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### Visit of a delegation from the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law in the Athens University of Applied Sciences



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In the context of new initiatives of the **Athens University of Applied Sciences** (known under the abbreviation “T.E.I. of Athens” / TEIA) to establish innovative education and research networks with foreign academic institutions, following the invitation of the TEI Rector, Ms Venetikou, a high level delegation from the **Shanghai University of Political Science and Law** visited Greece for the first time in September 2017. Among other meetings, the delegation met with the Rector and members of the Department of Business Administration on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2017. The Shanghai University of Political Science and Law is one of the largest public universities in China, specializing inter alia in the fields of law, political science, sociology and social administration.

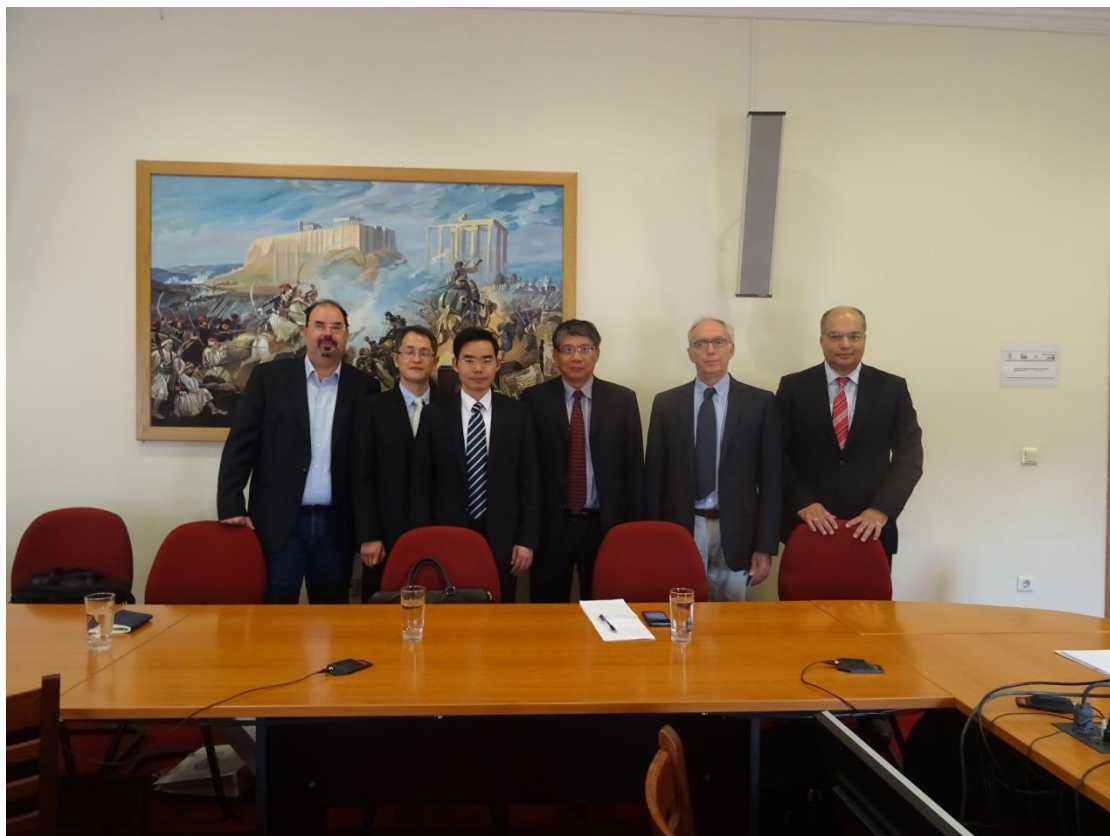
The discussions of the two academic institutions focused on cooperation in education and research areas of mutual interest, building on the initiatives of the Government of the People's Republic of China (China National Institute for SCO International Exchange and Judicial Cooperation), the European Union (3<sup>rd</sup> EU-China Innovation Co-operation Dialogue) and other International Organizations.

At the same time, the Chinese delegation participated in a working meeting with scientific staff from the **Unit of Health and Social Welfare Management** (<http://www.teiath.gr/sdo/dmvp/articles.php?id=2008&lang=en>) in the **Business Administration Department**. During an open exchange of academic views, both parties identified common issues of mutual interest and agreed to work together for the compilation of a Memorandum of Cooperation in three key areas:

**Social Housing** (the TEIA has been the first Academic Partner of the HOUSING EUROPE - The European Federation of Public, Cooperative & Social Housing network since September 2016, while Prof. Amitsis represent the University in the relevant board and was elected Vice-Chair of the Working Group for Housing Systems in Transition);

**Social Economy and Social Entrepreneurship** (the TEIA was the main partner of the Central Mechanism for the Support of the Development and Promotion of Social Cooperative Enterprises and, more broadly, the initiatives of the Social Economy in Greece);

**Social Administration and Policy** (the TEIA operates since the academic year 2015-2016 a high-demand Masters Programme for professionals in health and welfare settings).



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