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MAJOR EVENTS

USTB and De Montfort University to Open Sunwah-DMU-USTB Confucius Institute for Creative Industry



On Feb. 4th, Hanban, the Confucius Institutes (CI) Headquarters, approved of the establishment of DMU-USTB Confucius Institute by USTB and De Montfort University (DMU). The signing ceremony was hosted in Hanban.

According to the agreement, Hanban authorized USTB to be the Chinese executive body of the Institute, running, in coordination with DMU, the Sunwah-DMU-USTB Confucius Institute for Creative Industry.

Prof. Luo Weidong, Chancellor of USTB signed the “Memorandum of Understanding between DMU, CI Headquarters, the Sunwah Group and USTB” and the “Working Agenda of the Sunwah-DMU-USTB Confucius Institute for Creative Industry between USTB and DMU.”

The signing ceremony was attended by Madam Xu Lin, Director General of Hanban, Mr. Jing Wei, Vice Director General of Hanban, Mr. Cai Guanshen, CEO of the Sunwah Group, Prof. Doninic Shellard, President of De Montfort University, Prof. Zhang Xinxin, President of USTB and Prof. Wang Ge, Director of the International Office, USTB.

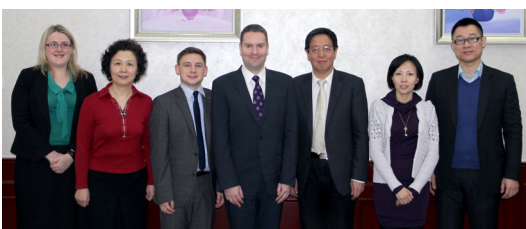
The first key feature of the DMU-USTB Confucius Institute is that it establishes an innovative pattern of cooperation. Apart from USTB and DMU, the Hong Kong-based international conglomerate Sunwah Group is also a partner. With its significant contributions, the Sunwah-Creative-and-Cultural Hub is now under construction. The blending of private industry with the goals and objectives of the Confucius Institute will potentially serve as a prototype for future collaborative efforts.

Secondly, the Institute’s framework will be constructed in a innovative fashion. In addition to offering high-quality Chinese language and culture related courses, the two universities will make full use of their special disciplinary advantages to allow the Institute to have a specific focus on technology and industry. Students of the Institute will emerge with both the practical skills for working with cutting-edge technology and the language skills needed to be able to function in international work environments.



This agreement marks the establishment of the first Confucius Institute hosted by USTB overseas. Preparatory commenced immediately following the signing of the agreement. The creation of this institute creates a reliable platform for USTB to deepen its interuniversity cooperation with foreign schools, broaden its collaborative fields and expand on the opportunities available to students in China and abroad.

President of De Montfort University visits USTB



On March 3rd, 2013, Prof. Dominic Shellard, President of De Montfort University, leading a delegation of four, visited USTB. Prof. Luo Weidong, Chancellor of USTB met with the delegation. Both sides discussed matters relating to preparatory work for the DMU Confucius Institute.

Prof. Peng Yi, Dean of the School of Foreign Studies, USTB, and Prof. Wang Ge, Director of the International Office joined the meeting.

Chancellor Luo extended his heartfelt welcome to President Shellard. Through consultation, both sides reached an agreement on the recruitment of the Dean and teachers for the DMU-USTB Confucius Institute, as well as details concerning its opening ceremony and cultural exchange activities that would be organized by the Institute.

Since the authorization by Hanban of the DMU-USTB Confucius Institute, matters have been progressing smoothly. According to the plan, the DMU-USTB Confucius Institute will officially open and enroll students this September.

USTB Chancellor Visits Partner Universities

From May 23rd to May 30th a delegation led by Chancellor LuoWeidong, visited USTB's European partners De Montfort University, the University of Dundee and the Université Paris-Sud.

One of the primary purposes of the visit was to discuss the recently established Confucius Institute for Creative Industry and Technology at De Montfort University. The trip also served to further promote USTB's relations with its partner universities, with the intention of expanding on student and faculty exchanges as well as joint research projects.

Chancellor Luo and Prof. Dominic Shellard, Vice Chancellor of De Montfort University, reached an agreement that the Confucius Institute would be opened in September 2013. In honour of the event, celebrations will be held at the opening ceremony that would put Chinese culture on full display. Both parties also saw the establishment of the Confucius Institute as an opportunity to expand on their relationship. USTB and De Montfort stated their intentions to hold more joint seminars in the near future with the goal of promoting the development of scientific research programs on both sides and strengthening collaborative efforts in creative design, environmental technology and community services. At De Montfort, the USTB delegation also visited the Faculty of Technology, the Center for English Language Learning and the future site of the Confucius Institute.

During his visit to the University of Dundee, Chancellor Luo was received by Prof. Margaret Smith, Vice-Chancellor of International Affairs. Both universities began the day by stating the value that they place in their ongoing international partnership. Chancellor Luo used the opportunity to visit USTB students who were on exchange to the University of Dundee through the "3+1+1" program. The program was introduced in 2009 and gives students the opportunity to go abroad and study subjects such as engineering and management, earning accreditation from both USTB and their university overseas. The program is available for all levels of students, from undergraduates to PhDs. Students aren't the only beneficiaries of the program either, as faculty are also given the opportunity to participate in the exchange. After the meeting between the two chancellors, the USTB delegation visited laboratories of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Environmental Engineering.

At the Université Paris-Sud, the two universities discussed the "3+3" joint training program, the double-degree program for postgraduate students and prospects of having students from the Université Paris-Sud study at USTB. The relationship between USTB and Université Paris-Sud began with an agreement signed in 2012. Under the agreement, the two universities exchange faculty and students to participate in research projects. So far, USTB has accepted 11 students from the Université Paris-Sud to participate in laboratory studies. On this occasion, both sides expressed their wishes to further strengthen their cooperative efforts in joint training programs.

Cross-strait Reunion for Sustainable Development



On July 2nd, the opening ceremony of 2013 Cross-Strait Youth Camp with a theme of “Sustainable Development and Youth Responsibility” was held at USTB, with nearly 300 teachers and students from 17 Taiwanese universities and 3 mainland universities in attendance.

Prof. GuuYuankuang, President of National Pingtung University of Science and Technology, Prof. Cheng Taoming, Vice President of Chaoyang University of Technology, Mr. Zhao Lingshan, Director of the Office for Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs Ministry of Education, Prof. LuoWeidong, Chancellor of USTB, Prof. Zhang Xinxin, President of USTB, Prof. Xiehui, Vice Chancellor, and numerous other high-level officials attended the ceremony. The ceremony was presided over by President Zhang Xinxin.

In his welcome remarks, Chancellor LuoWeidong extended his warm welcome and thanks to all the teachers and students taking part in the camp. With a perspective that young people should play an even greater role in promoting sustainable development, he hoped that students on both sides of the strait could communicate more in the camp, think deeply and learn from each other. Hopefully, he said, they could become practitioners and even leaders of sustainable development their studies, work and lives in the future.

Director Zhao Lingshan, from the Office for Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan affairs Ministry of Education, spoke highly of the Cross-Strait Youth Camp hosted by USTB in his speech. He said that the Ministry of Education was supportive of this kind of program which, as a cross-strait educational exchange and cooperation program, benefitted teachers and students from both the mainland and Taiwan. He also explained the importance of cross-strait educational exchanges, and how important their role has been in the past.



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Lin Zixiang from the Taipei University of Technology and Zhang Wenjia from USTB delivered speeches on behalf of the students respectively. Lin made a comparison between students from Taiwan and from the mainland based on his own experience as an exchange student at USTB, and shared his views on sustainable development. Zhang, speaking from the perspective of young people, talked about the responsibility and role of young students in promoting the sustainable development of society, and used specific cases to show the efforts that USTB students had made in environmental protection.

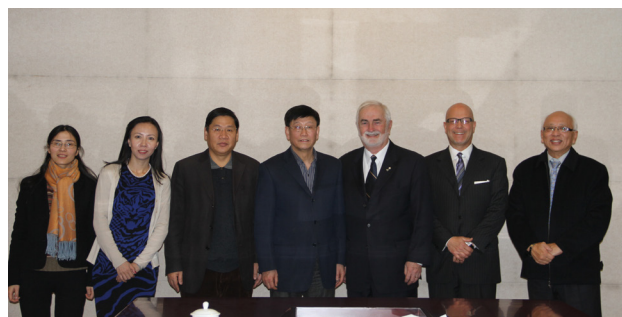
The keynote speeches of this ceremony were given by President GuuYuankuang of National Pingtung University of Science and Technology and Prof. Qin Jingyan from USTB. President Guu spoke about the inspiring experiences he had with sustainable development in agriculture with his speech, combined with an introduction of the main features of his university. In speaking of sustainable designs, Prof. Qin, advocated a new concept of life and a new ways of living that are environment-friendly and sustainable.

In the afternoon, Prof. Yan Geng from Beijing Forestry University was invited to deliver a lecture. He spoke of the latest achievements of China in the field of sustainable development that impacted both the ecological needs of the country and the broader needs of the world. During the one-week camp, teachers and students will visit many tourist sites in Beijing, such as the Great Wall, the Imperial Palace, 798 Arts District and the Olympic Forest Park. Along with the experience of these visits, they will explore news ways to promote the sustainable development of society.

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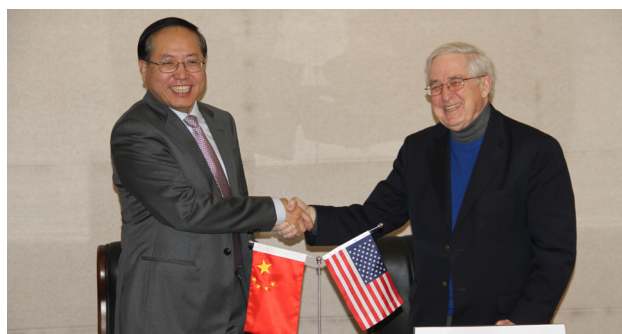
Vice-President of McMaster University visits USTB

On Jan. 14th, 2013, Prof. Luke Chan, Vice-President of McMaster University, Prof. Peter George, former President of McMaster University and Mr. Dale Boniface, CEO of Spectrum Marketing, visited USTB. Prof. Luo Weidong, Chancellor of USTB, Prof. Xu Jinwu, President of USTB, Prof. Zhangyue, Vice President of USTB and Prof. Wang Ge, Director of the International Office of USTB, met with the delegates. Chancellor Luo and President Xu extended their warmest welcome to the delegation. They expressed their wishes that, through this visit, USTB and McMaster University could strengthen and extend their cooperative efforts. The two sides discussed matters relating to the cooperation between the two universities and Spectrum Marketing.



Cooperative Agreement between USTB and Wayne State University

On March 5th, 2013, Prof. Robert Thomas, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences of Wayne State University, visited USTB. Prof. Zhang Xinxin, President of USTB, Prof. Zhang Jie, Deputy-Dean of the School of Mechanical Engineering, and Prof. Guo Kanjun, Vice-Director of the International Office, met with the delegates and extended their heartfelt welcome.

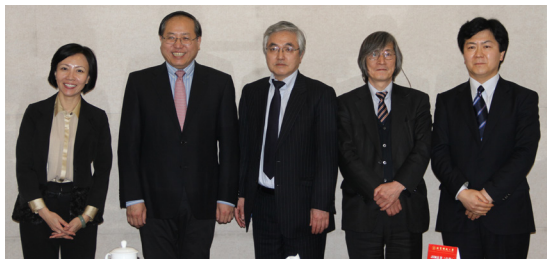


Prof. Zhang briefly introduced the delegation to the recent work and news of USTB. He mentioned that, in recent years, higher education in China has highly advocated the internationalization of universities. USTB is expecting to accelerate the internationalization of its own campus, thus creating more opportunities for students to participate in overseas exchanges. Exchange programs that are higher in both quantity and quality would broaden students' horizons and benefit their individual development. Prof. Zhang noted that, taking these benefits into consideration, USTB highly values the cooperative agreement held with Wayne State University and USTB wishes to further promote scientific and research cooperation with their friends at Wayne State through increased exchange programs for students and academic visits of scholars.

Prof. Thomas was very appreciative of the warm reception. Introducing the history and experiences of cooperation with Chinese universities, he shared his views on the direction and patterns of future collaboration. It was his hope that, through this meeting, more USTB students would be drawn to Wayne State University and choose to further their studies there, fostering the next stage the partnership between the schools.

Later, Prof. Zhang and Prof. Thomas signed a cooperative agreement establishing that the two schools will begin a new "3+1+1" mobility program for students.

Vice-President of Hosei University Pays A Visit to USTB



On March 15th, 2013, Prof. Fukuda Yoshiro, Vice-Principal of Hosei University, visited USTB. Prof. ZhangXinxin, President of USTB, and Prof. Wang Ge, Director of the International Office, met with the delegation.

Prof. Zhang extended his warmest welcome to the delegation and provided a brief introduction of USTB.

Prof. Yoshiro then introduced the delegation from USTB to the history and specializations of Hosei University. He expressed his institution's wish to forge ties with USTB and mentioned that Hosei University has been committed diversifying its international connections in recent years. Believing that this could deepen the relationship between Japan and China, each year over 40 students from Hosei University get the chance to study in China, while many Chinese students are furthering studies on Hosei University's campus as well.

Because Hosei University also has School of Science and Engineering, Prof. Yoshiro hoped that further cooperation could be extended into these fields. Prof. Yoshiro also expressed his anticipation of a reciprocal visit by a delegation led by Prof. Zhang to Hosei University.

For his part, Prof. Zhang expressed his wish to begin cooperation with Hosei University in the student exchange of Japanese majors and gradually expand the fields of cooperation into other majors such as Law. Since USTB built its reputation in the fields of materials science and metallurgical engineering, and is quickly developing its strength in chemistry and physics, the exchange could include these majors in the near future.

Vice-President of Chulalongkorn University Pays a Visit to USTB



On April 8th, 2013, Prof. Kalaya, Vice-President of Chulalongkorn University visited USTB. Prof. Luo Weidong, Chancellor of USTB, and Prof. Wang Ge, Director of the International Office of USTB, met with the delegates.

Extending his warmest welcome, Chancellor Luo briefly introduced to the delegation the history, disciplines, and research projects of USTB. USTB maintains a high level of achievement in the fields of science and engineering, especially in materials, metallurgical sciences, physics and chemistry. It is in these areas that USTB hopes to develop collaborative efforts with Chulalongkorn University. However, the chancellor also noted that both schools could cooperate on studies of the arts as well.

Prof. Kalaya expressed her gratitude for the warm reception and introduced the history, development, and disciplines of Chulalongkorn University. This visit, she said, was conducted with the purpose of forging a partnership with USTB. She hoped that based on mutual understanding and extensive discussion, USTB and Chulalongkorn University could find practical means of cooperation. Later, she gave suggestions for potential areas of cooperation in academic research, student exchange programs and bilateral symposiums.

Towards the end of the discussion, both sides had reached an agreement on initiating cooperation. It came to a consensus that, beginning with hosting more bilateral symposiums, both schools would deepen and expand their collaborative efforts by developing more exchange programs of scholars and students.

Deputy Director of TAOBM Visits USTB



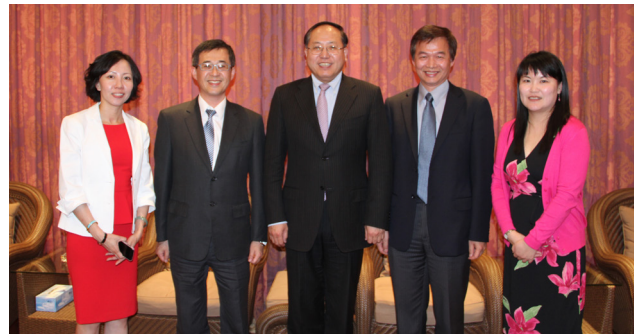
On April 17th, 2013, Huang Saixi, Deputy Director of Taiwan Affairs Office of the Beijing Municipality visited USTB. Prof. Zhang Xinxin, President of USTB, and Prof. Wang Ge, Director of the Office of H.K., Macao, and Taiwan Affairs, met with the delegation.

President Zhang offered a general introduction to Deputy Director Huang on the educational cooperation and communication efforts between USTB and universities in Taiwan. His introduction was expanded on by Director Wang with more information on the annual cross-strait communication activities, academic exchanges and student cooperative programs conducted by USTB.

During the meeting, Deputy Director Huang showed his approval of the efforts that USTB had made to promote educational and cultural exchanges with universities in Taiwan. He also added several constructive suggestions to further develop this cross-strait interaction.

President of Taipei University of Technology Visits USTB

On May 15th, Prof. Leeter Yao, President of the Taipei University of Technology visited USTB. Prof. Zhang Xinxin, President of USTB, and Prof. Wang Ge, Director of the Office of H.K., Macao and Taiwan Affairs met with the delegation.



Discussed at the meeting were the successful cooperation efforts between the two universities in student exchange programs and cross-strait projects. The two universities of science and technology both expressed their wish to extend their cooperative efforts in academic exchanges and collaborative research. Because academic degrees awarded by 'Project 211' universities in the mainland (USTB included) have been acknowledged by Taiwan, the two universities would also work on 'dual/joint degree' training programs targeted at postgraduate students. Both sides also agreed to establish a joint research center to strengthen the lines of communication between teachers.

Before this meeting, the delegation was received by Prof. Luo Weidong, Chancellor of USTB.

President of Chaoyang University of Technology Visits USTB



On May 16th, a delegation led by Prof. Zhongren Qin, President of the Chaoyang University of Technology visited USTB. Prof. Zhang Xinxin, President of USTB, and Prof. Wang Ge, Director of the Office of H.K., Macao, and Taiwan Affairs, met with the delegation and gave them a warm welcome.

During the meeting, both universities agreed to continue developing their partnership by carrying out collaborative efforts in scientific research, drawing on each other's strengths. The two sides concluded the meeting by exchanging views on the latest developments in scientific studies and the principles of school management.

Vice President of Yokohama National University Visits USTB

On June 25th, a delegation led by Prof. Hitoshi Yamada, Vice President of Yokohama National University (YNU) visited USTB. Prof. Xie Jianxin, Vice President of USTB, met with the delegation.

During the meeting, Prof. Xie gave an overview of USTB to Prof. Yamada, focusing on its cooperative activities with Japanese universities, including student exchange programs, exchange activities among teachers and researchers as well as bilateral seminars. In response, Prof. Yamada introduced the important steps taken by YNU to go global, such as establishing joint laboratories and hosting the China-Japan-Korea Trilateral Seminar. The two delegations went on to discuss many significant topics concerning educational and cultural exchanges between Chinese and Japanese universities. Representatives from the two universities also furthered their previously signed cooperative agreement, ensuring the feasibility of their plans to start student and teacher exchange programs as well as the establishment of joint laboratories.

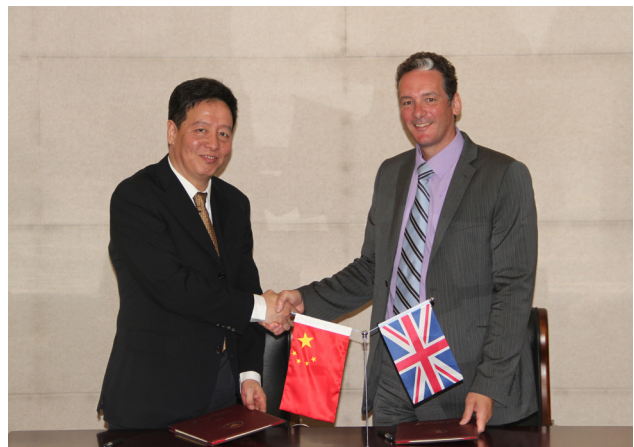
After the meeting, Prof. Yamada visited the USTB History Museum and the laboratories of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

USTB and De Montfort Deepen Cooperative Partnership

On July 9th, a delegation of four led by Prof. Andy Collop, Pro-Vice Chancellor of De Montfort University, Britain, visited USTB. Chancellor LuoWeidong met with the delegation.

During the meeting, the two universities compared notes on the recently established Confucius Institute and decided to find ways to deepen their cooperation and communication on this basis. Leaders of both universities attached great importance to their cooperation and expressed high hopes for its future development. Chancellor Luo and Pro-Vice Chancellor Collop signed a cooperation agreement at the end of the meeting, laying the foundation for future cooperation through visits of teachers, student exchange programs, scientific research partnerships and more.

The delegation also visited many places on the USTB campus, including the USTB history museum, the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, the School of Foreign Studies and the School of Mechanical Engineering.



USTB President Visits RWTH Aachen and KU Leuven

From June 24th to 30th, a delegation led by Prof. Zhang Xinxin, President of USTB was invited to visit RWTH Aachen University, Germany and KatholiekeUniversiteit Leuven, Belgium. USTB has been cooperating with RWTH Aachen and KU Leuven since 1979 and 2008 respectively, primarily with regards to student exchange programs and scientific research programs in fields related to metallurgy and materials science. The strong academic characteristics of the two universities and the history of the established partnerships make them USTB's key partners in Europe. As of June, USTB had sent over 240 students to the two universities for master's degrees. The intention of this visit of the delegation was to renew USTB's cooperation agreement with the RWTH Aachen and KU Leuven as well as to visit USTB students studying there.

In RWTH Aachen University, Prof. Ernst Schmachtenber, President of RWTH Aachen and Prof. Reinhart Poprawe, China Affairs Representative of the General Office, received the delegation. A meeting was arranged for the two universities to renew their cooperation agreement. After the meeting, the delegation visited laboratories in the Department of Ferrous Metallurgy and the Department of Materials Science, watched an experiment undertaken by a class of students and paid a visit to the School of Business and Economics. At KatholiekeUniversiteit Leuven, President Zhang had an informal discussion with students from USTB to hear about the courses offered to them, their research subjects and future plans. He also spoke with people in charge of KU Leuven's student exchange programs and the student recruitment.

USTB and KU Leuven signed their cooperation agreement in 2008, which established that 20 students majoring in metallurgy and materials science at USTB could be sent to KU Leuven for master's degrees each year. Prof. Ludo Froyen, then Dean of the College of Engineering of KU Leuven, visited USTB.

USTB and RWTH Aachen signed their cooperation agreement in 1979. In April, 2008, Prof. Burkhard Rauhut, then President of RWTH Aachen, was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from USTB, becoming the first honorary doctor in USTB history. In November, 2009, Prof. Ernst Schmachtenberg visited USTB and attended the ceremony celebrating the 30th anniversary of their cooperation.

OVERSEAS STUDY PROGRAMS

Reaching out to World: USTB Collects Ideas for Internationalization



On March 15th, USTB held a ceremony to honour creative ideas for the promotion of USTB's international communications and development. USTB President Zhang Xinxin was present to bestow awards on the students presenting projects at the ceremony.

USTB organized the event to collect ideas from students on how to better the university's international outreach efforts. Of the 24 proposals submitted, 10 were promoted to the final round. The proposals covered a wide range of topics, such as the recruitment of international students, the internationalized training of students and international exchanges. The panel of judges awarded prizes based on the creativity and feasibility of each presentation. One prize was given for first place, two for second and three for third, and two creativity prizes were awarded as well. The International Office will implement the proposals that they find to be both original and practical.

Taiwanese Students at USTB Partake in Cultural Tour

On January 18th, the Office of H.K, Macao and Taiwan Affairs organized a trip to the Great Wall and the Wangfujing Street for Taiwanese exchange students at USTB, so that they could experience the culture of mainland China. Volunteer students and staff from the office accompanied the Taiwanese students on the trip.

By visiting cultural relics of the past and new areas representing modern society, students from both sides of the strait received well-rounded exposure to Chinese culture. Students from Taiwan and the mainland strengthened their friendships while they together experienced the divergences and interactions between history and modernity. The tour helped Taiwanese students to further identify with Chinese culture and sense of belonging to the nation.



USTB Students Study Abroad with State Funds

In May of 2013, the National Selection of Excellent International Exchange Programs for Undergraduate students was officially launched. Three exchange programs –with the Pohang University of Science and Technology (South Korea), McMaster University (Canada) and the University of Dundee (UK) – proposed by USTB won state funding.

This year, after individual applications, school recommendations and interviews, USTB selected six students with outstanding academic performance and good character to become the first batch of students to join the state-funded exchange programs. Their applications were all approved by the China Scholarship Council.

Winning state funds proves USTB's capability to offer international student exchange programs of good quality and will boost USTB students' enthusiasm to go abroad for study. USTB will work hard for more state funds in the future to benefit a larger range of students.

USTB Establishes Online Registration System for Exchange Programs

In June, the online registration system for USTB international exchange programs was officially put into service after a year of designing and development.

USTB has witnessed the rapid development of its interaction and cooperation with the world and a series of breakthroughs in the international student exchange programs in recent years. In 2012, altogether 58 student programs were launched and nearly 500 students were sent to study abroad. The establishment of this specially designed online registration system is to meet the challenges posed by the expansion of the exchange programs. This online system, as it manages students' applications, selects proper candidates and keeps in contact with them all via computers, streamlines the management of the student programs and effectively reduces the waste of resources.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

USTB Selected to the First Group of the Study in China Model


To implement the "National Medium and Long-term Education Reform and Development Plan Outline (2010-2020)" and carry out the implementation of the "Study in China Plan", the International Department of the Ministry of Education launched the selection of Study in China Model Schools. According to the numbers of international students, their levels of achievement and development speed in most recent three years, the Ministry of Education selected 22 national universities and 16 local universities as the first group for the Study in China Model. USTB feels honoured to be included in this group with universities like the Tsinghua University, Beijing University, Fudan University, Tongji University, Zhejiang University and Xiamen University amongst others. This project aims to explore an international education model and management system with Chinese characteristics and advantages.

Financial Management Course of USTB selected as an English Taught Model Course for International Students

USTB's financial management course, taught by Professor Xiao Ming, was selected as an English Taught Model Course for International Students. In order to further promote the development of the education of international students, the Ministry of Education selected 150 courses from universities all over China as English Taught Model Courses for International Students. 29 courses from 20 universities in Beijing were selected. This project aims to create an international model for studying in China, and improve the overall quality of education in China.



USTB's International Office Bridges the Gap with African Students

 On April 8th, the International Office of USTB hosted a meeting with international students from Congo, Tanzania, and South Africa. Prof. Wang Ge, Director of the International Office, attended the meeting and answered



questions raised by students. Prof. Zhao Liying, Vice-Director of the International Office chaired the meeting, joined by the staff members of the International Office.

At the meeting, Prof. Zhao spoke about China's friendly relationship with the three countries and mentioned that Mr. Xi Jinping, Party Secretary of the People's Republic of China, had recently paid a friendly visit to these nations. It was Prof. Zhao's wish that the students would seize their opportunity to strengthen the already friendly relationship between China and their home countries.

The discussion continued on a congenial note. Approximately 20 international students spoke glowingly of their living and learning experiences at USTB. The students then put forward some concerns about life at USTB. Staff members from the International Students Office offered detailed answers to their questions. Students also took this chance to contribute suggestions on the educational policies, management, and talent cultivation strategies for future international students at USTB.

Meetings like this are great opportunities for the International Students Office to talk to students and understand their needs and concerns. The event also served as a great chance to improve the management and services offered by the International Office. More meetings of this kind are planned for the near future.



International Students Exposed to a Wealth of Culture at Chinese Nationality Park

On April 28th, as part of a series of activities hosted by USTB's International Students Office, 42 international students in paid a visit to Chinese Nationality Park.

Aiming to learn something about Chinese folklore and get a taste of Chinese culture, the international students visited various folk villages in the park and had the opportunity to participate in a number of activities.

Students from Nigeria joined Wa girls and boys in their traditional dances. Meanwhile some students were mesmerized by a morin khuur played by a Mongolian man and hummed along with his music. Finally, eager students gathered to take photos when beautiful Bouyei girls came into sight dressed in their traditional clothing.

International students were amazed at the efforts that China had made to rebuild Yushu, Qinghai, after the massive earthquake. Kurdatova Shamsiya, a USTB student from Tajikistan, had a deep conversation with a Tajik girl whose grandfather was also from Tajikistan but left for China when he was young. In the Bai village, the international students played the game of hoop rolling which seemed to have reminded them of their bygone childhood.

This visit lasted for more than three hours and left students with a greater understanding of the diversity of Chinese culture. Through this activity, students not only had the opportunity to appreciate the beautiful scenery of Beijing, but also to further their understanding of the past and present ways of Chinese life.



The “Star of Chinese” Searches for Star in USTB



On May 3rd, 2013, the “Star of Chinese” – The 5th Chinese Proficiency Competition for Beijing International Students held an open audition in USTB, attracting 44 USTB international students to attend. Ms. Li Nan from the Beijing International Center for Chinese Language was present at the audition and offered guidance.



The audition consisted of four rounds. Each participant had altogether three minutes to show their Chinese proficiency. In the first round, participants each were given one minute to introduce themselves and to explain why they came to the audition. The second round required participants to create words with Chinese characters in 30 seconds. Round three was to list as many Chinese words as possible that belonged to the same word category in 30 seconds. For example, if one participant was asked to name several tourist attractions in Beijing, he was expected to list the Chinese names of the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Beihai Park and the Summer Palace. In the fourth round, participants needed to make sentences based on the Chinese words given within 1 minute.

After the four rounds, ten participants stood out from the rest and won the title of “Star of Chinese in USTB”, they are: Motonari Go, Byambasuren Odmaa, Sakubu Sixte, Jacob Ilave , Iurtaeva Kseniia, Kim Il Hyok, Princilla Eka Putri, Choi Wonmin, Kim No Ul and Yun Kuk Hyon. In addition to the first eight names above listed, another four participants also managed to advance to the preliminary contest which is to be held on May 11th, they are: Anton Svechkov, Eri Tokunaga, Tomoko Sugimura and Patrick Niezymana.



USTB Opens a Window into the World with International Students Cultural Festival

On May 11th, the “Open a Window Into the World” 2013 USTB International Students’ Cultural Festival was held on the USTB campus. The festival this year consisted of two sections – cultural exhibitions and cultural performances.

The cultural exhibitions, which attracted onlookers from over 40 countries and regions, displayed art, pictures and posters with distinctive national features. The representatives decorated their national booths, prepared food and introduced their country and culture to their visitors with great enthusiasm. Many Chinese students at USTB joined in the celebrations and cultural activities that were presented to them. Staff from embassies of more than 10 countries, including North Korea, Bolivia and the Republic of Congo, also visited the exhibition.

Meanwhile, the cultural performances continued to be the festival’s highlight. From 10:00 to 11:30 and from 13:00 to 14:00, international students presented over 30 performances of singing, dancing and instrument playing. The lively African dances, the graceful Asian dances and the ocean-like dances of Oceania inspired frequent applauses and cheers from the audience.

The International Students’ Cultural Festival dubbed ‘Open a Window into the World’ is held once a year, and this year marks its sixth anniversary. Not only does the festival offer visitors a rare glimpse of world cultures and give Chinese students more opportunities to communicate with international students, but it also plays a significant role in strengthening USTB’s connections with the rest of the world.



International Students Visits the Great Wall

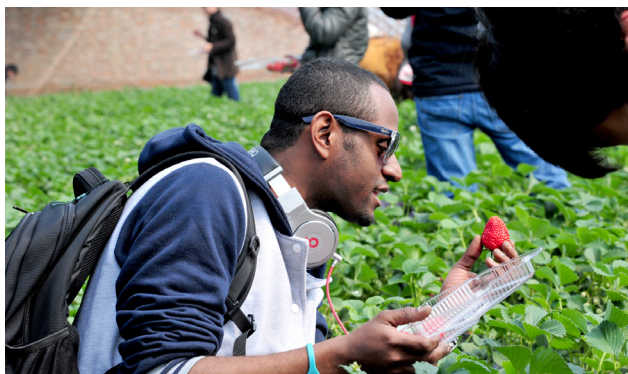
On May 14th, USTB's International Office arranged for international students at USTB to visit the Great Wall at Mutianyu.

It was the first time seeing the wall for many of the students, who were able to take majesty and history of one of the great wonders of world. The trip served as an excellent opportunity for the students to socialize and further practice their Chinese.

This trip was one in a series of activities offered by USTB's International Office, which are intended to allow students to take in Chinese culture while strengthening their Chinese language abilities. Great preparations were made by the USTB staff in order to ensure a safe and successful trip. The students that attended the trip spoke highly of it and expressed their excitement at having received the opportunity.



A Spring Outing: Strawberry Picking



On May 30th, teachers and students from the Chinese Language Teaching Center of USTB's International Office participated in a spring outing of strawberry picking. The site of the event was a Carrot Farm in the Changping District of northern Beijing. Once inside the warm and cozy greenhouses, the students were treated to a fun-filled experience, getting to fill their baskets with all

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Once inside the warm and cozy greenhouses, the students were treated to a fun-filled experience, getting to fill their baskets with all of the strawberries that they could pick. This served to be a unique experience for many, as a large number of students hadn't had the opportunity to pick strawberries before.

One African student said cheerfully that he adored strawberries now, remarking that he previously had little interest in the fruit. "That is because Chinese strawberries are so sweet and juicy!" he exclaimed in delight.

Chinese-practicing activities of this nature will be held monthly by the Chinese Language Teaching Center. With these events, international students have the opportunity to not only participate in extra-curricular activities but also learn more about Beijing. However, most importantly, the activities present an opportunity for students to practice and improve their Chinese outside of the classroom.

USTB International Students Heard by World

Lingumate.com, an interactive Chinese-learning website accessible all across the world, was launched by China Radio International (CRI) to provide quality and practical Chinese-learning resources and a social platform for Chinese-speaking people. For the purpose of creating more effective cross-culture communications, 30 internship positions were made available for international students in Beijing.



In recent years, the USTB International Students Center encouraged international students to participate in a range of contests, activities and while offering training and support. These efforts resulted in excellent performances by the students. In October 2012, USTB international students won third-place in the 4th Invitational Debate Competition for International Students in Beijing held by the Beijing Municipal Commission of Education. In June 2013, USTB international student Ilave Jacob won second-place in the 5th Chinese Proficiency Competition for Beijing International Students. In Aug. 2013, in the 6th Chinese Bridge Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Students in China, co-organized by CCTV and the Confucius Institute Headquarters (Hanban), both Ilave Jacob and Rashedul Islam advanced to the final with the former making the top 100 and the latter the top 30. USTB international students' excellent Chinese language abilities and performances on CCTV, BTV and other stages secured USTB a good reputation in Beijing and throughout the nation. For the above reasons, CRI contacted USTB as soon as the recruitment plan for interns was decided and offered five positions exclusively to USTB international students.

On Nov. 13th, Yang Guang, a director of CRI, and Yang Haixia, an editor with CRI, came to USTB to give a written examination and an interview to the 10 USTB applicants. According to Yang, there were around 1,000 international students in Beijing competing for 30 positions. Satisfied with the performance of the ten applicants, Director Yang said that he would try to secure more positions for USTB international students. Eight of the ten applicants, including Jargalmaa Nomin-Erdene and Byambasuren Odmaa from Mongolia, Princilia Eka Putri and Kamila Usmanova from Kazakhstan, Ke Lu Luis from Bolivia, Hoang Tuan Minh from Vietnam, and Boda Eric from Rwanda, were successfully admitted to the CRI program.

At the invitation of Yang Hui, Section Chief with CRI, the eight international students paid a visit to the CRI office. They showed great interest in the items on display and asked many questions. After they each briefly introduced themselves, Yang asked them several questions based on their individual traits and placed them in suitable positions accordingly. The eight students began working on Nov. 25th and will take part in the production of many CRI programs.

For the purpose of improving the Chinese language competence of international students and helping them gain wider social experiences, Wang Ge, director of the International Students Center, exchanged views with Director Yang about developing a long-term plan for cooperation. The two parties established a cooperative agreement under which CRI will offer regular internship positions to USTB international students on a monthly basis and provide opportunities for them to experience the media businesses and hone their Chinese. The center will try to create more opportunities for internships and social activities for international students, bridging the gap between theoretical studies and real-life practice.

Foreign Experts

Mr. Tetsuo Shoji Awarded with Honorary Professorship at USTB



On March 19, Mr. Tetsuo Shoji was awarded with an honorary professorship at the USTB Distinguished Experts Forum. Chancellor Luo Weidong, Vice President Sun Dongbai, and Prof. Wang Linbing, Deputy Director of the National Center of Material Service Safety (NCMS) attended the ceremony, which was chaired by Prof. Wang Ge, Director of the International Office.

Vice President Sun Dongbai extended a warm welcome to Prof. Shoji on behalf of USTB. He mentioned that Mr. Shoji was an old friend of the NCMS, and has achieved remarkable feats in the research of the safety assessment of nuclear power materials. He added that the inclusion of Prof. Shoji would surely raise the quality of research conducted by the NCMS.

Prof. Shoji delivered a lecture on “the Long-term Materials Reliability in Nuclear Power Plants”. He outlined assessment methods for the reliability of nuclear materials, the role of hydrogen in the degradation of nuclear materials, and the effects of the environmental fatigue on the lifespan of nuclear materials.

At the ceremony, Chancellor Luo Weidong conferred the certificate of Honorary Professor upon Mr. Shoji and expressed his thanks to Mr. Shoji for enhancing the relationship between USTB and Tohoku University.

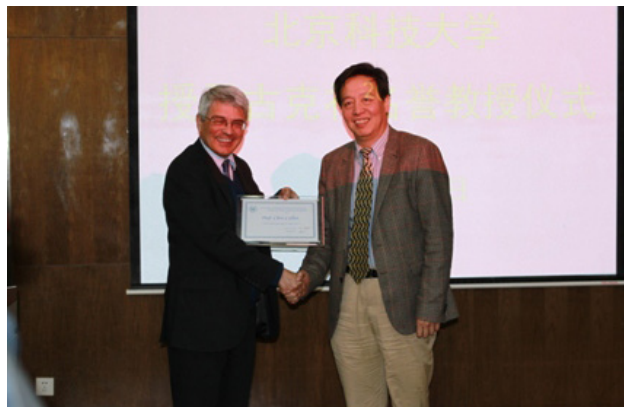
USTB Confers Honorary Title on Cambridge Professor

On April 19th, 2013, a ceremony was held by USTB to make Prof. Christopher Cullen, Director of the Needham Research Center at Cambridge University, an honorary professor.

Prof. Luo Weidong, Chancellor of USTB and President of the Institute of the Science, Technology and Civilization, awarded the certificate to Prof. Cullen and delivered a speech on behalf of USTB. In his speech, Chancellor Luo reviewed the long history of cooperation between USTB and the Needham Research Institute, and expressed sincere gratitude to Prof. Cullen for his contribution to promoting the history of science and technology as a discipline in USTB.

With Prof. Wang Ge, Director of the International Office, presiding, the ceremony was attended by leaders from the institutes and departments concerned, including the History of Natural Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

After the ceremony, Prof. Cullen was invited to the Metallurgy Forum, an academic activity at USTB, to deliver a speech titled “The Old Needham Question and a New Needham Question: Long-term Issues in Chinese Science and Technology Development”.





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