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Cheng Jianping Leads Delegation to Visit Hong Kong and Macao, China

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Cheng Jianping, Secretary of the Party Committee of Beijing Normal University (BNU), led a delegation to visit Hong Kong and Macao from November 12-17. During the trip, they paid courtesy visits to the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong S.A.R., Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao S.A.R., and the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR). They also visited educational institutions such as The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK), Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), and the University of Macau (UM). In addition, they paid a call on the Fung Sun Kwan Chinese Arts Foundation, the Fung Sun Kwan Chinese Arts Foundation, as well as entrepreneurs and friendly individuals from Hong Kong and Macao who support the development of BNU. They also held discussions with representatives of BNU's alumni in Hong Kong and Macao. The delegation members included heads of the School of Arts & Communication, Party Committee/President's Office, Alumni Association, Education Foundation, and Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs Office at BNU.

Cheng Jianping and his delegation visited the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Kong Kong S.A.R. (LOCPG HK) and Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao S.A.R. on November 14 and 16 respectively. They engaged in extensive discussions with Luo Yonggang, Deputy Director of the LOCPG HK, and Yan Zhichan, Deputy Director of the LOCPG MO, covering



Visit to EdUHK

areas such as nurturing patriotic talents who love Hong Kong/Macao, exploring new models for teacher education and training, and driving education development and technological innovation in the Greater Bay Area (GBA).

On the morning of November 13, the delegation visited EdUHK. They held a meeting with President Lee Chi Kin, Vice President Cheng May Hung, Vice President Chan Che Hin and others of EdUHK. The two sides engaged in in-depth discussions on teacher training and research collaboration. Cheng Jianping emphasized that as universities with significant influence on teacher education in both the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong, China, the two institutions should harness their strengths and actively explore new models for talent cultivation. The goal is to train more highly qualified and excellent faculty members, thus providing better service to the development of the GBA and the nation.

On the afternoon of the same day, the delegation visited Hong Kong Baptist University. A meeting

was held with the President and Vice-Chancellor of the university, Alexander Ping-kong Wai, and Vice-Presidents Lyu Aiping, Albert Chau, and Christine OW Chow, to have detailed discussions on student exchanges, disciplinary cooperation, research platform construction, and the development of Beijing Normal University-Hong Kong Baptist University United International College (UIC). As part of the meeting, the two parties conducted an exchange ceremony for the "Academic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement between BNU and HKBU."



Visit to HKBU

On the morning of November 17, the delegation paid a visit to the Gabinete da Secretária para os Assuntos Sociais e Cultura (GSASC). They had a meeting with Ao Ieong U, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR), and Gong Zhiming, Director of the Education and Youth Development Bureau of Macao SAR Government. Ms. Ao Ieong U expressed the hope for closer collaboration and communication with BNU in areas such as teacher training, improving teachers' qualifications, and joint research. Mr. Cheng briefed the participants on the learning and development of BNU's students from Macao and engaged in discussions with them on topics such as innovative educational mechanisms, enhancing the quality of teacher training in Macao, and promoting the establishment of a closer university community with higher education institutions in Macao.

On the morning of the same day, the delegation visited the University of Macau. They had extensive



Visit to the GSASC

discussions with Rector Song Yonghua on bolstering collaboration between the two universities in various areas, including teacher education, technological innovation, and joint talent development. In addition, they exchanged ideas on jointly building a premier university cluster in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and advancing educational development and technological innovation in the GBA.



Visit to the University of Macau

During the stay in Hong Kong and Macao, Cheng made the time to visit alumni and engage in an amiable conversation. He shared updates on the university's recent developments, such as the implementation of the "targeted teacher training plan," the steadfast efforts in building "a first-class university and disciplines of the world," the establishment of a new educational pattern known as "one body, two wings," and the comprehensive alignment with major national strategies. The alumni felt a deep sense of pride in the school's accomplishments and expressed sincere gratitude for the meticulous cultivation and robust support from the alma mater. They pledged to actively contribute their efforts towards the growth of BNU.

Cheng conveyed his gratitude to the alumni for their concern and support in the development of BNU. He urged alumni from Hong Kong and Macao to serve as vital links between the mainland and Hong Kong/Macao, making positive contributions to the construction of the GBA and the country's development.

The delegation also paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Niu Gensheng, the founder of the Lao Niu Foundation, Ms.



Meeting with Macao alumni

Pau Chun-ping, Chairperson of the Fung Sun Kwan Chinese Arts Foundation, as well as generous patrons and respected figures from the Hong Kong and Macao regions who have long been supportive of BNU's growth. They engaged in extensive discussions on collaborations in areas such as teacher training, youth education, youth exchanges between the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong/Macao, and the promotion of Chinese culture.



Group photo at the symposium for Hong Kong alumni

Ma Jun Leads Delegation on Exchange Visits to Italy and the United Kingdom

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A delegation, led by BNU President Ma Jun, embarked on exchange visits to Italy and the United Kingdom from November 19 to 26. During their tour, the delegation visited several colleges and universities such as the University of Macerata (UniMC), University College London (UCL), the University of Manchester, Cardiff University, and the University of Oxford. The aim of these visits was to bolster cooperation in areas such as talent training and

scientific research. Also, they paid courtesy visits to the Chinese Embassy in the UK, the Consulate General of China in Manchester, and the Rhodes Trust, and held discussions with BNU alumni representatives in the UK. The Relevant persons in charge from the Faculty of Psychology, School of International Chinese Language Education, College of Life Sciences, Research Institute, Human Resources, and Office of International Exchange & Cooperation also joined the delegation.

On November 21, Ma Jun and his delegation visited the Chinese Embassy in the UK, where they were warmly welcomed by Ambassador Zheng Zeguang. Mr. Zheng briefed them on the Sino-British exchanges, as well as the situations of Chinese students studying in the UK. He fully acknowledged the significant role of educational exchanges in advancing China-UK relations and expressed high hopes for the BNU delegation to actively contribute in fostering mutual understanding and furthering bilateral cooperation between universities in China and the UK. Ma shared the objectives of the visit to the UK and provided an overview of BNU's exchanges with the UK. He expressed BNU's commitment to leveraging its strengths in actively advancing people-to-people exchanges between China and the UK, and contributing to the promotion of educational cooperation between the two nations. On November 22, the delegation paid a visit to the Consulate General of China in Manchester, where they had a fruitful exchange of views with Consul General Tang Rui on driving educational exchanges and cooperation between Chinese and British universities.

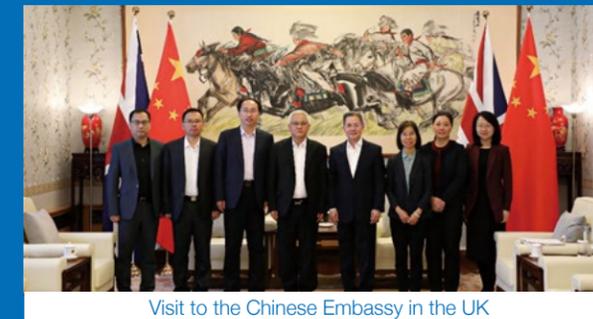
On November 20, the delegation visited UniMC, where they met with UniMC Rector John Mc Court, and Deputy Rector Catia Giacconi. John introduced the history and academic development of the university, expressing a high level of importance and value placed on the relationship with BNU. Ma Jun briefed on BNU's academic features, the "one body, two wings" education framework, and the development of Jingshi Academy. He commended the extensive collaboration between the two institutions over the years. The two sides expressed their mutual desire for comprehensive cooperation in areas such as talent nurturing, language and cultural exchange, and scientific research. During



Visit to UniMC

their visit, the delegation also toured the Confucius Institute at UniMC, where they had an opportunity to meet with our students and teachers.

On November 21, the delegation visited UCL. They met with Dr. Michael Spence, UCL President & Provost, and Professor Li Wei, Director and Dean of IOE, UCL's Faculty of Education and Society, and others. The two sides discussed cooperation in life sciences, neuroscience and other fields, exploring the feasibility of joint scientific research. They also exchanged ideas on organizing international academic conferences, conducting teacher education programs, promoting teacher exchanges, and collaborating on talent development. Furthermore, the visiting delegation held extensive discussions with the heads of the Faculty of Education and Sociology, the Division of Psychology and Language Sciences, and the Knowledge Lab at UCL, as well as experts



Visit to the Chinese Embassy in the UK



Visit to the Consulate General of China in Manchester

in the related fields. They exchanged insights on interdisciplinary research, language learning and cross-cultural communication, special education, and the psychology and education of preschool children.



Visit to UCL

On November 22, the delegation paid a visit to the University of Manchester, where they had a fruitful meeting with President and Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dame Nancy Rothwell and Vice-President Prof. Fiona Devine. According to Prof. Rothwell, the University of Manchester values its collaboration with BNU. She suggested the implementation of joint practical courses, promotion of student exchanges, organization of academic conferences, and collaboration in areas of shared interest. Ma Jun reviewed the history of collaboration between the two universities and the fruitful achievements they have made. He introduced BNU's "one body, two wings" development strategy, talent development, and international research cooperation. Ma expressed the desire to deepen the existing collaboration and explore new areas of cooperation. During the visit, the delegation held discussions with the heads of the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health. Ma Jun and his team also visited the Confucius Institute at the university and met with BNU's students and teachers there.

On November 23, the delegation led by Ma Jun visited Cardiff University. They held a meeting with President and Vice-Chancellor Prof. Wendy Larner



Visit to the University of Manchester

and Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rudolf Allemann, among others. Ma reviewed the extensive collaborations between the two institutions in various disciplines, including psychology, physics, life sciences, education, and Chinese language studies. He provided an overview of BNU's recent developments, with a special focus on teaching and research at the Zhuhai campus. He also pointed out the broad prospects for collaboration based on the Zhuhai campus, expressing the hope that both sides could expand into new cooperative domains. There was a thorough exchange of ideas between both parties regarding research collaboration, interdisciplinary studies, and the development of research platforms. During the visit, the delegation engaged in discussions with the heads of numerous colleges, schools and departments at Cardiff University, including the Cardiff-China Joint College for Chinese Studies, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Physical Sciences and Engineering, College of Biomedical and Life Sciences, School of Computer Science and Informatics, School of Earth



Visit to Cardiff University



Visit to Regent's Park College, University of Oxford

and Environmental Sciences, School of Psychology, Centre for China Business Research, and Summer School Project Cooperation Department.

On November 24, the delegation visited Regent's Park College, University of Oxford. They had a meeting with The Principal Prof. Sir Malcolm Evans, who reflected upon the cooperative accomplishments between the two universities in various areas, including the Mo Yan International Writing Centre, student and faculty exchanges, high-level academic dialogues, and counselor training. Ma acknowledged the collaboration between BNU and the University of Oxford in disciplines such as literature, philosophy, psychology, linguistics, and more. Both sides indicated their determination to reflect on the past, envision the future, and further collaborate in areas such as talent development, hosting academic forums, conducting scientific research, and fostering creative writing.

Following that, the delegation visited the Rhodes Trust, where they had friendly exchanges with Dr. Elizabeth Kiss, CEO of the Rhodes Trust and President of Rhodes College. Dr. Elizabeth presented the history and operational model of the Rhodes Scholarship and expressed the intention to establish close connections with Chinese universities, including BNU. Ma Jun briefed on BNU's campus construction, disciplinary development, and student cultivation, with the anticipation that outstanding BNU students would receive support from the Rhodes Scholarship to pursue



Visit to the Rhodes Trust

further studies at the University of Oxford.

During the visit, the delegation organized an overseas talent promotion event at the University of Oxford on November 24. They had direct interactions with close to one hundred young scholars and sincerely invited exceptional young talent to return and work in China. On November 25, the delegation engaged in a conversation with BNU alumni representatives in London. They presented an update on BNU's 120th anniversary, disciplinary expansion, talent cultivation, and the development of the "one body, two wings" school running pattern. The alumni expressed deep pride in the recent achievements of their alma mater, BNU, and extended gratitude for the education, care, and support they received. They pledged to closely follow and strongly support the development of the university, making positive contributions to fostering Sino-British exchanges.



A discussion was held with a number of BNU alumni in the UK.

Wang Shoujun Joins 13th Forum for Japanese and Chinese University Presidents and Leads Delegation for Visits to Universities in Japan and South Korea

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Invited by the organizers, Wang Shoujun, member of University Council, Vice President, and Director of Administrative Committee of Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai, traveled to Japan from November 26 to December 2 to participate in the 13th Forum for Japanese and Chinese University Presidents and delivered a keynote speech. As part of his official visit to Japan and South Korea, Wang led a delegation to the Chinese Consulate General in Osaka, Japan. Furthermore, he embarked on visits to J. F. Oberlin University and Yamaguchi University in Japan, as well as Yonsei University and Korea University in South Korea. In addition, he held meetings with representatives from Kyoto University, Kanazawa University, and Osaka University in Japan, and engaged in an insightful conversation with representatives of BNU's alumni based in Japan. The leaders from the Office of the BNU Zhuhai Leading Group, the Greater Bay International Business School, the School of Economics and Business Administration, and the BNU Zhuhai International Office, accompanied him during the visits.

On November 29, the 13th Forum for Japanese and Chinese University Presidents opened with the presence and speeches of Wu Jianghao, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to



Group photo at the 13th Forum for Japanese and Chinese University Presidents

Japan, and Masaaki Saijo, Chief Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan. Teruo Fujii, President of the University of Tokyo, and Mitsuo Ochi, President of Hiroshima University, also addressed the forum respectively. During the conference, the university presidents from China and Japan delved into lively discussions on the theme of "Diversity and Integration: The Required Talents and Higher Education in the Future" and shared thoughts and experiences on important topics, such as "Utilization of ICT in New University Education" and "Challenges for Climate Change and Global Issues." Wang Shoujun delivered a keynote speech entitled "Beijing Normal University's Practice in Coping with Global Climate Change and

Promoting Sustainable Development." Drawing on the educational context and unique characteristics of BNU, he shared the university's valuable practices and efforts in advancing global sustainable development.

On November 30, the delegation met with Consul General Xue Jian and staff from the Education Department at the Chinese Consulate General in Osaka, Japan. The visit was conducted as part of the delegation's itinerary. Xue warmly greeted the visiting delegation, and expressed gratitude for the ongoing contributions made by BNU to educational exchanges between China and Japan. Wang Shoujun stated that BNU will continue to uphold its strengths in teacher education and the "one body, two wings" approach to education. By actively fostering educational and cultural exchanges with Japanese universities, the university aims to better serve the national development strategy.

On November 27, the delegation visited J. F. Oberlin University, where they were welcomed by Yoshiro Tanaka, Vice President of J. F. Oberlin University, and Lei Haitao, Dean of the Graduate School. During the visit, the delegation also toured the Tokyo Sakura Center of the School of Economics and Business Administration of BNU and had in-depth discussions regarding the advancement of collaborative efforts, including the implementation of the MBA "2+1" program.



Wang Shoujun and his delegation visited J. F. Oberlin University

On the morning of November 28, the delegation visited Yamaguchi University, where they were greeted by Yamaguchi University President Tanizawa Yukio and Vice President Dr. Ge Qi-Wei. During the meeting, both parties signed a memorandum of cooperation and a student exchange agreement, and held discussions on furthering collaboration in various domains.



Wang Shoujun and his delegation visited Yamaguchi University and signed a memorandum of cooperation and a student exchange agreement

On the afternoon of November 28 during the Forum for Japanese and Chinese University Presidents, the delegation held talks with Kyoto University, Kanazawa University, and Osaka University respectively. Kyoto University Vice President Yasuyuki Kono, Kanazawa University President Wada Takashi, and Osaka University Vice President Tanaka Manabu were among the officials who held discussions with the delegation. Wang Shoujun provided an overview of the "one body, two wings" educational advantages of BNU, as well as its innovative initiatives in teaching, scientific research,



Wang Shoujun and his delegation held talks with Kyoto University

and talent training. He expressed his keenness to foster higher-level and wider-ranging exchanges and collaborations with Japanese universities.



Wang Shoujun and his delegation held talks with Kanazawa University



Wang Shoujun and his delegation held talks with Osaka University

On the morning of December 1, the delegation visited Yonsei University and met with Yonsei University Vice President Kim Eun-kyung and Director Kim Hyun-cheol of China Research Institute. The two parties reviewed the solid foundation for collaboration between BNU's School of International Chinese Education, School of Chinese Language and Literature, and the Department of Chinese Language and Literature at Yonsei University. They explored



Wang Shoujun and his delegation visited Yonsei University

possibilities for expanding cooperation in various areas in the upcoming phase.

On the afternoon of December 1, the delegation visited Korea University and met with Sang Kee Song, Vice President at Korea University, and Sang Yong Kim, Dean of the Business School. During the meeting, both sides looked back on the strong cooperative foundation that had been established between the two universities and delved into detailed discussions regarding the potential for collaboration in the business domain.



Wang Shoujun and his delegation visited Korea University

While visiting Japan, the delegation took the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Beijing Normal University Alumni Association in Japan and participated in a candid dialogue session organized by the alumni association, fostering meaningful and enthusiastic conversations with the attending alumni. Wang Shoujun briefed the alumni on the progress of BNU in its journey to become a world-class institution and provided updates on the recent developments of the Zhuhai campus. He expressed gratitude to the alumni for their contributions to the China-Japan friendship exchanges and extended a warm welcome to all overseas alumni, encouraging them to visit and engage with their alma mater regularly.

The Forum for Japanese and Chinese University Presidents, jointly initiated by Peking University and the University of Tokyo in 2000, is a significant biennial conference that serves as a vital platform for communication and



Wang Shoujun and his delegation had an informal talk with alumni in Japan

exchange between higher education institutions in China and Japan. The 13th forum was hosted by Hiroshima University with the theme of "Diversity

and Integration: The Required Talents and Higher Education in the Future." The conference witnessed the participation of over 160 representatives from 18 Chinese universities including Peking University, Beijing Normal University, Fudan University, Zhejiang University, and Sun Yat-sen University, as well as 19 Japanese universities including the University of Tokyo, Kyoto University, Osaka University, and Nagoya University, alongside relevant organizations in Japan such as the Japan Student Services Organization and the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education.

Liu Changxu Participates in 2023 Bilateral Council Meeting and Academic Forum of Sino-Russian Education University Alliance

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The "2023 Bilateral Council Meeting and Academic Forum," hosted by the Sino-Russian Education University Alliance and organized by Shaanxi Normal University (SNNU), was held on November 30 in a combination of online and offline formats. The forum, themed "Digital Transformation and Classroom Teaching Reform," was attended by university leaders, experts, scholars, and heads from the relevant international offices of the 22 member

institutions of the Sino-Russian Education University Alliance. Liu Changxu, Vice President of Beijing Normal University, attended the opening ceremony of the alliance's academic forum and presided over the bilateral council meeting.

On the afternoon of the 30th, Liu was present at the opening ceremony of the academic forum and delivered a speech representing the Chinese Secretariat,



Beijing Normal University. In his address, he extended his appreciation to the rotating institution, Shaanxi Normal University, and the Russian Secretariat, Moscow State Pedagogical University, for their diligent efforts. He highlighted that in recent years, there has been significant progress in talent development cooperation projects within the Sino-Russian Education University Alliance. The number of platforms for teacher-student interaction and exchange has grown exponentially, and the alliance has expanded its membership continuously. All this has made the alliance emerge as a crucial platform for educational and cultural exchanges between the two countries. Liu expressed his hope that the attending leaders, experts, and scholars would leverage new technologies and empower teacher education in the new era within the Sino-Russian Education University Alliance. He encouraged them to share profound insights and make new contributions to the

improvement of teacher education and the development of education science, not only between the two countries, but also globally.

The opening ceremony of the academic forum was presided over by SNNU President You Xuqun. Li Zhongjun, Secretary of the Party Committee of SNNU, Prof. Alexey Lubkov, Rector of Moscow State Pedagogical University, and Xi Ru, Level II Bureau Rank Official of Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, Ministry of Education, delivered speeches.

Following the opening ceremony, the forum proceeded with keynote presentations. The session was chaired by SNNU Vice President Dong Zhibao. Reports on the topic of "Digital Transformation and Classroom Teaching Reform" were delivered by Yang Yinfu, Vice President and Secretary-General of The Chinese Society of Education, Gu Hongliang, Vice President of East China Normal University,

Huang Ronghuai, Director of Smart Learning Institute of Beijing Normal University, and Oksana Viktorovna, Director of the Institute for the Development of Digital Education, Moscow State Pedagogical University. A dialogue and research seminar on subjects including "Teaching Transformation Supported by Digital Technologies" and "Professional Development of Teachers Supported by Digital Technologies" was conducted, with the participation of 12 experts and scholars from 11 alliance member universities.

On the evening of the 30th, the bilateral council meeting was convened, which was chaired by Liu Changxu, with the participation of university leaders and relevant heads from 22 alliance member institutions, both online and offline. Liu remarked that over the course of nine years, the Sino-Russian Education University Alliance has brought together leading normal universities from China and Russia. These member institutions have actively shared experiences, drawn inspiration from each other, and organized a range of internationally impactful flagship activities, thus forging a distinctive path of development. He pointed out that the alliance will celebrate its tenth anniversary next year, and he expects all member institutions to actively share their opinions and proposals during the council meeting. He



urged for extensive discussions on how the alliance can pursue innovation, unite efforts, and enhance its contribution to cultural exchanges between China and Russia.



At the bilateral council, Dong Zhibao, speaking on behalf of the current rotating institution SNNU, delivered an address and provided a work report. Representatives from nine alliance member universities engaged in interactive discussions and offered their perspectives. Chen Tong, Vice President of the newly admitted member institution Xinjiang Normal University, expressed his thoughts. The rotational responsibilities were transitioned from SNNU to

Southwest University, with Prof. Alexey Lubkov concluding the session with a summary speech.

Backed by the robust support from the education ministries of China and Russia, the Sino-Russian Education University Alliance was founded in April 2014. The alliance's secretariat is jointly based at Beijing Normal University and Moscow State Pedagogical University. Since its inception with 12 member institutions, the alliance has expanded and now includes 22

member schools. In addition to the two secretariat units, the Chinese member institutions include East China Normal University, Northeast Normal University, Central China Normal University, Shaanxi Normal University, Southwest University, Jiangsu Normal University, Jiangxi Normal University, South China Normal University, and Xinjiang Normal University. The Russian member institutions consist of Herzen State Pedagogical University, Armavir State Pedagogical University, Blagoveshchensk State Pedagogical University, Moscow City University, Naberezhnye Chelny State Pedagogical University, Minin Nizhny Novgorod State Pedagogical University, Novosibirsk State Pedagogical University, Tomsk State Pedagogical University, Chechen State Pedagogical University, South Ural State Humanitarian Pedagogical University, and Yaroslavl State Pedagogical University.



The Final of the 2023 "French Science Festival – My Thesis in 3 Minutes" Competition Held at BNU

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On November 15, the final of the 2023 "French Science Festival – My Thesis in 3 Minutes" competition was held at Yingdong Academic Hall of Beijing Normal University. The event was organized by the French Embassy in China and co-organized by Beijing Normal University with the support of the

Ministry of Education of China. Mr. Chen Jie, Vice Minister of Education of China, Mr. Ma Jun, President of Beijing Normal University, and Mr. Bertrand Lortholary, Ambassador of France to China, attended the opening ceremony and delivered speeches. Mo Yan, Nobel Laureate in

Literature and Director of the International Writing Centre of Beijing Normal University, Chen Wei, Deputy Director General of the Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges of the Ministry of Education of China, Wang Ming, Vice President of Beijing Normal University, and Nicolas Pillere,



Minister-Counselor for Cultural, Educational and Scientific Affairs of the Embassy of France in Beijing, and other guests attended the event.

During the final round, eight contestants presented their research topics in Chinese or French in three minutes, covering a wide range of fields such as language and literature, physics, architecture, biology, geology and so on. The judging panel consisted of six intramural and extramural experts. After a fierce competition, the "Best Eloquence Award", "Best Science Popularization Award", "Sino-French Ties Award" and "Most Popular Award" were presented respectively. Mr. Wang Ming, Vice President of BNU, and Mr. Marc DAUMAS, presented the prizes to the winners.

During the intermission, students from the Beijing Normal

event, expressed their gratitude to the contestants for their wonderful performances and the staff for their long-term preparations. The competition came to an end with warm applause.

The 2023 "French Science Festival – My Thesis in 3 Minutes" competition is a significant event based on the "Sino-French high-level dialogue mechanism on people-to-people exchanges". The competition invited doctoral students in various fields to present their research topics in Chinese or French in 180 seconds through engaging stories and plain expressions. Since its launch in July this year, the competition has attracted more than 50 contestants from all over the country, and finally 8 contestants from 5 divisions (Beijing, Guangzhou, Chengdu, Shanghai, Shenyang) made it to the final.

University Student Art Troupe gave a wonderful performance for the audience.

At the end of the competition, the Chairman of the Jury, Liu Min, Deputy Director of International Exchange and Cooperation Department of Beijing Normal University and Xavier ANTOINE, Science and Technology Attaché of the French Embassy in Beijing, on behalf of the organizers of the



Prime Minister James Marape of Papua New Guinea Visits BNU and Delivers Speech

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Prime Minister James Marape of Papua New Guinea, along with a delegation, paid a visit to Beijing Normal University on the morning of October 17. During the visit, he delivered a speech.

Prior to the speech, Prime Minister Marape had a meeting with Wu Yan, Vice Minister of Education, and Ma



Jun, President of Beijing Normal University. The meeting was attended by Ambassador Zeng Fanhua of China to Papua New Guinea, Zhou Zuoyu, BNU Vice President, and Chen Dali, Deputy Director General of Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, Ministry of Education, and others. On behalf of the Ministry of Education, Wu Yan extended a



warm welcome to Prime Minister Marape and his delegation. He affirmed that China and Papua New Guinea are excellent friends, reliable partners, and close brothers, echoing the sentiment expressed by General Secretary Xi Jinping. Throughout the years, the bilateral ties between China and Papua New Guinea have flourished, showcasing fruitful outcomes in the realm of education cooperation. During their visit to Papua New Guinea in August, Huai Jinpeng, Minister of Education, and the delegation worked towards achieving significant progress in educational exchange and cooperation between the two nations. In the presence of the two Prime Ministers, the Ministers of

Education from both nations signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on educational cooperation during this visit. The signing of the MOU between BNU and the University of Goroka (UOG) marks a crucial milestone in the practical collaboration between educational institutions. Moving forward, it is anticipated that both sides will create opportunities for collaboration in areas such as vocational education, higher education, and digital education, facilitating increased channels for youth exchanges and understanding. This will further drive educational cooperation and cultural exchanges between the two countries.



Prime Minister Marape expressed his sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Education of China and BNU. He expressed his delight in visiting BNU and witnessing the signing of an MOU between BNU and the UOG. He holds high expectations for the collaboration and welcomes more visits from Chinese universities to Papua New Guinea. He expressed his hope for continued encouragement from the two governments to educational institutions to enhance communication and cooperation. Furthermore, he called for increased support in areas such as Chinese language education and personnel exchanges,



aiming to advance the development of bilateral relations through sincere interactions.

Ma Jun, on behalf of the university, warmly welcomed Prime Minister Marape and conveyed gratitude to the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China for their active efforts in facilitating Prime Minister Marape's visit. He highlighted that BNU regards international exchange and cooperation as a top priority. The visit of Prime Minister Marape is expected to further propel the collaboration between China and Papua New Guinea in the realm of higher education. This visit will infuse new vigor

into the exchange and cooperation between BNU and Papua New Guinean universities. BNU is committed to actively harnessing its disciplinary advantages to strengthen the bilateral exchange and cooperation efforts.

Witnessed by Prime Minister Marape and other esteemed guests, President Ma Jun and Chancellor Teng Waninga as representatives of BNU and the UOG respectively, ceremoniously entered into an MOU, solidifying the collaborative partnership between the two universities.

Subsequently, Prime Minister Marape gave a keynote speech at the lecture hall of Ying Tung Academic Centre. The event was hosted by Zhou Zuoyu and attended by over 150 representatives, including faculty, students, and heads of various departments of the university. Mr. Wu Yan, as well as several prominent Papua New



Guinean politicians and Ambassador Zeng Fanhua from the Chinese Embassy in Papua New Guinea, were in attendance at the speech.

Marape underscored the critical significance of education in the mutual engagement between countries. The successful signing of the MOU between the UOG and BNU signifies a crucial stride forward for Papua New Guinea in bolstering higher education and driving the advancement of its education system. He looks forward to the sustained strengthening of educational collaboration between the two nations.

In his speech, Marape expounded on the significance of environmental protection and sustainable development, applauding the remarkable achievements that China has made in the realm of environmental conservation and ecological improvement. He pointed out that the Earth is the only habitable planet in the observable universe, emphasizing that the protection of the Earth is a shared responsibility and duty for all of humanity. He called on people to adopt a sustainable lifestyle and protect the Earth, which is essential for human survival, and pass it on to future generations. He anticipates enhanced collaboration with countries worldwide, including

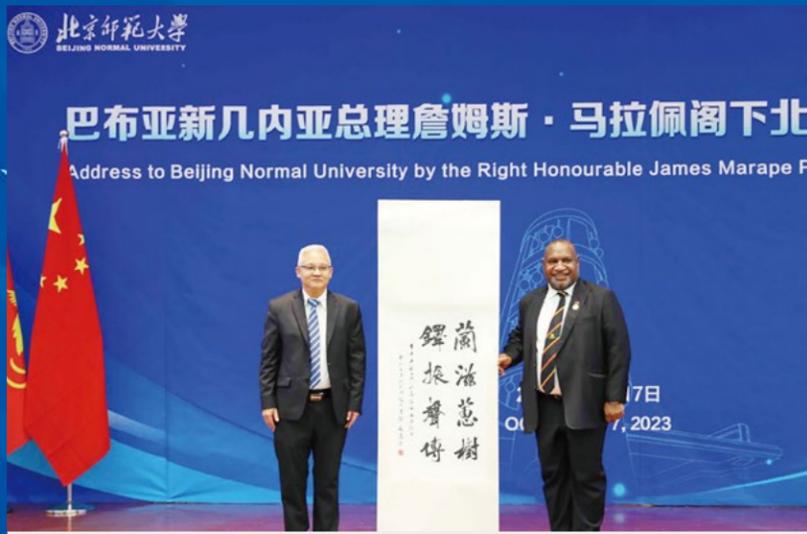
China, to conserve ecological resources, safeguard our home planet, and promote sustainable development for humanity.



Following the conclusion of the speech, Ma Jun presented Prime Minister Marape with a calligraphy artwork crafted by a student from our university.

Papua New Guinea is among the Pacific Island nations that established diplomatic ties with the People's Republic of China at an

early stage. It holds the distinction of being the first Pacific Island country to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation Plan for the joint contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative with China. Despite the vast ocean that separates China and Papua New Guinea, the friendly exchanges between the peoples of these two countries have a deep-rooted history. Beijing Normal University proactively heeds the national call, attaches great importance to South-South Cooperation, and utilizes its disciplinary advantages and diverse international cooperation platforms to conduct exchanges and cooperation with countries including Papua New Guinea. It actively contributes to the promotion of South-South Cooperation at higher and deeper levels.



Dame Caroline Wilson DCMG, British Ambassador to China, Pays Visit to Her Alma Mater BNU

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Ms. Caroline Wilson, British Ambassador to China and a distinguished alumna of Beijing Normal University, visited the alma mater on the afternoon of November 13. During her visit, she had the chance to revisit memories of her youthful years on campus and engage in a fruitful dialogue with faculty and students. BNU President Ma Jun and Vice President Zhou Zuoyu welcomed the distinguished guest in the main building, accompanied by Mo Yan, a Nobel Laureate and Director of the International Writing Centre, foreign expert Robert Walker from the School of Sociology, and Feng Liping, Dean of the School of International Chinese Language Education.



On behalf of BNU, Ma Jun warmly welcomed Ambassador Caroline Wilson back to the alma mater. He presented the successes of the university in areas including talent development, scientific research, social engagement, and international collaborations

achieved in the past few years. He emphasized that BNU has maintained a high level of openness to the outside world, engaging in a broad range of exchanges with British universities and research institutions. These exchanges have included student and faculty visits, collaborative research, and have spanned multiple disciplines such as education, psychology, geography, economics, journalism, and language and literature. The university has established a range of structured and long-term collaborative initiatives, such as the Oxford University-Mo Yan International Writing Centre and the Beijing Normal University-Cardiff Joint College

for Chinese Studies. He expressed the university's willingness to continue strengthening exchanges and cooperation with British institutions, aiming to promote reciprocal cultural exchange and understanding between China and the UK.

Ambassador Caroline shared her emotions of excitement and gratitude as she returned to the alma mater after 27 years. She expressed deep admiration for the notable accomplishments achieved during the university's process of development. Reminiscing about her time studying at the alma mater, she acknowledged that it laid a strong language foundation

for her and deepened her comprehension of Chinese culture, contributing immensely to her professional growth in the field of



diplomacy. She stressed that there is immense potential and promising prospects for Sino-British relations and educational exchanges. Beijing Normal University, in her view, stands as an outstanding representative in the academic field, and she looks forward to the university further deepening results-oriented cooperation with British universities and research institutions, thereby charting a new chapter in Sino-British educational collaboration.

Preceding the meeting, Ms. Caroline had an amicable discussion with Mo Yan and Robert Walker in the VIP room of the main building. They exchanged ideas regarding



the forthcoming Sino-British exchange activities scheduled to take place in the fields of literature and sociology next year.



In the symposium, Prof. Robert Walker, Director Xin Tao from the Collaborative Innovation Centre of



Assessment for Basic Education Quality, undergraduate student Wu Wenzhuo from the School of Mathematical Sciences who participated in a study exchange program at Oxford University,

and Han Lifu from the Beijing Normal University-Cardiff Joint College for Chinese Studies project all took turns sharing their experiences. The symposium saw the participation of over 40 individuals, including Deputy Dean Wang Jun from the Faculty of Psychology, Prof. Li Yunchao from the College of Chemistry, and a delegation of student representatives. Vice President Zhou chaired the event, with President Ma delivering the concluding remarks.

Ambassador Caroline Wilson showcased her calligraphy skills on-site, leaving behind a precious masterpiece for the alma mater—a phrase that translates to "ascending to greater heights."

As part of the visit, Ms. Caroline toured the campus grounds and paid a visit to the School of International Chinese Language Education, where she had pursued her studies. She made a courtesy call on her former mentors, Zhu Zhiping and Bai Quan, engaging in friendly conversations in Mandarin. She encouraged the younger students in the school to pursue knowledge earnestly and promote the reach of Chinese culture worldwide. The Beijing Normal University Student Art Troupe delivered a captivating performance of Chinese folk



music to entertain the guest.

Ambassador Caroline Wilson pursued her academic studies at the School of International Chinese Language Education of Beijing Normal University

from 1996 to 1997. She joined the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office in 1995 and assumed her role as the British Ambassador to the People's Republic of China starting from October 2020.



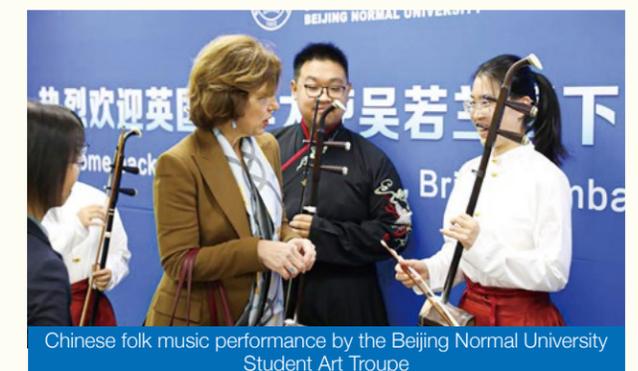
Campus tour



Visit to the School of International Chinese Language Education



Reconnecting with the mentors



Chinese folk music performance by the Beijing Normal University Student Art Troupe

Ma Jun Meets with Delegation of Newly Elected Members of 20th Council of Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers

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A delegation consisting of newly elected members of the 20th Council of Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers (HKFEW) paid a visit to Beijing Normal University on October 24. BNU President Ma Jun and Vice President Zhou Zuoyu held a meeting with the visiting guests, with participation from the heads of the Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs Office, the Department of Basic Education Development and Management at BNU, as well as the Second High School Attached to BNU, the Experimental Primary

School of Beijing Normal University, Beijing Normal University Kindergarten, the Asia-Pacific Experimental School of



Beijing Normal University, and the Sanfan Chaoyang School Attached to Beijing Normal University.

Ma Jun extended a warm welcome to the visiting delegation. He emphasized that BNU places a high value on collaboration with the education community in Hong Kong. With the foundation of the "one body, two wings" educational framework, the university gives full scope to its educational resources to facilitate meaningful exchanges with the Hong Kong education sector. This commitment aims to contribute actively to the development of



the Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the success of "one country, two systems." He stated that BNU is willing to closely collaborate with



the HKFEW in the present era. The university is committed to actively engaging in the training and development of primary and secondary school teachers in Hong Kong, while strengthening educational and cultural exchanges. These efforts are aimed at contributing to the cultivation of a high-quality educator workforce in Hong Kong and nurturing more talented individuals who love the country and Hong Kong.

Wong Kam-leung, Chairman of the HKFEW, sincerely thanked BNU for their unwavering and generous support to the education sector in Hong Kong. He shared essential aspects of the HKFEW's engagement in providing training for primary and secondary school teachers in Hong Kong. He conveyed a desire to leverage the

educational resources of BNU and foster more extensive and advanced educational exchange programs. This endeavor aims to enhance the professional competence of Hong Kong teachers and elevate the quality of education, making a greater collective contribution to educational development in both Beijing and Hong Kong.

During the meeting, productive conversations took place between the newly appointed council members of the HKFEW and Wang Hua, Principal of the Second High School Attached to BNU, Huang Shan, Principal of Beijing Normal University Kindergarten, heads of other school attached to BNU, as well as the head of the Department of Basic Education Development and Management at BNU. The discussions delved into topics such

as training programs for principals and teachers in primary, secondary schools, and kindergartens, collaboration between sister schools, patriotic education, and youth exchanges.

The Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers (HKFEW) is a prominent organization formed in 1975, representing supervisors, principals, teachers, and staff from various educational institutions including higher education, secondary schools, primary schools, and kindergartens. Its core mission is to unite education workers in Hong Kong, conduct educational research, facilitate the exchange of work experiences, drive educational development, advocate for the rights and interests of its members, and contribute to their overall welfare.

Université Paris Dauphine-PSL President and His Delegation Visit BNU

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Beijing Normal University received a visit from President Mouhoub El Mouhoub and Vice President Nicolas Berland of Université Paris Dauphine-PSL and their delegation on October 31. BNU President Ma Jun welcomed the guests in the main building, with Vice President Zhou Zuoyu in attendance.



Ma Jun extended a warm welcome to the visitors and highlighted the steady progress of Sino-French relations. He emphasized the positive role that exchange and cooperation in higher education have played in promoting economic and trade development, as well as facilitating cultural exchanges between the two countries. Université Paris Dauphine-PSL and Beijing Normal University have officially signed university-level agreements for broad cooperation and student exchange. The two universities are excited about the future prospects of expanding their collaboration in several fields, such as economics, management, law, mathematics, and foreign languages.

Mouhoub El Mouhoub provided an update on the progress of Université Paris Dauphine-PSL and shared

ideas for collaboration, including joint training programs, with BNU. Université Paris Dauphine-PSL values its partnership with China, and students and faculty from BNU are warmly welcome to participate in exchange visits to its campuses in Paris, London, and Tunisia



Following that, Zhou Zuoyu presided over talks between the two universities. He introduced BNU's global development strategy and the progress of the Zhuhai campus construction. He underscored the mutual dedication of both universities to establishing cross-

border, cross-sector mobility and integration, reflecting the concept of Intersivity. Both universities look forward to further deepening cooperation in various fields.

The talks saw the presence of Tang Zhongwei, Party Secretary of the School of Mathematical Sciences, He Ting, Associate Dean of the Law School, Zhou Jianghua, Director of the MBA Office of BNU Business School, and the responsible personnel from the Office of International Exchange & Cooperation.

Université Paris Dauphine-PSL, also known as Paris Dauphine University or Dauphine, was founded in 1968. It is dedicated to teaching and research in disciplines such as management science, accounting, law, finance, information technology,

mathematics, journalism, and corporate strategy. The university holds the distinction of being the first public institution in France to obtain EQUIS accreditation from the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) and is generally accepted as one of the top universities in France for economics and management. In 2010, Université Paris Dauphine merged with top French universities and research institutes such as École



normale supérieure, École des Mines de Paris, Institut de France, Centre national de la recherche scientifique, and Institut Curie to

form Paris Sciences et Lettres (PSL) University. In the 2024 QS World University Rankings, PSL is ranked 24th worldwide and first in France.

Rector of Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary and His Delegation Visit BNU

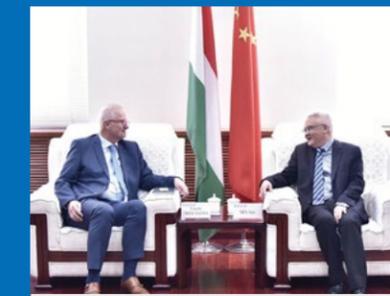
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Prof. Dr. Laszlo Trocsanyi, Rector of Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, led a delegation on a visit to Beijing Normal University on October 26. BNU President Ma Jun met with the guests in the main building, while Vice President Zhou Zuoyu was also present at the meeting.

Ma Jun warmly welcomed the delegation's visit and expressed BNU's strong commitment to promoting exchanges with Hungarian universities and research

institutions. He emphasized the university's willingness to enhance friendly relations with Hungarian partners and welcomed students from Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary to engage in academic exchanges and explore opportunities for collaboration in various fields.

Prof. Laszlo Trocsanyi expressed sincere gratitude for the warm reception from BNU and provided an overview of Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary. He highlighted their



university's utmost importance placed on internationalization, especially in fostering exchanges and partnerships with Chinese universities. He expressed eagerness for meaningful exchanges and strengthened collaboration between the two schools.



Later on, Zhou Zuoyu had a meeting with Prof. Laszlo Trocsanyi and the rest of the delegation. He briefed the visiting delegation on BNU's international exchange initiatives and the university's global development strategy. He emphasized the unique strategic significance of the friendly relationship between China and Hungary, as Hungary was the first European country to join the Belt and Road Initiative. He

expressed the hope that the two universities could establish more communication and cooperation in various fields such as law and literature.

Also participating in the meeting were Feng Liping, Dean of the School of International Chinese Language Education; Cai Hongbo, Associate Dean of Business School; He Dan, Associate Dean of Law

School; Yang Lihui, Associate Dean of the School of Chinese Language and Literature; as well as the responsible personnel from the Office of International Exchange & Cooperation at BNU.

Founded in 1993, Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary is located in Budapest, the capital of Hungary, with campuses also situated in Kecskemet and Debrecen. With a student population of around 8,600 and over 600 faculty and staff members, the university comprises five faculties: Faculty of Economics, Health Sciences and Social Studies; Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences; Faculty of Law; Faculty of Pedagogy; and Faculty of Theology.

Li Xiaobing Attends 8th Meeting of China-Central and Eastern European Countries Higher Education Institutions Consortium

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To enhance educational exchanges between China and Central and Eastern European countries and foster collaboration, Li Xiaobing, Deputy

Secretary of the Party Committee of Beijing Normal University, joined the Chinese delegation organized by the China Education Association for International

Exchange. He embarked on a visit to Romania and Greece, attending the 8th Meeting of China-Central and Eastern European Countries Higher Education Institutions

Consortium, along with the 2nd China-Romania Higher Education Rectors Forum and the 2nd China-Greece Higher Education Rectors Forum.

On October 30, the 8th Meeting of China-Central and Eastern European Countries Higher Education Institutions Consortium, along with the 2nd China-Romania Higher Education Rectors Forum, was held at Transilvania University of Braşov (UNITBV) in Romania. Over a hundred university leaders and representatives from 32 Chinese universities and 16 universities from Central and Eastern European countries attended the conference.

The focus of this meeting was on "Digital Transformation and Development of Higher Education." Li Xiaobing, as a representative of Chinese universities, gave a keynote address titled "Strive to Establish a Global Digital Education Exchange that is Open and Collaborative". He also invited the foreign universities on behalf of BNU to become members of the World Digital Education Alliance.



Li Xiaobing delivered a keynote speech at the 8th Meeting of China-Central and Eastern European Countries Higher Education Institutions Consortium.



Li Xiaobing, representing the universities, gave a presentation during the symposium with the Chinese ambassador to Romania.

On October 31, Ambassador Han Chunlin, stationed in Romania, had a meeting and conducted a symposium with the Chinese delegation. Li Xiaobing, representing the universities, shared the outcomes of the visit to Romania. Ambassador Han gave full recognition to the results of the exchange and expressed special attention and support for the promotion of the World Digital Education Alliance, stating his intention to facilitate its publicity efforts.

The delegation traveled to Greece on November 1 to attend the 2nd China-Greece Higher Education Sectors Forum, where representatives from 18 Greek universities and Chinese universities, totaling nearly a hundred attendees, joined the conference. During the event, Li Xiaobing engaged in extensive exchanges with university leaders and relevant experts from Greece.

The China-Central and Eastern European Countries Higher Education Institutions Consortium, established in 2014, serves as a crucial platform to promote collaboration

between Chinese and Central and Eastern European universities. Since its establishment, the consortium has held eight meetings in various locations, including China, Poland, Serbia, and Romania. Involved in the development of the consortium, BNU plays an active role as a member institution. At the fifth meeting of the consortium in 2018, Beijing Normal University, the University of Novi Sad, and NetDragon Websoft joined forces to sign a cooperation memorandum, establishing "a joint virtual laboratory for future education." The collaboration aimed to foster mutual growth in research, innovation, technology, and other areas between China and Central and Eastern European countries. The year 2021 witnessed the establishment of ten discipline communities in economics, law, education, literature, history, science, engineering, medicine, agriculture, life sciences, and applied technology during the seventh meeting of the consortium. These communities were initiated by ten leading domestic universities respectively, with BNU taking the lead in establishing the education discipline community.

Delegation Led by Vice President of University of Arizona Visits BNU

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A delegation led by Vice President Jenny Lee and Associate Vice President Charles Wang from the University of Arizona visited Beijing Normal University on the afternoon of October 13. BNU Vice President Zhou Zuoyu hosted a meeting with the guests, which was attended by responsible officials from the Faculty of Psychology, Law School, and Office of International Exchange & Cooperation.

The visit of the delegation was met with a warm welcome by Zhou Zuoyu, who introduced them to BNU's history, key academic

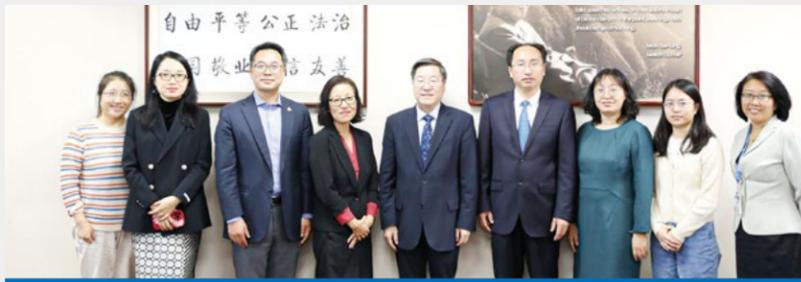
disciplines, and international exchange programs. In-depth discussions were held with the guests on talent development and international cooperation in research. The leaders from the Faculty of Psychology and Law School gave presentations on the progress of their disciplines and engaged in consultations about potential areas of collaboration.

Jenny Lee extended her thanks to BNU and provided insights into the growth of the University of Arizona. She underscored her strong eagerness for enhancing mutual exchanges between the two universities, particularly in the areas



of psychology, education, and law, aiming to foster deeper cooperation.

University of Arizona, established in 1885, is a flagship public institution and the first comprehensive university in the state of Arizona. It is renowned as a world-class research university and holds a prominent position among the esteemed "Public Ivies" in the United States. The university excels in disciplines including engineering, anthropology, sociology, philosophy, and law, consistently ranking among the best in the nation. With three Nobel laureates and two Pulitzer Prize winners among its faculty, the University of Arizona boasts remarkable achievements.



Vice President of Rutgers University Leads Delegation to Visit BNU

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A four-member delegation, led by Eric Garfunkel, Vice President of Rutgers University, visited Beijing Normal University on the afternoon of October 31. BNU Vice President Zhou Zuoyu held a reception for the visitors in the main building.

Eric Garfunkel and his delegation were warmly welcomed by Zhou Zuoyu. During the meeting, Zhou introduced the historical evolution and key academic disciplines of BNU, emphasizing the significant accomplishments in talent

development and international cooperation in recent years. The leaders and faculty representatives from the School of Foreign Languages and Literature, the School of International Chinese Language Education, and the School of Mathematical Sciences provided detailed updates on the progress of their disciplines.

Eric Garfunkel extended his gratitude to BNU and gave an overview of Rutgers University, expressing his sincere desire to foster further communication and

cooperation in various academic fields between the two universities.

Dating back to 1766, Rutgers University is a public research university and a member of the Association of American Universities, a consortium of



the nation's leading public and private research universities in North America. It is widely hailed as a "Public Ivy" university in American society. In the 2023 U.S. News & World Report ranking for best national universities, Rutgers University secured the 55th spot.

Delegation from Malaysian Ministry of Education and Its Affiliated Institutions Pay Visit to BNU

Article source: Office of International Exchange & Cooperation, Assets Management Co., Ltd of Beijing Normal University | Release date: 2023-11-28

Beijing Normal University welcomed a delegation from the current Malaysian Ministry of Education, including Mohd Khair Ngadiron, Director of the Malaysia National Book Council, and Adibah Omar, CEO of Perbadanan Kota Buku, on November 26. BNU Vice President

development and international cooperation in publishing. He expressed the desire for both parties to leverage the milestone of the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two nations next year as a catalyst for enhanced communication and mutually beneficial contributions to educational cooperation.

Deputy Director of the Institute of Vocational and Adult Education, Faculty of Education, along with Rao Tao and Luan Xuedong, Deputy Chief Editors of Beijing Normal University Publishing Group, presented reports on the development of vocational education in China and the construction of



Wang Ming met with the guests in BNU's main building, with the presence of Lyu Jiansheng, Chairman of Beijing Normal University Publishing Group and others.

The arrival of the guests was greeted with a warm welcome by Wang Ming, who offered a succinct account of BNU's progression, educational goals, and the state of its international exchange and cooperation. He highlighted that BNU has amassed significant expertise in curriculum



Mohd Khair Ngadiron remarked that the friendship between China and Malaysia has deep roots and that the cooperation between the two countries is experiencing vigorous growth. He expressed his eagerness to expand the avenues of collaboration with BNU, particularly in fostering practical cooperation in the fields of vocational education and publishing.

The meeting was chaired by Lyu Jiansheng, overseeing discussions between both sides. Bai Bin,



vocational education textbooks by Beijing Normal University Publishing Group. Representatives from the Vocational Education Branch and the Copyright and International Cooperation Department of Beijing Normal University Publishing Group, as well as the Office of International Exchange and Cooperation at BNU, were in attendance at the meeting.

The establishment of Majlis Buku Kebangsaan Malaysia (Malaysia

National Book Council, MBKM) was certified by the Ministry of Education Malaysia in 1968. The Council's Secretariat falls under the purview of the Educational Policy Planning and Research Division and is entrusted with organizing and coordinating a wide range of book-related activities, such as book fairs, exhibitions, and



seminars. Perbadanan Kota Buku, as a subsidiary organization directly managed by the Ministry of Education

Malaysia, is responsible for hosting various book culture interactive events initiated by the Ministry.

2023 China-Africa Deans of Education Forum concludes at Beijing Normal University

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The 2023 China-Africa Deans of Education Forum was held on Wednesday at Beijing Normal University, aiming to share practices and promote education cooperation between China and African countries.

Officials from UNESCO and BNU, deans of education institutes from China and Africa, and researchers and practitioners in the field of teacher education attended the forum, delivering keynote speeches on the current issues of education and delving into the sustainable future.



The forum focused on challenges and solutions to high-quality education systems, particularly the innovation, social cohesion and transformative role of teachers.

Qin Changwei, secretary-general of the Chinese National Commission for UNESCO, said the forum is meaningful in promoting the cooperation between education institutes and teachers from China and Africa.

"It provides a platform to share policies, practices and experiences in transforming education in China and African countries," Qin said.

The forum will contribute to achieving Education 2030, one of



the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, he added.

Last week, the UNESCO General Conference in Paris adopted a resolution to establish the UNESCO International Institute for STEM Education in Shanghai, marking the establishment of the first Category 1 UNESCO institute with a global mandate outside Western countries.

"The initial goal of China's proposal of the resolution and sponsorship for the Institute is to support STEM education in developing countries, including African countries," Qin said.

The Network of China-Africa Institutes of Education was launched during the forum to enhance the capacity of education institutes and foster a high-quality teaching force in China and Africa.

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Beijing Normal University Team Won Three International Medals in iGEM

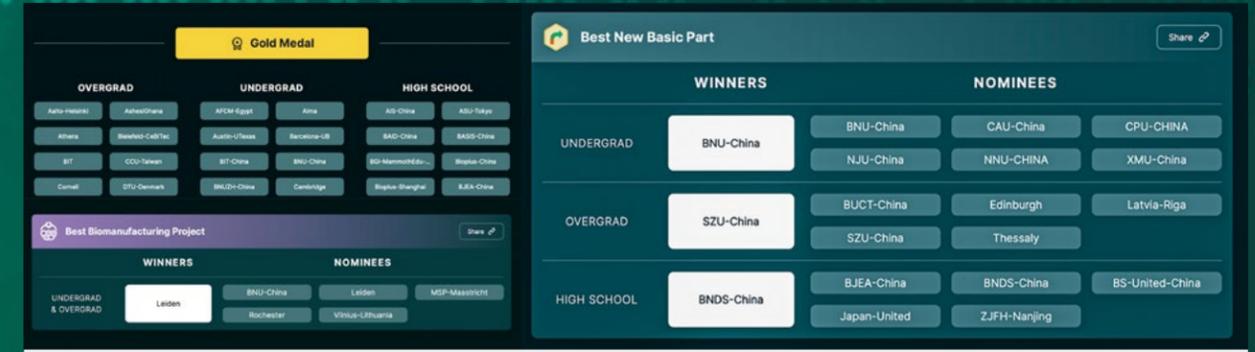
Article source: Official Website of BNU | Release date: 2023-11-10

On November 5, the International Genetically Engineered Machine Competition (iGEM) came to an end. BNU-China won the gold medal again. The BEST

BIOMANUFACTURING PROJECT NOMINEES and BEST NEW BASIC PART awards also went to BNU.

There are more than 400 teams

participating in this competition, including 200 teams from mainland China. Among the Best Biomanufacturing Project Nominees, BNU-China is the only team from China, and the only



winner in the undergraduate stage of the Best New Basic Part Award, the best record of all time.

In this competition, the iGEM 2023 BNU-China team has 27 members. Huang Yixin, a third-year undergraduate from College of Life Sciences, serves as the captain. Tan Ruixiao and Zhu Yixin serve as deputy captains. The members are from College of Life Sciences, School of Artificial Intelligence, School of Mathematical Sciences, and Faculty of Psychology, Faculty of Geographical Sciences, College of Chemistry, School of Statistics.

This year, BNU-China worked to fix the problem of surface biomodification of mesoporous nanosilica and

designed a protein connector to provide a modular and orthogonal modification method for the biomolecule modification of nanosilica. Such achievement has greatly activated the potential of nanosilica for drug carriers, provided a utility design method for the design of intelligent silica carriers, and broadened the application of nanosilica in the field of biomedicine.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the iGEM competition and the 10th anniversary of the BNU-China team. The team made historic progress by winning the gold medal for the sixth time and winning an individual award for the first time. At the same time, the team BNUZH-China from Zhuhai campus also won the gold medal for the third consecutive times.



BNU International Students Won Awards in the International Chinese Language Day's HSK Short Video Competition

Article source: Official Website of BNU | Release date: 2023-09-25

The results of the International Chinese Language Day HSK Short Video Competition were announced recently. Xiao Meihua, an Indonesian international student of BNU, won the second prize with her work "Journey of Knowledge: Experience of Studying and Traveling Abroad", and British international

student Weng Zhanping won the Inspiration Award with his work "Tao Yuanming and My Life". The two works were displayed at the awards ceremony. School of International Chinese Language Education at BNU, which organized them to participate in this competition, won the Outstanding Organization Award.

Weng Zhanping was invited to speak on behalf of the award-winning students. He expressed his love for Chinese and his gratitude to his teachers, and thanked Chinese for allowing him to see a bigger world and understand the infinite possibilities of life.

This competition was jointly initiated



Weng Zhanping delivered a speech



Xiao Meihua at the ceremony

by Chinese Testing International, the Southeast Asia Center of Tsinghua University, and many other educational institutions. More than 160 universities and educational institutions around the world participated in it and more than 30 Chinese university presidents and deans delivered congratulatory speeches. The competition received a total of nearly 1,000 video submissions from Chinese learners and enthusiasts in 94 countries around the world, reaching more than 13.3 million people online. After strict preliminary review and

re-examination, 80 people won awards, including 3 first prizes, 5 second prizes, 10 third prizes, and 62 learning incentive awards. Excellent organizations were also selected.

School of International Chinese Language Education at BNU organized all international students of BNU to participate in this activity and submitted 8 short

video works. The HSK short video organizer spoke highly of the short video works submitted by BNU saying those works were of high quality and rich in content.



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Background

China Education Innovation Achievements Welfare Exposition (Expo) has been successfully held by Beijing Normal University since 2015. By its 5th session in 2019, it had exhibited over 4,000 education innovations and approximately 1,700 forums, salons, workshops, roadshows, lectures, undergraduate innovation and entrepreneurship competitions and other events. More

than 1,000 education institutes, social organizations, enterprises, non-profit organizations and medias have been attracted to participate with over 100,000 onsite visitors and 2 million online viewers, reaching a renowned reputation in the educational field and the whole society.

Initiated by higher education institutes, the Expo is the exclusive education exposition that is of a public

non-profit nature in order to meet the need for China's high-quality education development, serving the development of K-12 education innovation with practices. With its professional quality and increasing social impact over years, Expo has now become a significant propeller to deepen education reform, ranking as one of the top 10 most impactful education brands in China.

VISION

China Education Innovation Achievements Welfare Exposition (Expo)'s vision is to Inspire education innovations nationally, integrate education innovations globally, and Influence the education innovations internationally.

MISSION

China Education Innovation Achievements Welfare Exposition (Expo)'s mission is to accomplish and share education innovation achievements, synergize China's education innovation wisdom, serve education innovation practices, spread China's education innovation voices, provide education innovation solutions, and stimulate international education innovation trends.

GOALS

- To stimulate the vitality of education reform and innovation;
- To guide all social resources and forces to devote themselves to the cause of education innovations;
- To achieve high-quality education development through the promotion and application of excellent education innovations;
- To promote the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area into the "Silicon Valley of International Education Innovations".

Organizer

CHINA EDUCATION INNOVATION INSTITUTE (CEII) BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY

WHO WE ARE

China Education Innovation Institute (CEII) is a strategic initiative that BNU has determined to undertake as its response to President Xi's official inspection visit to BNU in

2014. Functioning as an independent third-party professional organization, CEII is devoted to the observation, fostering, recognition and advancement of innovative education achievements,

with the ultimate mission to advance the education innovation and the all-round healthy development of young generations in China, academically, physically and spiritually.

WHAT WE DO

The past 7 years have witnessed the remarkable endeavours and achievements CEII has been making. Among the list of important

initiatives and projects CEII has been undertaking since its establishment, the most noteworthy milestone is its hosting of 5 sessions of China

Education Innovation Achievements Welfare Exposition (Expo), the largest education Expo in China regarding both magnitude and impact.

RESEARCH CENTER

In order to implement the education policy set out by the nation, and to promote the high-

quality development of education innovation, CEII has set up a number of researchers centres with the

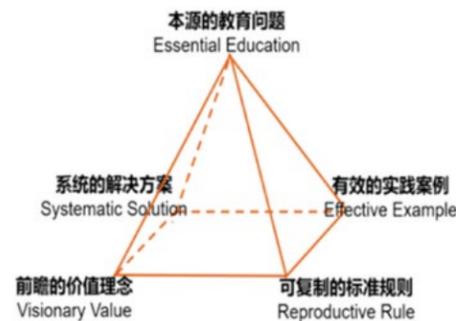
goal to achieve impactful education innovations through synergizing the research and practice forces.

SERVE AWARD

In the preparatory process of the first Education Expo in 2015, China Education Innovation Institute first proposed the “SERVE Model of Excellent Education Innovation Achievements”, which clarifies that an excellent education innovation achievement should contain five core elements,

namely Education, Value, Solution, Example and Rule. After nearly six years of testing and continuous optimization, the “SERVE Model” has been developed into a standard system for evaluating education innovation results, providing strong guidance and assistance for the discovery, selection, cultivation

and optimization of results. Today, the model has been further iterated, with the connotation of the five core elements of the model further clarified and focused, and the “SERVE Model” has been upgraded to “SERVE 2.0”, making the key features of excellent educational innovation more “visible”.



Partner

The Expo has noticeably increased its global reputation and impact in the past years. The 5th Expo has engaged over one hundred international participants from nearly twenty countries and regions worldwide, including America, Australians, Benin, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Finland, France,

Gabon, Germany, Israel, Italy, India, Japanese, Korea, Norway, Thailand, United Kingdom, and so on. These international guests are from diverse backgrounds, among them, there are not only professors, scholars and administrators from internationally renowned universities, world organizations, primary and secondary schools, but also Nobel

Prize winners, TED Prize winners, and pioneers who lead the trends of educational innovation globally. We are pleased to announce that the following four highly recognized international institutes have established stable partnership with the Expo, namely, IBE-UNESCO, WISE, HundrEd and Brigham Young University (BYU).

UNESCO International Bureau of Education



UNESCO International Bureau of Education IBE-UNESCO became the first ever intergovernmental organization in the field of education established to advance peace through education in 1929.

Originally founded by a group of renowned educationalists in Geneva as a private institute in 1925, IBE-UNESCO was led by the famous Swiss psychologist, Jean Piaget for almost 40 years. It joined UNESCO

in 1969 as an international centre of excellence in comparative education. IBE-UNESCO has and will continue its quest for excellence as the global centre for curriculum and related matters.

Brigham

Brigham Young University (BYU) is a private research university in Provo, Utah sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church). It is run under the auspices of the church's education organization, the Church Educational System (CES). BYU is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and classified among "R2: Doctoral Universities – High Research Activity" with "more selective, lower transfer-in" admissions. The university's primary emphasis is on



undergraduate education in 179 majors, it also has 62 master's and 26 doctoral degree programs.

The mission of Brigham Young University — founded, supported, and guided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints — is to assist individuals in their quest for perfection and eternal life. A BYU education should be spiritually strengthening, intellectually enlarging, and character building, leading to lifelong learning and service.

The Aims of a BYU Education—

Ensure alignment with the university mission. Make mission-fit hiring decisions. Advance faith-based teaching and learning. Advance student-centered research and scholarship. Promote a sense of belonging among all members of the campus community. Enhance the educational experience of students. Pursue the Inspiring Learning Initiative. Improve access to limited-enrollment programs. Continue to develop BYU Online. Expand opportunities for a BYU education. Increase student FTE enrollment by up to 10 percent over six years.

WISE



WISE is an international, multi-sectoral platform for creative thinking, debate and purposeful action. WISE has established itself as a global reference in new approaches to education. Through both the biennial Summit and a range of ongoing programs WISE is promoting innovation and building the future of education through collaboration.

The thrust for constant innovation has long prevailed in sectors such as technology and healthcare,

but education has generally lacked this approach in both policymaking and in the classroom. Moreover education is key to addressing the toughest challenges facing communities around the world today – poverty, conflict, inequality, unemployment, environmental sustainability and future challenges. But there is a widening gap between the education systems currently in place and those required to meet the needs of future generations. WISE is a response to the necessity

of revitalizing education and providing a global platform for the development of new ideas and solutions. Since 2009, WISE has evolved into a thriving global, multi-sectoral community, which continues to generate fruitful dialogue and productive partnerships. The WISE community is a network of education stakeholders – from students to decision-makers – from about 200 countries who share ideas and collaborate to seek creative solutions to solve challenges facing education.

HundrED



HundrED was established in the Fall of 2015 with an aim to find and celebrate inspiring education innovations from the country. It was clear from the start that something new and inspirational was being created. This collection is our first attempt in seeking and sharing impactful and scalable innovations, starting right in our home – Finland.

HundrED.Org is a not-for-profit organization, which seeks and shares inspiring innovations in K12 education

The purpose of education is to help every child flourish, no matter what happens in life.

The world is changing faster than schools, but beautiful things are still happening in education all over the world. We

call them education innovations: practices, programs, or organizations that are scalable and impactful in K-12 education. The world is full of them and they are helping children flourish, but it can be difficult for them to spread.

We envision a future where every child has access to the best possible educational innovations that provide quality education for all.

Theme & Topics

- Practical Achievements of the Excellent Chinese Cultural Education
- Practical Achievements of Core Competency Education
- Practical Achievements in Developing Project-based Learning (Research-based Learning, Interdisciplinary Learning)
- Achievements in Students' Physical and Mental Development and Career Planning
- Achievements of Students' Arts Competence Education
- Practical Achievements of New Era Labor Education
- Practical Achievements of Reforms in Educational Evaluation
- Practical Achievements of Brain and Learning Science
- Practical Achievements of Artificial Intelligence Education
- Achievements of School, Family, and Community Collaborations in Education

Milestone



▼ **The second China Education Innovation Expo: Beijing, September 2016**

Theme — "Facilitating the Mobility of Educational Innovation Achievements"

The SERVE award is established for the first time.

▲ **The first China Education Innovation Expo: Beijing, December 2015**

Theme — "Jointly Building and Sharing Educational Innovation Achievements"

▼ **The fourth China Education Innovation Expo: Zhuhai, November 2018**

Theme — "Implementing Moral Education and Talent Cultivation, Emphasizing Core Competences, Strengthening Internet Plus, and Deepening Structural Reform in the Education Sector Supply Side"

Settling in Zhuhai officially, it for the first time collects educational innovation achievements from national higher normal universities and education departments across the country.

▼ **The sixth China Education Innovation Expo: Zhuhai, November 2023**

Theme — "Together, Sharing, Innovating — High-quality Development of Education"

▲ **The third China Education Innovation Expo: Beijing, August 2017**

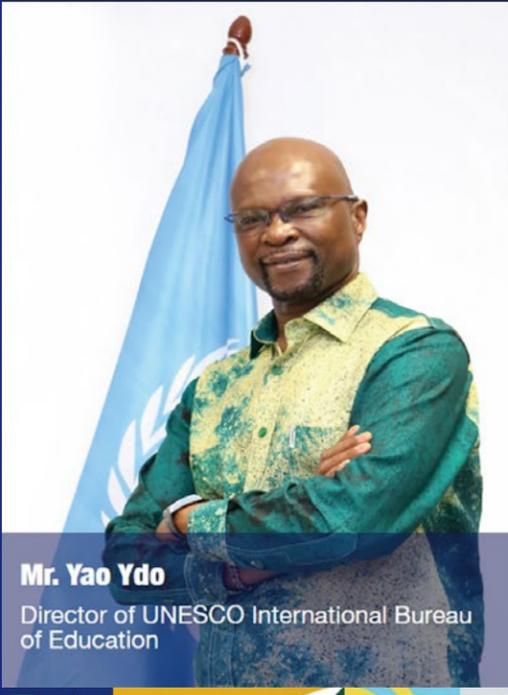
Theme — "Focusing on Core Competences and Promoting Structural Reform in Educational Supply Side"

The expo has the effect of "summarizing China's educational innovation experience and expressing Chinese voices".

▲ **The fifth China Education Innovation Expo: Zhuhai, November 2019**

Theme — "Aggregation, Impact, Innovation — Empower China with Educational Innovation" "With five exhibition halls and 79 exhibition areas, it showcases 1,788 domestic and international educational innovation achievements. It also hosts 106 forums and 712 workshops, expanding in scale and influence.

Speakers



Mr. Yao Ydo
Director of UNESCO International Bureau of Education

Mr. Yao Ydo was appointed Director at UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE-UNESCO) in 2021. Prior to joining the IBE, Mr. Ydo worked with UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Abuja where he served as the Regional Director, representing the organization at the regional, national and international levels. With over 24 years of wide experience within the UN system, Mr. Ydo began his career at the Headquarters of UNESCO, Paris, in the Basic Education and Literacy Section in 1997 as an Associate Expert. His extensive hands-on experience in education includes a variety of education posts at UNESCO Field Offices in Mali, Cameroon, Congo (DRC), and Senegal. In his various functions, Mr. Ydo acquired experience in the development of partnerships and resource mobilization from development banks, private sector, UN agencies, and Governments (self-benefiting funds). His efficiency and dynamism enabled him to move up from programme specialist to managerial functions, including the UNESCO Representative to Côte d'Ivoire and the Regional Director of UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office for West Africa in Abuja, Nigeria. Mr. Ydo is a recipient of Commander of the Order of National Cultural Merit from the Minister of Culture and Francophonie as well as Commander in the Order of Merit of Education by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire for the work done by UNESCO. Mr. Ydo holds a Ph.D. in Linguistics and Didactics from the University of Grenoble (France), a postgraduate Diploma in Diplomacy and Strategic Studies from the Centre of Diplomatic and Strategic Studies in Paris, and a Master's degree in English from the University of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.



Stavros Yiannouka
the CEO of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE)

Stavros N. Yiannouka is the CEO of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), a global think tank of the Qatar Foundation. WISE is dedicated to enabling the future of education through innovation. Its activities encompass research, capacity-building programs, and advocacy. WISE flagship initiatives include an annual series of research publications, a biennial global summit dubbed the 'Davos of education', the WISE edTech Accelerator, the WISE Innovation Awards, and the WISE Words podcast. Prior to joining WISE in August 2012, Stavros was the Executive Vice-Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKY School) at the National University of Singapore. He joined the LKY School in June 2005 to spearhead the implementation of an ambitious growth strategy, which he had helped develop as a management consultant with McKinsey & Company. Today, the LKY School is widely recognized as the leading global policy school in Asia. Together with Kishore Mahbubani et al. Stavros is the co-author of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy: Building a Global Policy School in Asia, World Scientific (2012). For more visit www.lkyspp.nus.edu.sg. Before joining the LKY School, Stavros spent five years with McKinsey & Company from 2000-2005 serving private and public sector clients in Singapore, Indonesia, South Korea and Canada, predominantly in finance, healthcare and education. Prior to joining McKinsey, Stavros practiced corporate law in the City of London from 1995-1998 with the firms Goudens and Mayer, Brown & Platt. Stavros holds an MBA (with Distinction) from the London Business School and an LLB (with Honours) from the University of Bristol. He is a member of the Law Society of England and Wales, a Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA); a Member of the Board of Trustees of Nazarbayev University, Astana Kazakhstan; and a non-executive Director of Blue Diagonal Capital Limited.



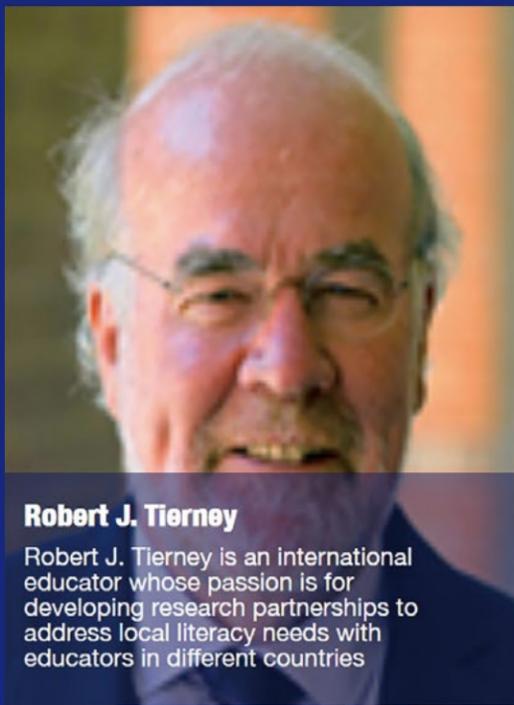
Renato Opertti
IBE-UNESCO Senior Education Expert

Renato Opertti holds a degree in sociology (UDELAR, Uruguay) and a master's degree in educational research (CIEP-Uruguay/IRDC-Canada). Currently Opertti is working as senior education specialist at the International Bureau of Education (IBE-UNESCO). Also, Opertti is the Director of the School of Postgraduate Studies of the Catholic University of Uruguay (UCU). Likewise, Opertti is a member of the Council of Advisers of the Organization of Iberoamerican States (OEI), and of the Latinoamerican Coalition for Teachers Excellence, which is a joint initiative of the Varkey Foundation, the Interamerican Dialogue and the OEI. During this year, Opertti has supported several countries – MOEs, civil society and international organizations – in addressing educational, learning, curricular and pedagogical challenges posed by COVID-19. Among other, Central American, and Caribbean countries. Also, he co-coordinates different types of training in hybrid modes of education, learning and assessing, towards policymakers and practitioners. Opertti has managed the Programme "Innovation and Leadership in Curriculum, Learning and Assessment" at IBE-UNESCO, providing support to countries in different regions. Also, he worked as a consultant for CAF, ECLA, IDB, UNDP, World Bank and UNICEF. He has numerous publications in several languages relating to education, curriculum and learning and inclusion.



Saku Tuominen
Founder and creative director of HundrED

Saku Tuominen is a serial entrepreneur, author and speaker. He is the CEO of HundrED, a community improving K12 education globally by seeking and sharing inspiring educational innovations. His specialty is creativity and innovation, which he has taught in dozens of companies and in Aalto University in Helsinki. He has also written 10 books; about innovation, the future of office work, good life, human belief systems, everyday creativity and Italian cuisine. Saku's background is in media and television. He founded Broadcasters, a successful Finnish independent TV production company in 1989. The company was sold twice, first to MTG and then to Zodiak Entertainment. In 2009-2010 Saku was the Chief Creative Officer of Zodiak Entertainment, the world's 3rd largest TV production company in London. During his 20 years in television he has produced thousands of hours of programmes and created almost 100 tv formats. In 2009 Saku founded Idealist Group, a production company of ideas that has various activities ranging from digital media to the future of office work, from education to improving suburbs. As a hobby he has been writing rock criticism for over 20 years, is producing olive oil from Piantone olives in Le Marche, Italy and has won silver medal in old timers world championship in Ice Hockey in 2009 in Quebec City, Canada.

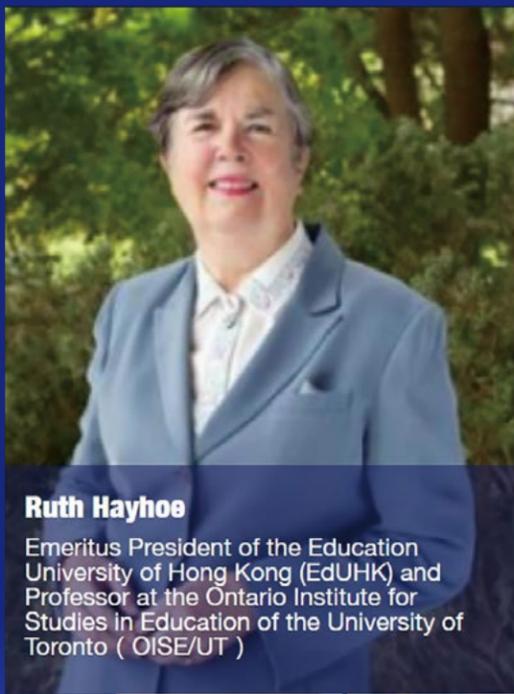


Robert J. Tierney

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Robert J. Tierney is an international educator whose passion is for developing research partnerships to address local literacy needs with educators in different countries. He began his career as a classroom teacher in Australia, then proceeded to work in the United States, Canada, and China. He is dean emeritus and professor emeritus of Language and Literacy Education at the University of British Columbia, the former dean and honorary professor of the Faculty of Education and Social Work at University of Sydney, and a distinguished university professor at Beijing Normal University. In the United States, he has served on the faculties of the University of Illinois, University of Arizona, The Ohio State University, Harvard University, and the University of California.

He has written a number of books and numerous articles on literacy especially related to reading comprehension, reading-writing connections, assessment, digital literacy, diversity, and literacy development. During his tenure as an educator, he has served as the president of the Literacy Research Association, a coeditor for *Reading Research Quarterly*, and the president of the Association of Canadian Deans of Education/L'Association canadienne des doyens et doyennes d'éducation as well as on a number of committees and boards for professional groups and government and nongovernment agencies. In addition, he has been involved in a range of projects for UNESCO, Children's Television Workshop, and Apple. For his contributions to literacy he received the W.S. Gray Award.



Ruth Hayhoe

Emeritus President of the Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) and Professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto (OISE/UT)

Ruth Hayhoe is a renowned international scholar of higher education and an expert on Chinese higher education. She is the Emeritus President of the Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) and Professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto (OISE/UT)

Ruth's research has mainly related to Chinese higher education and educational relations between East Asia and the West. She has been interested in the ways in which cultural values and epistemologies from Eastern civilizations may provide a resource for new thinking in global higher education development. She is also interested in the intersection between Asian ways of knowing and women's ways of knowing, and questions of gender in cross-cultural leadership, topics stimulated by her personal experience of institutional leadership in an Asian context.

Ruth completed a study of the lives and ideas of eleven influential Chinese educators in 2006, developing a set of Portraits which illustrate the continuing value of the Confucian educational heritage. In 2011 she completed a parallel study of China's universities in the move to mass higher education, developing portraits of 12 Chinese universities of different types in different regions of China, as they evolved over the massification process. Most recently she carried out a study of Canada-China university linkages supported by the Canadian International Development Agency and their contribution to China's dramatic transformation over recent decades. This was published by McMillan Queens University Press in 2016.



Scene of the Even

The 6th China Education Innovation Expo has opened in Zhuhai, Guangdong Province

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On the morning of November 18, the 6th China Education Innovation Expo opened in Zhuhai International Convention and Exhibition Center in Guangdong Province. With the theme of “Together, Sharing & Innovation - High-quality

Development of Education”, the expo was sponsored by Beijing Normal University, guided academically by the Chinese Society of Education, and organized Jointly by the Guangdong Committee of China Democratic League and the Zhuhai Education Bureau.

The expo was initiated by Beijing Normal University in 2015. Since 2018, it has been successfully held for five sessions in Zhuhai, Guangdong Province, and has become an important platform to comprehensively serve the national strategies and promote the high-





quality development of education, a gathering place for educational innovations, a big classroom for teacher education, and an accelerator for cross-border exchange and collision of ideas.

On the theme report session of the opening ceremony, Wang Guangqian, the Vice Chairman of the CPPCC National Committee, the Executive Vice Chairman of the Central Committee of the Democratic League and the academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, delivered a theme report on “Labor Education in the New Era”; Zheng Quanshui, the Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences, a professor of Tsinghua University and the Founding President of Shenzhen “01” College, delivered a theme report on



“Thinking and Practices on the Essence of Innovative Education”; Mo Yan, a Nobel Prize winner and a professor of Beijing Normal University, delivered a theme report on “Literature Education and Youth’s Writing”.

On the special dialogue session on the theme of “Promoting the Spirit of Educators: The Revitalization and Expectation of Rural Education”, the dialogue was made by Dong Yan, the most beautiful teacher of 2023, and a teacher of Huhu Town Central School in Huoqiu County, Lu ‘an City, Anhui Province, Gu Ya, the most beautiful teacher of 2023 and a teacher of Haigua Primary School in Dawan Town, Zhongshan District, Liupanshui City, Guizhou Province,



and Li Ruoyu, one of the authors of the letter to the General Secretary Xi Jinping as normal school students under “Targeted teacher training plan” and a student from Leyu College, Zhuhai Campus of Beijing Normal University.

It was reported that the expo would last for 3.5 days and focus on six major aspects of “Education Quality & Balance, Education Governance Modernization, New Curriculum Reform, Teacher Team Construction in the New Era, Education Digitalization and Education Quality Evaluation”. Over 100 theme forums and brand events would be held in forms of exhibition, conference or/and forum, over 1,100 workshops and 5 large exhibition halls would



be set up to show over 2,200 outstanding educational innovation achievements at home and abroad; in addition, some special theme exhibition areas would be also set up, such as those in SERVE Award achievements, science education, family education, program learning, future design, future media and digital literacy, and other fields.

The expo will focus on creating characteristic brand forums, and cultivating the first batch of sub-brand forums under the big IP of the expo to further play the demonstration and leading effect and expand the social influence. During the conference, many high-end forums will be held, such as

Teacher Empower Forum, China School Leaders Forum, “Program-oriented Learning for Core Literacies” series forums, the BNU Science Education Conference, Innovation Forum on Family-School-Society Collaborative Education Mechanism, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay

Area Regional Basic Education High-Quality Innovation and Development Forum, Basic Education Evaluation Reform and High-quality Development Forum, etc. to actively respond to key and difficult problems in the education field.

It is worth noting that the expo has established the live picture and video broadcasts, to serve all viewers who cannot arrive at the scene through the one-stop “Cloud-based expo Platform”. We sincerely welcome all walks of the society who care about the innovation and development of education to watch the exhibition and participate in the forum events online.



The 6th China Education Innovation Expo Wraps up with Great Success

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The 6th China Education Innovation Expo came to an end on November 21, concluding at the Zhuhai International Convention and Exhibition Center. Spanning over three and a half days, this educational spectacle established a platform for sharing, showcasing, and exchanging ideas, allowing education workers from all over the country to witness the convergence and integration of educational concepts. It facilitated the promotion and practical application of diverse educational innovation achievements, driving the pursuit of high-quality education development through innovation and harnessing the progressive "source

power" and accelerated release of "new driving forces."

Presided over by Wei Wei, the closing ceremony was graced by the presence of notable figures such as Li Chong, Vice Mayor of Zhuhai City; Wang Shoujun, member of the University Council, Vice President of Beijing Normal University, and Director of the Administration Committee of BNU Zhuhai; Wei Wei, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Beijing Normal University and Secretary of the Party Committee of BNU Zhuhai; Tang Jiangpeng, Vice President of the Chinese Society of

Education and Principal of Jiangsu Xizhong Education Group; Xi Enmin, Secretary of the Education Commission of Zhuhai Committee of the Communist Party of China, Secretary of the Leading Party Members Group and Director of Zhuhai Municipal Education Bureau; Zhang Hanming, member of Party Working Committee and Deputy Director of Administration Committee of Zhuhai National Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone; Chen Huixian, Deputy Chief Editor of Zhuhai Media Group Co., Ltd.; and Chu Jiangting, Professor at Beijing Normal University and Advisory Judge for the current SERVE Award. It saw



The closing ceremony of the 6th China Education Innovation Expo



Wang Shoujun, member of the Party Committee and Vice President of Beijing Normal University and Director of the Administration Committee of BNU Zhuhai



Wei Wei, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Beijing Normal University and Secretary of the Party Committee of BNU Zhuhai

the participation of representatives from teachers in Zhuhai's education system, attendees and exhibitors of this year's Expo, as well as faculty and student representatives from Beijing Normal University.

Wang Shoujun, representing the organizers, delivered a closing address to wrap up the event. He stated that during the Expo, education workers from across the nation gathered in Zhuhai, fostering discussions and the convergence of innovative thoughts on educational advancements. Together, they bore witness to the vibrant landscape of high-quality education development and the profound impact of educational innovation in China. He stressed the importance of educational innovation with a focus on driving high-quality education

development, adopting a path that integrates education, technology, and talent, and embracing the spirit of educationalists throughout the process. Currently, BNU is making ongoing improvements to its holistic education structure, leveraging the Beijing and Zhuhai campuses as dual pillars of its operations. BNU will join hands with Zhuhai City to take preemptive actions and make strategic moves, leveraging the guiding role of the Expo to accelerate the development of a "Silicon Valley of International Education Innovations." This initiative aims to serve the innovation and development of education in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, establishing a demonstration zone for educational innovation in China as a first mover.

The current Education Expo, themed

"Together, Sharing & Innovation - High-quality Development of Education," focused on six major areas: Education Quality & Balance, Education Governance Modernization, New Curriculum Reform, Teacher Team Construction in the New Era, Education Digitalization, and Education Quality Evaluation. A total of 2,409 educational innovation achievements were showcased, accompanied by 91 forum sessions and 1,123 workshops. Throughout the Expo, the total number of attendees surpassed 55,000, with over 3 million individuals actively engaging in the event through the live streaming platform "Cloud-based Expo Platform." The overall exposure on various online media platforms exceeded 60 million.

20 outstanding educational innovation achievements were honored with the SERVE Award for their exemplary demonstration and leadership in the field of education

The 6th edition presented a collection of 2,409 educational innovation achievements from both domestic and international participants. These exhibits stood out for their exceptional quality, strong representation, and extensive involvement.



The China Education Innovation Expo serves as a gathering place and incubator for educational

innovation achievements, with the highlight being the prestigious SERVE Award selection. The SERVE Award is based on the SERVE model, which emphasizes that exceptional educational innovation achievements should embody the correct values, offer systematic solutions, demonstrate successful practice examples, adhere to clear standards and rules, and ultimately address the reality of education. Originating in 2015, this model has been continually refined through each edition of the Expo and has emerged as a vital standard and basis for selecting exhibited achievements.

As a prestigious accolade at the Expo, the current edition of the SERVE Award underwent three rounds of expert evaluation, ultimately selecting 20 remarkable achievements as SERVE Award winners. The SERVE Award ceremony took place during the closing ceremony.



With nearly a hundred forums featuring distinguished educators and influential figures, the platform's role and the window effect experienced ongoing expansion



The current Expo hosted a total of 91 branded forums and thematic forums, featuring over 220 keynote speeches, more than 70 keynote presentations, and over 30 roundtable dialogues across all forum sessions.

The China Education Innovation Expo, a grand gathering in the field of basic education and teacher education, provides a platform for outstanding education workers from across the country to engage in compelling dialogues and share their insights. This includes the Principals Forum, the National Outstanding Elementary and Secondary School Teachers, Principals, and Educational Researchers Symposium, and various dedicated segments in numerous forums. This event is also a grand occasion for interdisciplinary exchanges, where forum participants hail from government departments, institutions of higher education, primary and secondary schools, kindergartens, educational technology enterprises, research institutions, social organizations, and science popularization venues. Various forces converge to collectively discuss educational topics.

The Expo continues to amplify its platform role and window effect. Serving as an "incubator" for educational innovation, this year's Expo selected promising achievements from over 800 regional submissions. The organizations behind these achievements were invited to host regional forums, further nurturing and refining the accomplishments. Simultaneously, the event featured outcome reports, expert analysis, practical case studies, and experience sharing. Leveraging the platform and resource advantages of the Expo, it aimed to establish regional educational achievement brands with distinct characteristics.



Each of the five exhibition areas showcased unique features and provided immersive experiences, effectively driving the integration of innovation and empowering talents in educational technology

During this year's China Education Innovation Expo, the five exhibition halls at the Zhuhai International Convention and Exhibition Center were bustling with crowds. Spanning over 30,000 square meters, each exhibition area, including the regional pavilion, university pavilion, thematic pavilion, and social force pavilion, showcased their unique characteristics. Notably, the themed exhibition areas such as family education, science education, project-based learning, future design, and future media and digital literacy attracted a large number of visitors.

Within the university pavilion, the exhibition area of Beijing Normal University boasted the most abundant and diverse display of exhibits. It showcased 368 participating achievements and organized 69 workshops, covering a wide range of accomplishments such as the "targeted teacher training plan," national teaching excellence awards, top-notch student training



bases in fundamental disciplines, textbook development series, outstanding achievements in educational scientific research, and international cooperation. Several basic education schools affiliated with BNU brought their teaching accomplishments to the forefront, exemplifying a well-rounded education that encompasses moral, intellectual, physical, artistic, and vocational development. They presented captivating live performances showcasing original theatrical productions such as a modern drama titled Reading

for the Rise of China, Big Fish by the musical instrument Ruan, captivating traditional drumming with Dragon Soaring with Ancient Rhymes, as well as lively dragon and lion dances.

It is worth mentioning that the experiential and interactive nature of the exhibition area at this year's Expo was further highlighted. Special additions included the "Science Education Mobile Van," AR/VR equipment for immersive experiences, tactile teaching aids for family education, theatrical



performances, and on-site visits to innovative campus scenes. These enhancements significantly enriched the attendees' conference experience. For instance, the exhibition area of BNU's Chinese Character and Chinese Language Laboratory creatively incorporated traditional elements such as the spherical shape of the heavens, birds paying homage to the phoenix, as well as clouds, rain, and thunder. This visionary composition showcased a harmonious coexistence between humans and nature, guiding visitors into the realm of Chinese characters and allowing them to experience the captivating allure of these characters.

After eight years of development, the China Education Innovation

Expo has successfully hosted its sixth edition, serving as a comprehensive platform to showcase the "Chinese experience" in educational innovation and development. The Expo has provided us with a glimpse into the infinite possibilities and vast prospects of China's future

education. We eagerly anticipate the continuous success of this never-ending event, as it continues to gather more strength and wisdom, hastening the building of a major country in education and advancing the high-quality development of the education sector.



THE CAMPUS RUNNING ACTIVITY HELD

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On September 3, the campus running, a special sports activity, was held at Haidian campus. Thousands of teachers and students participated, injecting sports vitality into the campus life.

In this event, participants first received event supplies such as number



uniforms at the check-in area, and then fully warmed up under the guidance of a professional coach group before starting to run. Everyone records their running tracks and mileage records on campus through mobile phones or other devices, and can receive exquisite souvenirs based on their running results.



The event invited the winners of the Campus Singer Contest to perform before the event to cheer for the participants. During the event, running participants and guidance from volunteers can be seen everywhere in the campus. In addition to running, participants can also participate in various games and take photos in the interactive area.



In the Name of Youth, Students from BNU Spread Warmth of China for 1,465 Hours!

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Harnessing the Talent Advantage of BNU to Forge a Volunteer Team with Strong Political Awareness, Enthusiasm, and Outstanding Qualities that Keeps in Mind the Utmost Interests of the Nation

The Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation kicked off in Beijing on October 17 and 18, 2023. With the theme of “High-quality Belt and Road Cooperation: Together for Common Development and Prosperity,” the forum attracted delegates from over 140 countries and over 30 international organizations.



In the lead-up to and during the forum, a cohort of 1,400 volunteers hailing from 25 universities in Beijing came together to offer their services in 101 different positions spread across 17 categories. Their valuable contributions encompassed providing guidance, language interpretation, media assistance, and transportation services. Among them, 40 volunteers from BNU showcased

their skills and demonstrated their excellent qualities by taking on various positions and roles in four different types of positions and six categories during the Forum. Their tasks included working at the main venue, providing guidance at hotels, assisting at airport information desks, and handling arrival and departure services. These dedicated volunteers contributed a remarkable total of 1,465 hours of voluntary service.



In line with the requirements for volunteer service at the forum, BNU strategically recruited 40 volunteers on campus, capitalizing on their diverse language skills and professional expertise to match them with suitable volunteer positions. Committed to maintaining the highest standards, a temporary mission branch was established to facilitate skill training and theoretical learning for the volunteers, in light of the context of this volunteer service. This effort aimed at cultivating a volunteer team that possesses a keen sense of politics, maintains a high level of enthusiasm, and exhibits exceptional qualities, all devoted to ensuring the success and service excellence of the forum.



The volunteers from BNU consistently keep in mind the utmost interests of the nation and remain aligned with the spirit of the times. A group of 40 volunteers from BNU fervently manned

their assigned service positions at notable locations such as the China National Convention Center, Beijing International Hotel, Hilton Beijing Wangfujing, Jianguo Garden Hotel Beijing, and the Beijing

Capital International Airport. They wholeheartedly showcased the spirit and demeanor of BNU volunteers, embodying the sense of responsibility and dedication of today's youth in practical actions.



Portraying the Youth's Persona, Courageously Embracing the Mission of the Era

Qin Ling, a 2020 undergraduate student from the School of Chinese Language and Literature, transitioned from her volunteer service at the China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) concluded in September to her current position as a volunteer at the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation.

“ Following a hiatus of over a month, I return to the China National Convention Center once again. From my previous role at the main information desk of the conference area during the CIFTIS to

my current position in the grand ballroom of the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, this opportunity allows me to immerse myself in the on-site scene of this highest-level diplomatic event. It truly amplifies my sense of pride and honor in serving as a volunteer who represents our nation's image, ”

said Qin.

Teng Wenqiang, a 2023 doctoral candidate from the School of Journalism and Communication,

emerged as the respected member within the volunteer service team. He consistently upholds the noble pursuit of "telling China's stories" as an aspiring communication professional. During his time as a graduate student, he conducted over 40 lectures as a member of the Beijing Normal University Youth Lecturer Group.

According to his viewpoint, "It is essential to strengthen our capacity for international communication and cultivate a globally influential media cluster. This will facilitate a favorable environment for the success of the 'Belt and Road' initiative. Moreover, it is crucial to effectively narrate China's stories and the stories related to the 'Belt and Road'."



The Extraordinary in the Ordinary – Unsung Heroes also Exist Behind the Scenes

Every volunteer in an ordinary position is an indispensable part of the successful operation of the forum. Apart from the volunteers serving at the main venue of the forum in the China National Convention Center, there were also

volunteers stationed at the airport and hotels, offering their services to the attending guests. They exemplified commitment by being the first to arrive, the last to leave, and offering their assistance for the longest duration during the conference.



Airport volunteers serve as the first welcoming ambassadors and epitomize the face of volunteer service that foreign guests encounter upon arriving in China. Following pre-training and preparation, the volunteers stationed at the information and arrival/departure desks of Beijing Capital International Airport started their shifts on October 15. They were responsible for welcoming foreign guests, serving as a bridge between the airport and hotels, and ensuring the smooth progress of the forum.

The volunteers working at the airport approached their reception duties with utmost enthusiasm and diligence. "We deeply feel the great importance and anticipation from foreign guests for this forum, as we collectively embark on this international event that injects positive energy into world peace and development," shared volunteer Ma Jiaxu.



Zhang Siyuan, a postgraduate student from the Class of 2023 at the School of Chinese Language and Literature, served as a volunteer in the Information Team. His primary responsibilities included assisting the team members in

organizing, collating, and submitting information about foreign delegates from various countries. Additionally, he supported the reception and departure procedures for the visiting dignitaries.

“ My primary role entails handling data and information in the office building. While I'm not directly involved in welcoming and guiding foreign guests, I always hold dear the strength and inspiration that my volunteer service during the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics brought me. The achievement doesn't have to be attributed to me, but there will always be my contribution to its success! Although I work behind the scenes, the significance of our efforts is never about outshining others, but rather about staying steadfast in our respective roles and striving for excellence, ”

said she.



The hotel information and guidance roles entailed the longest and most regular contact with visitors. The volunteers, with unwavering dedication, maintained their positions with utmost enthusiasm, hoping to provide guests with a warm "home away from home" experience. Despite being scattered across different hotels, the volunteers always borne in mind their shared responsibilities, ensuring seamless coordination and successful completion of their volunteering duties.

Zhang Buxin, a bachelor's student from the Class of 2021 at the Business School, served as a volunteer in the Consultation Services role at Beijing International Hotel. She remarked, "Seeing the thumbs-up gestures from everyone towards us volunteers fills me with a great sense of achievement and pride."



The university party committee attached great importance, consolidated efforts, mobilized deployment, and promoted the effective implementation of the forum's specific tasks



Ever since receiving the task, the university party committee has placed significant emphasis on it, adhering to the guidelines provided by the Beijing Municipal Service Assurance Working Group. Taking into account the specificities of the university's operations, a special task force was established to develop an implementation plan for recruitment activities. Additionally, an effective organizational structure and operational mechanism were put in place to guarantee the comprehensive and smooth advancement of the recruitment and selection process.

Under the strong leadership of the university party committee, our volunteers have successfully completed pre-job training. With the educational objective of "five exemplary individuals and five exemplary leaders," a temporary mission branch was established. The volunteers delved into studying the guiding principles of the 19th National Congress of Communist

Youth League of China, further enhancing their awareness as league members, and actively strengthening their learning and cultivating their mental fortitude. Additionally, a send-off ceremony for the volunteers was held to mark their departure. Moreover, in coordination with the Beijing Municipal Committee of Communist Youth League of China, the volunteers also participated in large-scale volunteer service general skills training, focusing on the cultivation of political awareness, international communication,



civilized etiquette, and psychological well-being.

“ Looking back at the past two months, our group of 40 volunteers, from recruitment and selection to training and drills, and finally to successful deployment, owe much to the full and effective support from various departments. Throughout this process, we continuously honed our skills, gained valuable experience, and acquired numerous practical skills applicable to large-scale volunteer service events, ”

shared Zhang Qiaoling, a master's student from the Class of 2022 at the Law School.

Keeping Pace with the Era, Enhancing the Reputation of Beijing's Volunteer Service as a "Gold Standard," and Spreading the Essence of China through the Vigor of Youth

The High-Level Forum on Connectivity, as part of the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, is one of the three prominent forums, dedicated to garnering consensus, cultivating cooperative momentum, and furthering comprehensive and meaningful exchanges and practical collaborations with countries making joint contribution to the Belt and Road initiative.

Lang Wei, a second-year master's student from the School of Foreign Languages and Literature, served as a volunteer at the Signatory Hall of the High-Level Forum on Connectivity, fulfilling the role of an interpreter during the signing ceremony. "Donning a unified volunteer uniform, the foremost impression to me was a deep sense of commitment to serving distinguished attendees and embodying the vibrant spirit of youth in the capital. To ensure a seamless and successful signing process, the fellow volunteers and I painstakingly revised and proofread documents, confirmed the layout of materials, and managed the timing of transitions, all to ensure meticulous preparations for the formal conference, striving for nothing short of perfection to enhance the volunteer's reputation."

Luo Wenrui, an undergraduate student from the Class of 2020 in the School of Sociology, shared insights,



saying, "Through the challenging service process, I have profoundly experienced the glorious mission and responsibilities that come with being a Chinese youth in today's era. The Belt and Road Initiative has become a 'development avenue' that brings benefits to the world and a 'journey of prosperity' that touches the lives of people from all nations. By effectively carrying out our voluntary support work for the Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, we showcased a trustworthy, endearing, and respected image of China to the global community. This exemplifies our commitment to serving the national development and our fearless dedication as young individuals."

A decade ago, the proposal of the Belt and Road Initiative outlined a grand vision for global interconnectivity. Embodying the ideas of peace, prosperity, openness, innovation, and cultural exchange, the blueprint set forth a steady and steadfast journey for the ancient Silk Road towards a prosperous and promising future.

Contemporary youth find themselves amidst the development wave of the new era, experiencing the grand strategy of peace, tranquility, and win-win cooperation, as they continuously march forward along the path where the Chinese Dream converges with the World Dream. Young students from BNU actively engaged in voluntary service at the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation,

Enhancing the reputation of volunteer service in the capital through their youthful actions. Through the lens of the youth, they convey the "warmth of China," striving to infuse the power of youth into the tide of peace and development.



In the contemporary era, the young generation assumes the roles of both chroniclers and storytellers, as well as active participants and promoters in making joint contributions to the Belt and Road Initiative.

Professor Wu Liming and Research Group Led by Chen Ling from College of Chemistry Publishes Research Findings on Achieving High Thermoelectric Performance through Convergence of Tri-valley Band Activation and Full-scale Phonon Scattering in SnTe-based Materials in Journal Energy & Environmental Science

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Thermoelectric materials, one of the current hotspots in energy-related material research, enable the direct conversion between electrical and thermal energy. Currently, the low performance of commercial thermoelectric materials, as indicated by the figure of merit (ZT), hampers the overall conversion efficiency of thermoelectric technology. Due to the relatively independent relationship between the carrier mobility and the degeneracy of the band extrema (N_v), the phenomenon of the convergence of multi-valley bands (alignment of energy levels) can effectively enhance the Seebeck coefficient without significantly compromising the electrical conductivity. Therefore, achieving energy alignment among multiple bands, such as the L, Λ , and Σ bands, can lead to an enhancement in the power factor (PF) through an increase in band degeneracy. However, when a significant energy mismatch exists between different bands, it becomes challenging to activate additional bands, such as the Λ band, that are located at lower energy positions to participate in electron transport. Therefore, effectively activating these additional bands to enhance electron transport presents a significant research challenge. On the other hand, the optimization of material thermal conductivity (k) performance is focused on the modulation of microstructure and defects. Employing phase separation or modulated decomposition to induce in-situ nanoprecipitation is an effective strategy for suppressing thermal conductivity. Utilizing thermoelectric materials as host matrices and dispersing precipitates

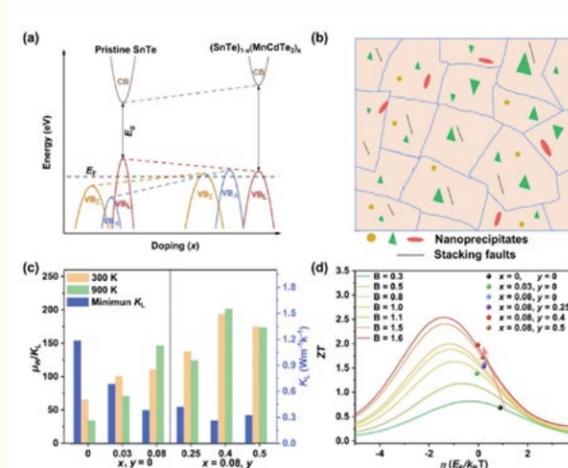


Fig. 1 shows the thermoelectric parameters of SnTe material decoupled in a composite structure.

within them serves as an effective means to create efficient phonon scattering centers, significantly impeding thermal transport. However, the presence of large-sized precipitates not only causes thermal short-circuiting but also reduces the carrier mobility, thus hindering the overall net increase in the figure of merit (ZT).

In addressing the aforementioned critical scientific challenges, Professor Wu Liming and the research group led by Chen Ling at BNU selected SnTe with its bivalent charge transport characteristics as the target material. Through the alloying strategy with MnCdTe₂, they successfully activated the valence band at the low energy

position of SnTe, achieving the synergistic tri-valent band transport in the SnTe system for the first time. Furthermore, through precise control of solid solution, they finely tuned the size of the precipitates, ultimately realizing a synergistic optimization of thermal and electron transport.

This research work unveils, for the first time, the effective activation of the higher degenerate Λ valence band (N_v = 8) in SnTe through MnCdTe₂ alloying. Moreover, it optimizes the energy positions of the L and Σ bands, facilitating the tri-valent band collaborative charge transport. Additionally, the flattening of the valence band and the enlargement of the bandgap significantly enhance the Seebeck coefficient. By incorporating Ge as a dopant, the alignment of the energy positions between the L and Λ bands has been achieved, resulting in an enhancement of the room-temperature Seebeck coefficient. The combination of first-principles calculations and ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy (UPS) test results has unveiled and mutually confirmed the evolution process of the energy bands. The optimization of this valence band structure allows for enhanced carrier transport across a greater number of conduction channels, leading to an increased weighted mobility and a significant improvement in the power factor (PF), reaching 29.3 $\mu\text{Wcm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-2}$ at 900K.

Microstructural analysis of the backscattered electrons (BSE) and electron backscatter diffraction (EBSD) reveals that when the MnCdTe₂ content exceeds its solubility limit, the composite structure undergoes modulation decomposition, resulting in the formation of high-density embedded triangular precipitates within the SnTe matrix. The solubility of Ge, Mn, and Cd in the SnTe matrix has been significantly enhanced through further introduction. As a result, the size of MnCdTe₂ precipitates undergoes significant refinement, with the average statistical size of the precipitate phase reduced from 2.82 μm in the samples without Ge to 0.22 μm in the samples containing Ge, decreasing by approximately an order of magnitude. Analysis of the high-angle annular dark-field scanning transmission electron microscopy (HAADF-STEM) images reveals the presence of multi-scale heterogeneous nanostructures and low-dimensional defects in the (SnTe)_{0.92}(MnCd_{0.6}Ge_{0.4}Te₂)_{0.08} material. The intrinsic stacking faults and nanotwinning

significantly enhance the scattering intensity of these precipitates with respect to thermal phonons. Furthermore, the wide occurrence of two-dimensional defects within the MnCdTe₂ precipitates, combined with their distinct elastic constants from the SnTe matrix, results in significant lattice strain concentration within the MnCdTe₂ precipitates. This characteristic is markedly different from traditional nanocomposites, where stress concentration is primarily limited to the interfaces. The resulting (SnTe)_{0.92}(MnCd_{0.6}Ge_{0.4}Te₂)_{0.08} material comprises point defects, stacking faults, nanotwins, multi-scale precipitates, and mesoscale grains, collectively forming scattering centers for phonons across all length scales, thereby generating a full-spectrum scattering of phonons. Additionally, density functional theory (DFT) phonon spectrum calculations indicate a strong coupling between low-frequency optical modes induced by Cd and thermal phonons. This coupling effectively enhances the phase space volume for three-phonon scattering and inherently shortens the phonon lifetime. The above synergistic effects lead to the optimization of lattice thermal conductivity in the (SnTe)_{0.92}(MnCd_{0.6}Ge_{0.4}Te₂)_{0.08} material across the entire temperature range. For instance, at 670 K, the lattice thermal conductivity is as low as 0.26 $\text{Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$, which is below the amorphous limit of SnTe ($\sim 0.4 \text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$).

The band structure of (SnTe)_{0.92}(MnCd_{0.6}Ge_{0.4}Te₂)_{0.08} has been effectively optimized, enabling precise control

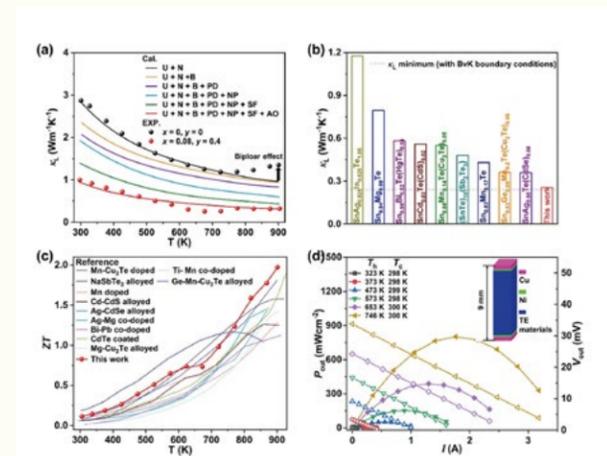


Fig. 2 presents the characterization of the thermoelectric performance of SnTe-based materials and the output power density of the fabricated single-arm device.

of its microstructure. This synergistic optimization of both electron and thermal transport properties has resulted in a ZT value of approximately 1.97 at 900 K, the highest reported value for this system to date. Utilizing this material, a single-walled thermoelectric device has demonstrated high output power density (800 mWcm⁻²) at a temperature difference of 446 K.

The recent work titled "Rare three-valence-band convergence leading to ultrahigh thermoelectric performance in all-scale hierarchical cubic SnTe" has been accepted and published by Energy & Environmental Science,

an academic journal in the field of energy and environmental studies, with a current impact factor of 32.5. The work was primarily conducted at the College of Chemistry, Beijing Normal University, and the Center for Advanced Materials Research at BNU Zhuhai, with primary contributions from researchers Chen Ling, Wu Haijun, and Wu Liming as corresponding authors. The first author of this study is Ph.D. student Li Fan from the class of 2020. This study received significant funding from various sources, including the National Key Research and Development Program of China, the National Natural Science Foundation

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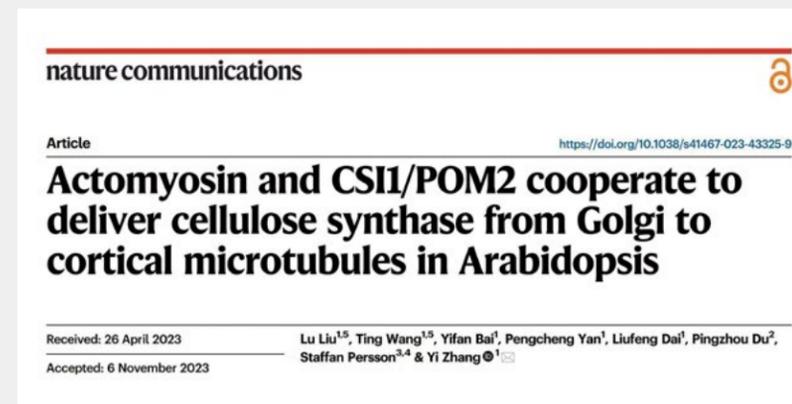
Prof. Zhang Yi and His Team from College of Life Sciences Make Significant Progress in Unraveling Intracellular Transport Mechanisms of Plant Cellulose Synthase, as Published in Nature Communications

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The cell wall is a distinguishing feature of plant cells, setting them apart from animal cells. It not only determines the shape of plant cells but also plays a crucial role in cell protection,

regulation of cell adhesion, and cell proliferation. Cellulose, one of the primary components of the cell wall, is synthesized by cellulose synthase (CesA) on the surface of the cell plasma membrane. After synthesis in

the endoplasmic reticulum, CesA is transported to the Golgi apparatus, where it is further assembled into the Cellulose Synthase Complex (CSC), ultimately being transported to the cell plasma membrane for cellulose

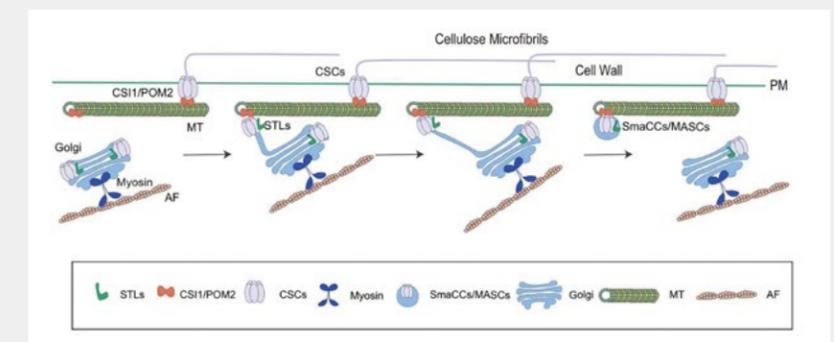


synthesis. The intracellular transport process and regulatory mechanisms of CSC remain poorly understood.

Recently, Prof. Zhang Yi and his team from the College of Life Sciences, Beijing Normal University, published a research paper in Nature Communications titled "Actomyosin and CSI1/POM2 cooperate to deliver cellulose synthase from Golgi to cortical microtubules in Arabidopsis." This study reports on the advances in understanding the intracellular transport of cellulose synthase through a novel vesicle-mediated pathway.

In this study, Prof. Zhang Yi and his team utilized live cell imaging to uncover a non-classical pathway for transporting the CSC out of the Golgi apparatus. They observed localized deformation of the Golgi apparatus, which led to the formation of tubular structures. These tubular structures extended, ruptured, and gave rise to a type

of vesicle called SmaCCs/MASCs, facilitating the transport of CSC out of the Golgi apparatus. In this process, the involvement of the Trans-Golgi Network (TGN) is absent. Instead, at least two conditions must be met: firstly, the Golgi apparatus needs to undergo



continuous movement in one direction after the formation of tubular structures, and secondly, the ends of the tubular structures must be anchored to the cortical microtubules. The results of cellular biology and genetics research indicate that myosin XI-K, XI-1, and XI-2, which belong

to the XI class of myosin, drive the Golgi apparatus to move along microtubules towards the cell periphery, facilitating the generation, elongation, and rupture of Golgi tubular structures. The connection protein CSI1/POM2 between cellulose synthase and microtubules plays a crucial role in stably anchoring the terminal ends of Golgi tubular structures to the microtubules.

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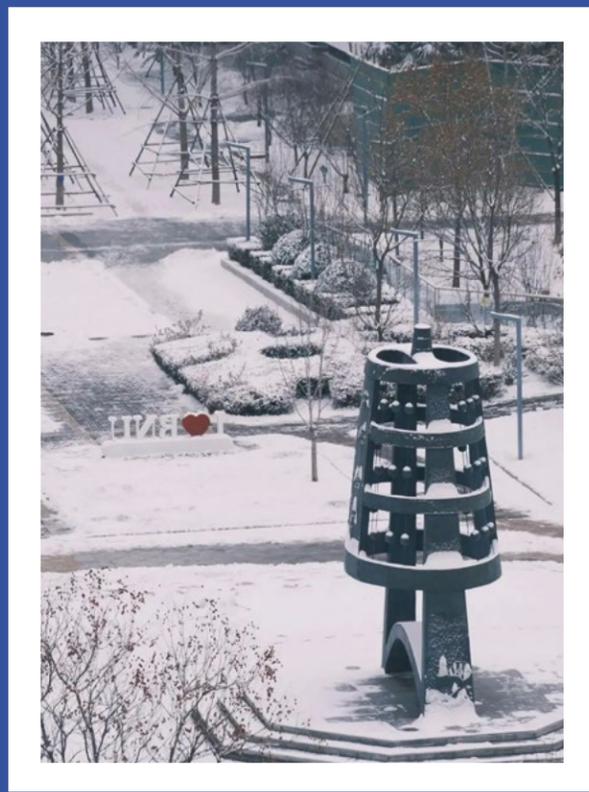


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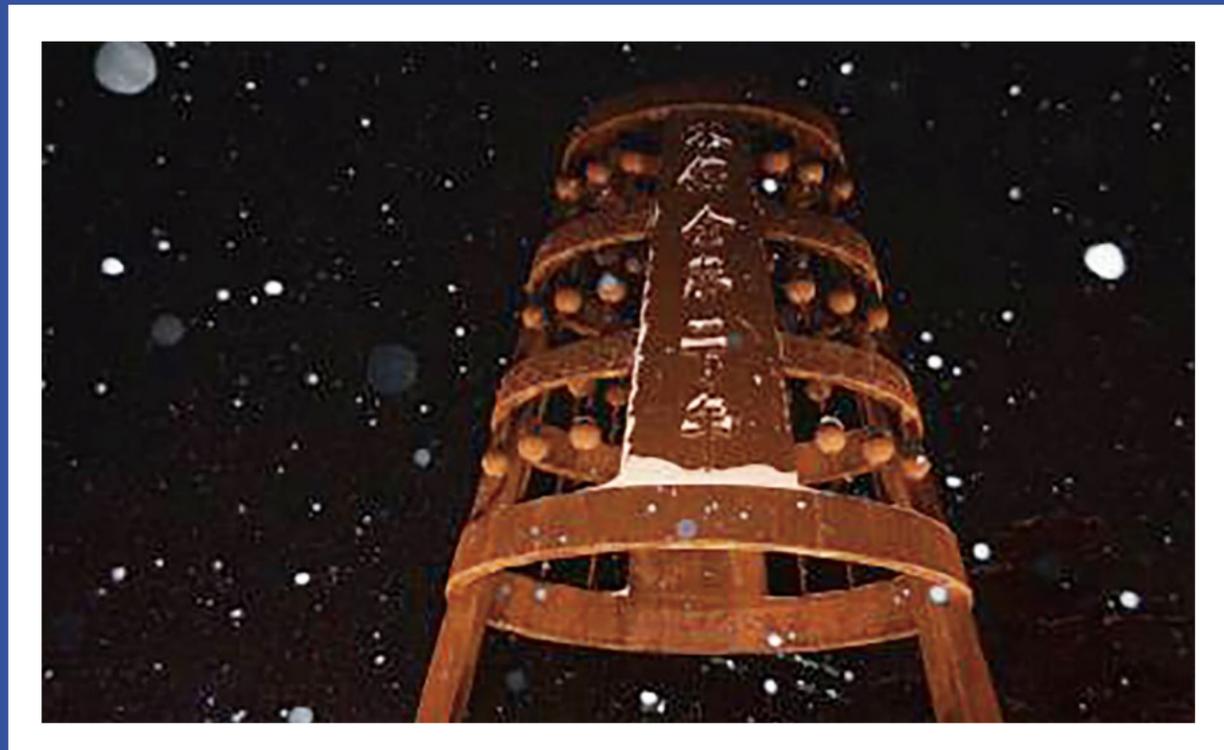


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