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## Partnership Agreement to Promote the Arts and Creativity in China

WASHINGTON – The International Child Art Foundation signed an Agreement with AKD Education Consulting (Beijing) Inc., authorizing AKD to represent the ICAF and to organize the Arts Olympiad in China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

The ICAF will also support development of annual art contests throughout China and to bring its “Innovation in Education” conference to China.

AKD will have exclusive license to organize the Arts Olympiad in China and to select the winners from each province, who will represent their respective provinces at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Children’s Festival to be held in Washington, DC in June 2015.

“With 260 million schoolchildren in China, the ICAF has a deep responsibility and we are pleased that AKD will help us fulfill this responsibility,” said Dr. Ashfaq Ishaq, ICAF Executive Chairman.

“We are delighted to be working with the ICAF to nurture the creativity of Chinese children. Creative education for children is the call of the twenty-first century,” said Dr. Francis Pang, Chairman of AKD and the Canadian International School of Beijing.

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### About the International Child Art Foundation

Since 1997, the ICAF has served as the national arts and creativity organization for American children. The ICAF is also the only international institution for arts and creativity of the world’s children. The ICAF organizes the Arts Olympiad, the world’s largest and most prestigious art program for children, and produces the World Children’s Festival every four years as the “Olympics” of children’s imagination and co-creation.

### About AKD Education Consulting (Beijing) Inc.

AKD operates the world class Canadian International School of Beijing (CISB) with IB programs including BCCSC, the first school recognized for being the first joint cooperation school for Chinese students to study a foreign program in China since 1997. CISB and CCSC have operated 11 schools and colleges across China and currently have 6 more schools and colleges set to open in 2014.