the Iranian Party will, in accordance with the relevant regulations and law-provisions of Iran, report in advance to the relevant Iranian authorities for approval. Related permission and formality documents are to be handled by DA-UN.

4. Archaeological reports, research results, etc. completed by the two parties shall be published in the joint name. Press reports cannot be released or published without the consent of both parties prior to the release and publication. When research results are published in Chinese academic journals or periodicals, the Chinese Party and individuals are put first; when published in Iranian academic journals or periodicals, the Iranian Party and individuals are put first; and when published in relevant international academic journals or periodicals, the order of authorship is to be determined according to the actual academic contributions of each party in the relevant researches.

5. The historical, cultural and archaeological relics unearthed in the joint excavation are the cultural heritages of Iran and belong to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

6. After the excavation, some important cultural relics will be shipped to China to hold an exhibition on the results of the joint excavation between China and Iran to publicize the progress of this project. The cultural relics will be returned to Iran after exhibition.

7. The results of the joint project and related information are not supposed to be disclosed to any third party for whatever purpose without the permission of both DHSSA-USTC and DA-UN.

IV. Obligations and Responsibilities of Both Parties

A. Obligations and Responsibilities of the Chinese Party

1. During the implementation of the project, the expenses of the Chinese team members during the excavation in Iran (including accommodation, transportation, food, and insurance fees), expert consulting fees, charges of technicians and workers, costs of on-site consuming materials, and possible compensation fees for the land-owners should be borne by DHSSA-USTC. In the follow-up study, the costs of specimen analyzing, examining, authenticating and testing that must be done outside Iran will be borne by the Chinese Party.

2. When conducting excavation and relevant research work in Iran, members of the archaeological team of University of Science and Technology of China should respect the historical and traditional culture of the Iranian people.

3. The costs of publishing the joint archaeological report, related academic papers and books in China is under the responsibility of DHSSA-USTC.

4. DHSSA-USTC will provide research facilities for scholars from DA-UN who come to DHSSA-USTC for cooperative research, and the relevant formalities and procedures will be handled by the DHSSA-USTC as well.

5. Costs of transportation of cultural relics and travel expenses of escort staff arising

from the exhibition expressed in section III-6 shall be borne by DHSSA-USTC.

B. Obligations and Responsibilities of the Iranian Party

1. Before the joint excavation, DA-UN is responsible for negotiating with the authorities and the Iranian Research Institute of Cultural Heritage & Tourism (RICHT) for facilitating and obtaining the permit for the joint excavation, issuing the invitation to Chinese scholars involved in the joint excavation, helping them in the application of visas, and preparing other documents relevant to the project. It is also responsible for the registration and keeping of the unearthed relics, and for taking necessary measures to guarantee the security for the site, relics and the excavation staff from both sides. The inventory of the unearthed relics should be prepared in English and shared with the Chinese team.

2. DA-UN will bear the expenses of Iranian archaeologists during the implementation of the project and the costs of preservation and maintenance of the relics and sites after the excavation. It will also bear the costs of specimen analyzing, examining, authenticating and testing conducted in Iran in the follow-up studies.

3. DA-UN will issue the invitation to Chinese scholars involved in the joint excavation, help them in the application of visas, and prepare relevant to the project.

3. The costs of publishing the joint archaeological report and related academic papers and books in Iran is under the responsibility of DA-UN.

4. DA-UN will provide possible assistance in accommodation, food and transportation to the Chinese staff in conducting their excavation and research works in Iran.

V. Cooperation Time and Other Affairs

1. The actual working time of the joint project is from 1st November 2018 to 31st December 2021. One year can be extended if both parties deem it necessary. But the

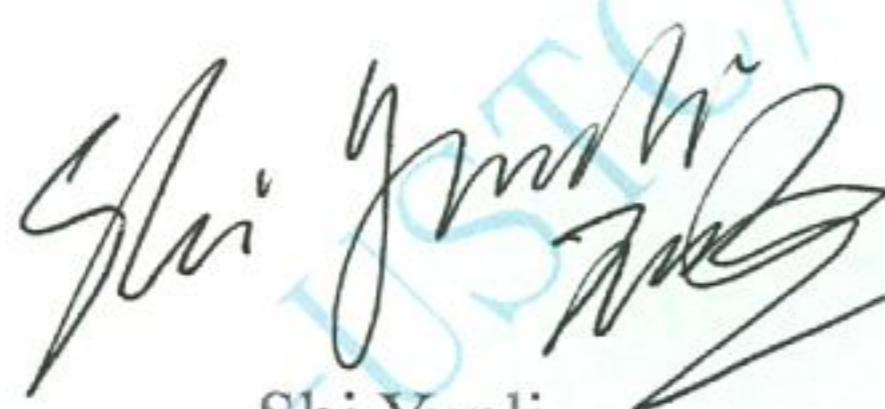
project cooperation will not be officially announced as being finished until the joint archaeological report and relevant books are published.

2. During the implementation of the project, each party is responsible for security control, accident handling, and relevant insurance for its own members, while the other party should provide necessary assistance and cooperation.

3. The joint archaeological work should be completed in February and March in the first quarter of the following year. If the work result is published in the form of academic papers and books, no less than 50 copies should be donated to the libraries and archives of the other party.

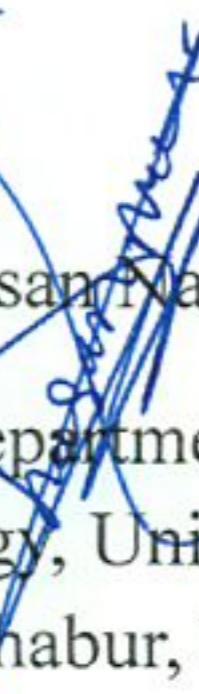
4. For anything not discussed in this agreement, both parties shall notify each other in the form of official letters, and the contents of the agreement can be added and modified after mutual consultation and consensus.

5. This agreement is signed on 25 June 2018 in two original copies in English. Each party keeps one copy. The agreement will take effect immediately after being signed by the leaders of both parties.



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