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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

July in Beijing is filled with the vibrancy of summer, where streams converge into the vast ocean. We have once again come together for a significant milestone since the establishment of the Network—the successful convening of the Fourth Council Meeting and the successful hosting of the 2026 Belt and Road Forum for Language and Culture Collaboration.

To date, the Network has grown to include 83 council member institutions, spanning Asia, Europe, Africa, South America, and Oceania. The addition of each member institution represents far more than a mere increase in numbers; it embodies a profound trust and a shared commitment that transcends geographical boundaries. We understand that behind these 83 institutions are the dedication and coordination of dozens, even hundreds, of individuals, the shared commitment of all members to advancing language education and cultural exchange under the Belt and Road Initiative, and our collective aspiration to realize the vision of “building people-to-people bonds and promoting mutual learning among civilizations.”

It is precisely because we share this common vision that the Network has evolved from an initial concept into a global family spanning five continents. This achievement has not come easily, and we cherish it deeply. At the same time, we are fully aware that the road ahead will not be without challenges. Transformations in language education, the impact of artificial intelligence, and the complexities of cross-border cooperation all mean that the future will bring new tests and opportunities. Precisely because of these challenges, we need to encourage and support one another more than ever—to stand firm in the face of difficulties, communicate more effectively when differences arise, and seize opportunities with confidence. The strength of the Network has never come from the efforts of one or two members alone; it comes from all of us moving in the same direction, with shared determination and unwavering commitment.

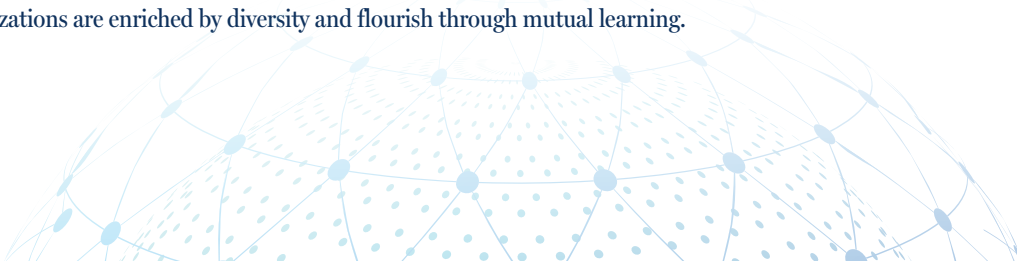
At the Fourth Council Meeting, the representative of the Chair Institution put forward three key proposals: jointly developing a “Study in China” education service platform to provide international students with a one-stop digital service channel; deepening people-to-people and cultural exchanges among Chinese and international youth to build bridges for the younger generation; and strengthening the Network’s think tank functions by leveraging forums to bring together expertise, conducting in-depth research projects, and producing influential reports. These three directions will serve as key priorities for the Network’s future development, and they require the active participation, wisdom, and contributions of every council member institution.

At this year’s Forum, experts from five continents gathered under the theme of “Youth Powering Mutual Learning for a Brighter BRI Future” to explore how language education can return to its fundamental mission of “nurturing people” in the era of artificial intelligence. The report on Key Competences for Global Teachers in the AI Era, released during the Forum, brought together the perspectives of nearly 5,000 educators from more than 20 countries and regions worldwide. These achievements were made possible because we were willing to gather together, share common aspirations, and work collectively toward common goals.

It is particularly worth noting that the 2027 Council Meeting and related academic activities of the Network have been confirmed to take place in Shanghai. As the Network approaches its fifth anniversary, we will gather in Shanghai to witness another important milestone in its development. This will be more than just a meeting—it will serve as an important platform for showcasing to the world the achievements of language education and cultural cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative. Regarding next year’s event format, thematic focus, and outcome planning, the Secretariat has already begun preliminary preparations. However, we sincerely hope to hear your voices and ideas. Although we come from different countries and institutions and bring diverse cultural perspectives and professional expertise, we are the ones who best understand the practical needs of our respective fields and are best positioned to offer grounded and creative suggestions. Whether it is the direction of joint research initiatives, the design of youth exchange programs, or the optimization of the functions of the “Study in China” platform, we warmly welcome your insights. Please do not hesitate to share your wisdom and creativity with the Secretariat at any time. Together, we can discuss, plan, and transform ideas into concrete actions.

The value of the Network lies not only in “bringing people together”, but also in “connecting hearts”—connecting languages, cultures, and people. We sincerely hope that every council member and every member institution will make full use of this platform to put forward cooperation proposals and actively explore new possibilities for collaboration.

Civilizations are enriched by diversity and flourish through mutual learning.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

七月的北京，夏意正浓，百川入海。我们迎来了联盟成立以来又一次重要的相聚——第四次理事会议的圆满召开，以及2026“一带一路”语言教育文化论坛的成功举办。

截至目前，联盟理事单位已达83家，覆盖亚洲、欧洲、非洲、南美洲和大洋洲。每一家成员单位的加入，都不是简单的数字累加，而是一份沉甸甸的信任、一份跨越山海的奔赴。我们深知，这83家背后，是几十位乃至上百位推动者的奔波与协调，是各单位对“一带一路”语言教育文化事业的共同热忱，更是我们对“民心相通、文明互鉴”这一梦想的集体守望。

正是因为大家都有这份共同的梦想，联盟才从一个最初的理念，一步步成长为今天覆盖五大洲的大家庭。这个数字来之不易，我们倍加珍惜。当然，我们也清醒地认识到，前方的路并非坦途——语言教育的变革、人工智能的冲击、跨境合作的复杂性，都意味着未来充满挑战。但正因如此，我们更需要彼此鼓励、相互扶持，在困难面前不退让，在分歧面前多沟通，在机遇面前不犹豫。联盟的力量，从来不在于一两个成员的单打独斗，而在于我们所有人方向一致、脚步坚定、勇毅前行。

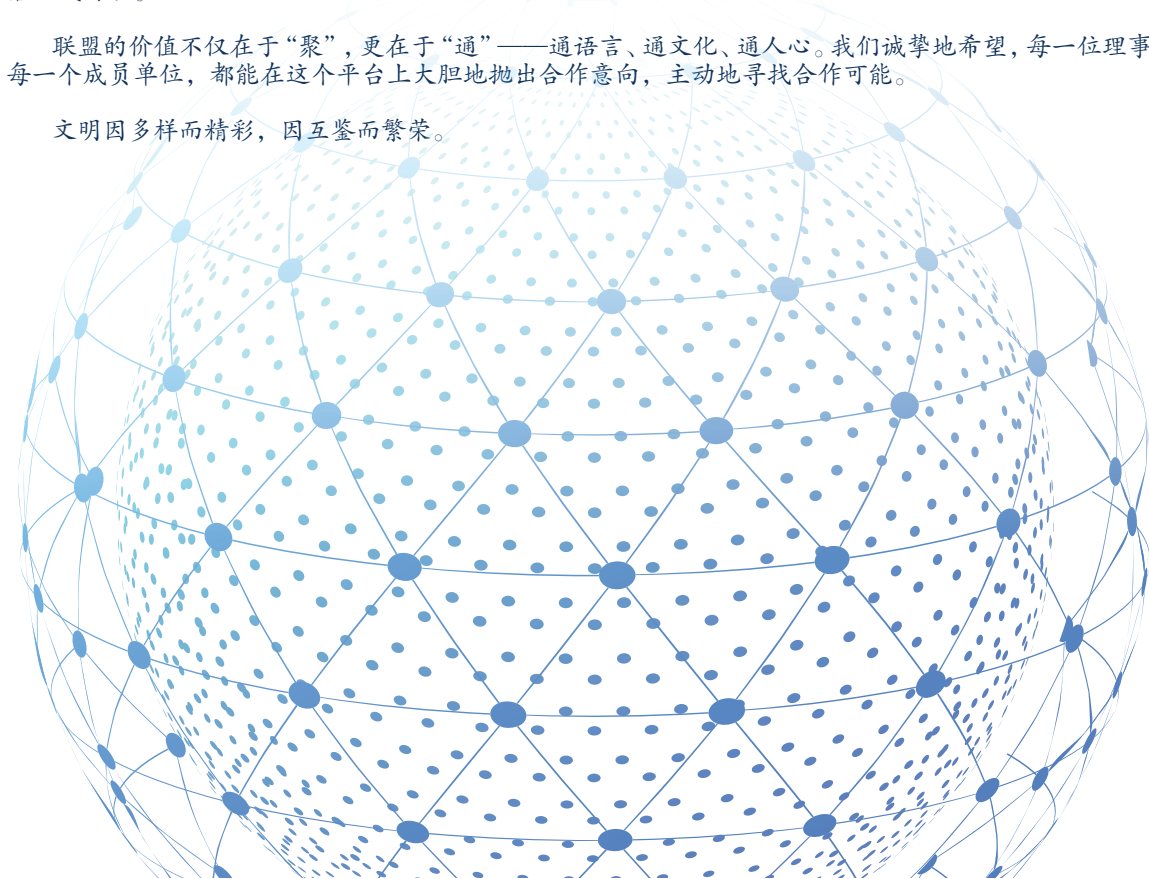
第四次理事会议上，理事长单位代表提出了三点重要建议：共建“学在中国”教育服务平台，为国际学生打造一站式数字化服务通道；深化中外青年人文化交流，为青年一代架设沟通桥梁；强化联盟智库功能，以论坛聚势、以课题深耕、以报告立言。这三条路径，正是联盟下一步发展的着力点，也需要每一个理事单位的积极参与和智慧贡献。

本次论坛上，来自五大洲的专家围绕“文明互鉴，青春同行”的主题，探讨了语言教育在AI时代如何回归“人的培养”这一根本命题。论坛发布的《人工智能时代全球教师关键能力调研报告》，汇聚了全球20余个国家和地区近5000名教育工作者的声音。这些成果的取得，正是因为大家愿意坐在一起、想到一处、干到一块。

特别值得一提的是，2027年联盟理事会议及相关学术活动已明确将在上海举办。这意味着联盟成立5周年之际，我们将相聚上海，共同见证联盟发展的又一个重要节点。这不仅是一次会议，更是我们向世界展示“一带一路”语言教育文化合作成果的重要窗口。关于明年的活动形式、主题方向、成果设计，秘书处已经开始了初步规划，但我们更希望能听到大家的声音。我们身处不同国家、不同机构，拥有不同的文化视角和专业积累，最了解各自领域的真实需求，也最能提出接地气、有创意的建议。无论是联合科研的方向选择、青年交流的活动设计，还是“学在中国”平台的功能优化，我们都非常期待听到大家的想法。请不要吝惜你们的智慧和创意，随时与秘书处沟通，我们一起商量、一起策划、一起把想法落地成行动。

联盟的价值不仅在于“聚”，更在于“通”——通语言、通文化、通人心。我们诚挚地希望，每一位理事、每一个成员单位，都能在这个平台上大胆地抛出合作意向，主动地寻找合作可能。

文明因多样而精彩，因互鉴而繁荣。



2026 BELT AND ROAD FORUM FOR LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COLLABORATION

2026 “一带一路”语言教育文化论坛在京举行



Professor Patricia Duff from the University of British Columbia delivers a keynote speech.



Professor Cheng Liying from City University of Macau delivers a keynote speech.

The 2026 Belt and Road Forum for Language and Culture Collaboration was held at Beijing Foreign Studies University from July 24 to 25. Under the theme of “Youth Powering Mutual Learning for a Brighter BRI Future”, the forum brought together experts from the cultural and education sectors, linguists, and frontline teachers from five continents to explore ways to uphold the value of language education and pursue innovation amid globalization and the rapid development of artificial intelligence.

During the keynote session, Professor Patricia Duff from the University of British Columbia delivered a speech titled “Integrating language and content in English as a foreign language: Principles, priorities, and practices”. She said that, while addressing the dual demands of language and content learning, teachers should activate students’ existing linguistic and content-related background knowledge as well as genre awareness. Through carefully designed activities, teachers can provide scaffolding for learning and offer students sufficient opportunities for modeling, language input, social interaction, and multimodal output, thereby facilitating deeper learning.

Professor Cheng Liying from City University of Macau focused her keynote speech on self-regulated learning and assessment. In response to the profound challenges posed by artificial intelligence to educational quality, she emphasized the importance of cultivating students as self-regulated learners. She also said that classroom assessment practices provide an effective pathway to help students

develop a passion for learning and take ownership of their lifelong growth.

At the afternoon parallel session “Leaders Talk”, presidents of English teachers’ associations and representatives from universities in more than 20 countries discussed topics including language education, cultural identity, and international cooperation. Drawing on practices in their respective countries, scholars and experts shared experiences in integrating local cultures into English curricula. They agreed that English education should serve as a bridge for local cultures to reach the world rather than a tool for cultural assimilation.

During discussions on the relationship between artificial intelligence and language education, participants further emphasized that in the AI era, language education should return to its fundamental mission of “cultivating people”. The session also invited Rwandan international student and PhD candidate at Jiangxi Normal University, Zhao Chun (Aimé Fabrice Tresor), as a youth representative to share innovations in promoting his country’s local culture, bringing a young perspective to discussions on how education and AI can contribute to the common well-being of humanity.

During the forum, the Belt and Road Languages and Cultures Network (BRLCN) released the Report on Key Competences for Global Teachers in the AI Era. Based on extensive research involving nearly 5,000 education professionals from more than 20 countries and regions worldwide, the report systematically identifies the key competencies required of future teachers and provides authoritative data support for the development of education policies suited to the AI era.

The Belt and Road Forum for Language and Culture Collaboration is an annual high-level academic event organized by the BRLCN. It was initiated in 2023 under the leadership of China Daily and is committed to promoting linguistic connectivity and people-to-people exchanges among countries involved in the Belt and Road Initiative. To date, its members include more than 80 cultural and educational institutions from countries and regions across five continents, with its global influence continuing to grow.



THE FOURTH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE BELT AND ROAD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES NETWORK

“一带一路”语言教育文化组织联盟第四次理事会议在京召开



The fourth Council Meeting of the Belt and Road Languages and Cultures Network in session.

The fourth Council Meeting of the Belt and Road Languages and Cultures Network was held in Beijing on July 23. The meeting was chaired by Zhang Haigang, deputy editor-in-chief of 21st Century Media and Education, the network secretariat. A total of 52 representatives from council member institutions attended the meeting. Zeng Qingkai, secretary-general of China Daily and representative of the network's chair institution, attended the meeting and delivered a speech.

In his remarks, Zeng Qingkai put forward three suggestions for the future development of the network. First, he proposed

jointly building the “Study in China” Education Service Platform. Launched by China Daily and the China Center for International People-to-People Exchange, the platform aims to provide international students with one-stop digital services ranging from study-abroad consultation to daily life assistance in China, becoming a “super gateway” for international education in China. Second, he called for deeper people-to-people and cultural exchanges among young people from China and other countries. He hoped that the network would work with more council members to launch youth-oriented international communication and cultural exchange programs, creating new bridges for young people worldwide. Third, he called for strengthening the network's think tank function by leveraging forums to build momentum, conducting in-depth research projects, and publishing influential reports and cultural research outcomes, thereby continuously enhancing the network's global impact.

Following the speech, Zhang Haigang delivered an annual work report on behalf of the secretariat. During the open discussion session, participants discussed issues including resource sharing, talent cultivation, and academic cooperation.

The meeting approved the addition of Beijing Foreign Studies University as an executive council member of BRLCN. It was also announced that the 2027 Council Meeting of the BRLCN and related academic activities are planned to be held in Shanghai, with support from local universities including Shanghai International Studies University.

THE THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE OF SINOLOGISTS

第三届世界汉学家大会在敦煌举行

The Third World Conference of Sinologists was held in Dunhuang, Gansu Province, from June 3 to 4. Under the theme of “Pooling Wisdom of Civilizations to Jointly Address Challenges of Our Times”, the conference brought together more than 300 sinologists, overseas scholars, and international dignitaries from about 70 countries.

During the conference, four major outcomes were announced, including the Dunhuang Initiative of World Sinologists and the Book Series of World Sinologists, seven overseas Sinology centers were established, and the World Sinologists Workshop was inaugurated. These achievements further improved the global landscape of Sinology research and promoted the application and transformation of Sinological research outcomes.

The event was jointly hosted by the Chinese Association for International Understanding and the People's Government of Gansu Province, and organized by Beijing Language and Culture University. It is one of the highest-level and most influential

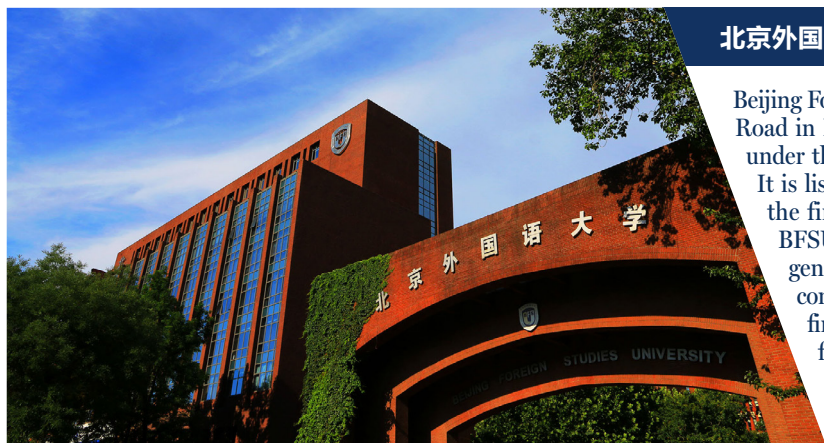


The Third World Conference of Sinologists in session.

international academic events in the field of global Sinology research.

(Source: Beijing Language and Culture University; Xinhua News)

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北京外国语大学

BELJING FOREIGN STUDIES UNIVERSITY

Beijing Foreign Studies University, or BFSU, located on North Xisanhuan Road in Haidian district, Beijing, is one of China's leading universities under the direct administration of the Ministry of Education (MOE). It is listed under Project 211, Project 985's Innovation Platform and the first round of the Double First-Class Project of China. Today, BFSU teaches 101 foreign languages. It houses China's largest non-general language teaching cluster that offers courses in some less commonly taught European, Asian and African languages, as the first of the MOE's special teaching programs. While best known for its excellence in foreign languages and literature, BFSU has also launched programs in fields such as humanities, law, economics, management and education.

Official Website: <https://www.bfsu.edu.cn/>

澳门培正中学

PUI CHING MIDDLE SCHOOL MACAU

Pui Ching Middle School was founded in Guangzhou in 1889. It is the first school in China established by Chinese Christians. It has achieved continuous growth over its 130 years of history despite various challenges and hardships. Over the years, it expanded from Guangzhou to Hong Kong and Macao. Now, it is a through-train school with about 3,000 students and provides education from kindergarten to senior high school. It is devoted to delivering personalized education through diversified curricula. It aims to improve student abilities and reduce individual differences through small-class teaching.

Official Website: <https://www.puiching.edu.mo/en/main/>



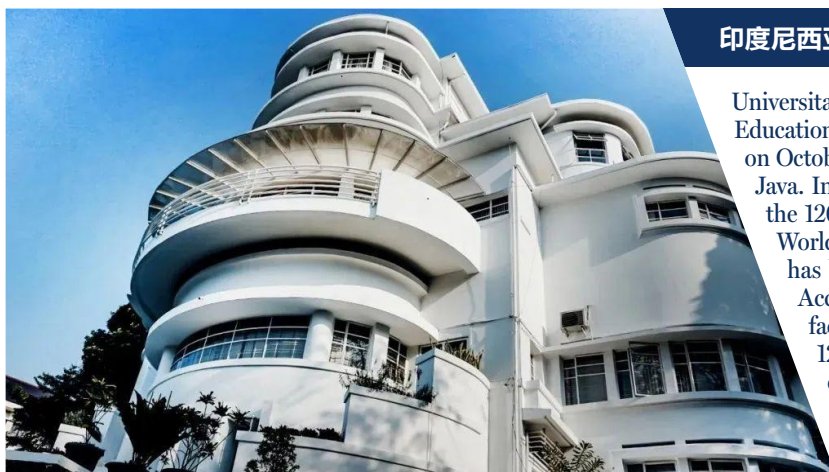
马来西亚双威大学

SUNWAY UNIVERSITY

Sunway University is one of Malaysia's leading private universities dedicated to providing quality holistic education for all regardless of race, creed or financial standing. By upholding its core values of Integrity, Humility and Excellence, it supports the discovery, advancement, transmission and application of knowledge that meets the needs of the society and global community. Sunway University is part of the Sunway Education Group which is owned and governed by the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation (JCF), Malaysia's largest education-focused social enterprise. Through this unique not-for-profit structure, operating surpluses are channelled back into the institutions or disbursed as scholarships, research grants and expansion funds for faculty and facilities to ensure quality education in perpetuity.

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印度尼西亚教育大学

UNIVERSITAS PENDIDIKAN INDONESIA

Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI), or the Indonesia University of Education, is a public teacher-training university in Indonesia. Founded on October 20, 1954, the university is headquartered in Bandung, West Java. In the 2025 QS World University Rankings, UPI was placed in the 1201–1400 band. It was ranked 201st worldwide in the 2024 QS World University Rankings by Subject (Education & Training) and has been accredited as an “A” institution by Indonesia’s National Accreditation Board for Higher Education. It comprises eight faculties and five graduate schools/institutes, offering more than 120 academic programs spanning disciplines such as community education, psychology, accounting, languages and literature, economics, and business, with degree programs ranging from undergraduate to doctoral levels.

Official Website: <https://www.upi.edu/id>

蒙古科技大学

MONGOLIAN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Mongolian University of Science and Technology (MUST) is the most prestigious and largest national engineering higher education institute in Mongolia. Since its origin in 1959, MUST has been home to highly-skilled scholars, engineers and students who have been drawn from all over Mongolia to teach, perform, create, and study. It has achieved local and international recognition in a wide range of areas – including engineering sciences, education, business, social work, and public service. MUST aims to be ranked within the top 1000 universities in the world university ranking by 2030.

Official Website: <https://www.must.edu.mn/en/>



乌兹别克斯坦世界语言大学

UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGE UNIVERSITY

The Uzbekistan State World Languages (UzSWLU) began its activities in 1949 under the name Tashkent Pedagogical Institute of Foreign Languages. The university has a 70-year history. Currently, the university has 23,168 students learning about 20 foreign languages based on world educational standards. Every year, the university prepares specialists with bachelor's and master's degrees in 27 bachelor's and 19 master's programs. The university is collaborating with over 180 higher educational institutions worldwide, organizing international conferences every year in collaboration with embassies of foreign countries, international organizations, and universities.

Official Website: <https://uzswlu.uz/en>

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委内瑞拉安德烈斯·贝约天主教大学

ANDRES BELLO CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, CARACAS, VENEZUELA

The Andres Bello Catholic University, Caracas, Venezuela is an institution of higher education of the Society of Jesus. Its foundation was decreed by the Venezuelan Episcopate in 1951 and carried out in Caracas in 1953 by the Society of Jesus, to which it belongs in perpetuity. The university is a non-profit institution. The source of its income is the stipends from student tuition and pensions, the contributions, donations, inheritances or legacies of people and communities who wish to link their name to the organization, and those derived from any lawful agreement whose celebration is considered convenient. The proceeds of such income, if any, after paying what the university service requires, will revert directly or indirectly to the benefit of the cultural work carried out by the University.

Official Website: <https://www.ucab.edu.ve/>

泰国国立法政大学

THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY, THAILAND

Founded in 1934, Thammasat University is Thailand's second-oldest public comprehensive university and one of the country's leading higher education institutions. It is widely known as the "Cradle of Democracy" and the "Cradle of Prime Ministers", and holds significant influence in the fields of humanities and social sciences across Southeast Asia. The university operates multiple campuses in Bangkok, Rangsit, Pattaya, and other locations. With a comprehensive academic structure, Thammasat University has established particular strengths in law, political science, economics, journalism and mass communication, and business administration.

Official Website: <https://tu.ac.th/en/>



泰国玛希隆大学国际示范学校

MAHIDOL UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL, THAILAND



Mahidol University International Demonstration School (MUIDS) is an international high school near Bangkok that is affiliated with Mahidol University. A mixture of Thai and American educational standards help students develop the skills and confidence they need to succeed at any university anywhere in the world. The MUIDS curriculum is built on three separate educational standards: the Content Standards for California Public Schools, the Thailand Ministry of Education Content Standards for Basic Education, and the Thai Language and Culture Content Standards. Students who graduate from MUIDS receive a Thai high school certificate and an American diploma.

Official Website: www.muids.mahidol.ac.th

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玻利维亚英语教师协会

BOLIVIAN ENGLISH TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

BETA, BOLIVIA is an independent and non-profit association, founded in 1996. Its mission is to enhance professionalism in English Language Teaching in Bolivia.

Official Website: <https://www.facebook.com/BETABoliviaTesoIatefl/>

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Jul 22

SHANDONG UNIVERSITY

A joint Confucius Institute established

山东大学与西班牙塞维利亚大学、中国国际中文教育基金会举行共建孔子学院签约仪式



The signing ceremony in session.

Shandong University, the University of Seville in Spain, and the Chinese International Education Foundation held an online signing ceremony for the joint establishment of a Confucius Institute on July 22. Li Shucaï, President of Shandong University, Carmen Vargas, President of the University of Seville, and Zhao Lingshan, Vice Chairman and Secretary-General of the Chinese International Education Foundation, attended the ceremony and delivered remarks. President Li Shucaï said that Shandong University and the University of Seville have built a solid foundation for cooperation and forged a strong and enduring partnership over the years. The joint establishment of the Confucius Institute, he said, represents a strategic collaboration that leverages the complementary strengths, shared resources, and close coordination of the two universities. It also serves as a concrete example of implementing the Action Plan for Strengthening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between China and Spain.

Jul 11-18

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

Agreements signed with Institutions in Uzbekistan

上海外国语大学与乌兹别克斯坦多所高校和机构签署合作协议

Yin Dongmei, Party Secretary of Shanghai International Studies University (SISU), visited Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan from July 11 to 18. During the visit to Uzbekistan, the SISU delegation participated in a thematic meeting at the Development Strategy Center of Uzbekistan. The two sides had discussions on topics including regional governance in Central Asia, signed a cooperation agreement, and jointly inaugurated the China-Uzbekistan Community with a Shared Future Joint Research Center. At the "Silk Road" International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage, the two universities reached consensus on cooperation in areas such as the preservation of Silk Road cultural heritage, two-way student mobility, advanced interpreter and translator training, and the dispatch of Chinese language teachers. The two sides also signed an inter-university Memorandum of Understanding. At Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies, the two sides held extensive discussions on the joint establishment of a Center for Bamboo and Silk Manuscript Studies, annual scholar exchange programs, and resource sharing among Confucius Institutes. They also signed a university-level Memorandum of Understanding. At the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, the two institutions discussed jointly establishing a Central Asia Field Research Station, advancing interdisciplinary talent cultivation through programs such as "Chinese

Language + International Trade" and "Global Business Management," and agreed on an annual scholar exchange program. At Samarkand State Institute of Foreign Languages, the two sides convened a meeting of the Confucius Institute Board of Directors and agreed to advance the development of the China-Uzbekistan Center for Mutual Learning among Civilizations.



Jul 16

SHANDONG NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Letter of Intent signed with Kazakh National Pedagogical University

山东师范大学与哈萨克国立师范大学签署中外合作办学意向书

The Kazakhstan-China High-Tech Enterprises Roundtable, as a key bilateral side event within the framework of the 2026 World Artificial Intelligence Conference and High-Level Meeting on Global AI Governance, was held in Shanghai on July 16. Wei Xuejiang, Vice President of Shandong Normal University, attended the event and, together with Oshanova Nurzhama, Vice President of Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University, signed a letter of intent for the two universities to jointly establish a Chinese-foreign cooperative education institution. In April this year, Shandong Normal University signed an agreement with Kazakh National Pedagogical University, making the latter the university's first partner institution in Central Asia.

Jul 13

BELJING LANGUAGE AND CULTURE UNIVERSITY

Memorandum of Understanding signed with Pushkin State Russian Language Institute

北京语言大学与俄罗斯国立普希金俄语学院签署合作备忘录



Duan Peng (right), President of Beijing Language and Culture University and Nikita Gusev, President of the Pushkin State Russian Language Institute, after signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Jul 13

BEIJING INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

Agreement signed with Mahasarakham University in Thailand

北京第二外国语学院与泰国马哈沙拉堪大学签署合作框架协议

Nittaya Wannakit, Vice President of Mahasarakham University in Thailand, visited Beijing International Studies University on July 13. Zheng Chengjun, Vice President of Beijing International Studies University, met with the Thai delegation and signed an agreement to further strengthen educational collaboration between the two sides.. Zheng Chengjun said that the university serves as an important base for cultivating professionals in diplomacy and foreign affairs in China, and places great importance on educational exchanges and cooperation with countries involved in the Belt and Road Initiative.



Zheng Chengjun (left), Vice President of Beijing International Studies University, and Nittaya Wannakit, Vice President of Mahasarakham University, after signing an agreement.

Jul 8

TIANJIN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

Agreement signed with Intercon University in Vietnam

天津外国语大学与越南英特康大学签署合作协议



Zhu Pengxiao (right), Vice President of Tianjin Foreign Studies University, and Nguyen Quoc Sy, Vice President of Intercon University in Vietnam, after signing an agreement.

Nguyen Quoc Sy, Vice President of Intercon University in Vietnam visited Tianjin Foreign Studies University. Zhu Pengxiao, Vice President of the Tianjin University, met with the Vietnamese delegation. The two sides had talks on deepening institutional cooperation and signed an inter-university cooperation agreement. Zhu Pengxiao said that the university has long been committed to cultivating internationally minded talent and promoting people-to-people and cultural exchanges between China and other countries. With its well-established system for international Chinese language education, the university looks forward to taking this visit as an opportunity to strengthen cooperation with

Intercon University in areas including international Chinese language education, faculty and student exchanges, and cultural study programs, thereby further advancing educational and cultural exchanges between China and Vietnam.

Jul 8

NORTHWEST NORMAL UNIVERSITY

The Kuala Lumpur Internship Base of the Northwest Normal University inaugurated

西北师范大学吉隆坡实习基地揭牌

Moh Shun Chung, President of New Era University College in Malaysia, visited Northwest Normal University on July 8. During the visit, the two universities jointly inaugurated the Northwest Normal University Kuala Lumpur Internship Base. The establishment of the internship base will provide students, particularly those majoring in International Chinese Language Education, with a high-quality overseas teaching platform offering firsthand classroom experience. It will also further expand internship and practical training opportunities in Southeast Asia, marking a substantive step forward in cooperation between the two universities in the field of international Chinese language education.

Zhang Jinyao, Vice President of Northwest Normal University, said that in recent years the university has continued to expand cooperation in Chinese language education with partners in Central Asia and Southeast Asia, achieving positive results in educating international students in China and training Chinese language teachers overseas. He hoped that, with the inauguration of the internship base as a new starting point, the two universities would establish a regular communication mechanism, leverage their respective strengths, deepen practical cooperation, and work together to empower students with enhanced international learning and development opportunities.



The Kuala Lumpur Internship Base of the Northwest Normal University inaugurated.

Jul 3

SHANTOU UNIVERSITY

Memorandum of Understanding signed with Huachiew Chalermprakiet University in Thailand

汕头大学与泰国华侨崇圣大学签署合作备忘录

Hao Zhifeng, President of Shantou University, and Professor Uraivan Chankwanichanon, President of Huachiew Chalermprakiet University in Thailand, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of their respective universities on July 3, marking a new stage in bilateral cooperation that moves beyond friendly exchanges to substantive collaboration.

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President Hao said that Shantou University established its Thai Language program in 2022 to cultivate interdisciplinary professionals with strong Thai language proficiency, a solid understanding of international practices, and in-depth knowledge of Thai culture. In recent years, the university has collaborated with a number of Thai higher education institutions. He hoped that the signing of the MoU would serve as a new starting point for deepening educational cooperation, promoting people-to-people and cultural exchanges, and jointly nurturing more talented graduates who will contribute to the friendship between China and Thailand.



Hao Zhifeng (right), President of Shantou University, and Uraiwan Chankwanichanon, President of Huachiew Chalermprakiet University, after signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

Jun 24-Jul 3

BELJING UNIVERSITY OF CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY

Agreement signed with University of Genoa in Italy

北京化工大学与意大利热那亚大学签署合作协议

Wang Feng, Vice President of Beijing University of Chemical Technology, visited universities in Austria, Switzerland, and Italy from June 24 to July 3. During the visit to the University of Genoa, the two sides reviewed the achievements made since the launch of their Sino-foreign cooperative education program in Industrial Design and spoke highly of its progress. They agreed to expand student enrollment in the program and continue developing it into a high-quality cooperative education initiative. The two universities discussed extending their collaboration to master's and doctoral programs in Industrial Design, as well as strengthening joint research in fields including industrial design, materials science, chemistry, and chemical engineering. Wang Feng and Paola Renata Dameri, Vice Rector of the University of Genoa, signed a resolution of the Joint Management Committee and a supplementary agreement on the Sino-foreign cooperative education program.



Wang Feng (left), Vice President of Beijing University of Chemical Technology, and Paola Renata Dameri, Vice Rector of the University of Genoa in Italy, sign an agreement.

Jul 1

SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY

Memorandum of Understanding signed with Assumption University in Thailand

苏州大学与泰国易三仓大学签署合作谅解备忘录

Gao Li, Assistant Vice President of Assumption University in Thailand, visited Soochow University on July 1. Yao Jianlin, Vice President of Soochow University, met with the delegation. He said that Thailand is a key partner in the university's global education cooperation strategy. With its comprehensive range of academic disciplines and extensive experience in international education, Soochow University looks forward to working closely with Assumption University to advance practical cooperation in areas such as international student education in China and joint talent cultivation, thereby promoting the development of both institutions. The two universities signed a Memorandum of Understanding after the meeting.



The meeting in session.

Jun 29

BELJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Memorandum of Understanding signed with Belarusian State University

北京师范大学与白俄罗斯国立大学签署合作备忘录

Andrei Karol, President of Belarusian State University, visited Beijing Normal University on June 29. Yu Jihong, President of the Beijing Normal University, met with the delegation. Yu hoped that the two universities would take this visit as an opportunity to further deepen mutual understanding and expand practical cooperation in areas including people-to-people and cultural exchanges and interdisciplinary development, jointly setting an example for higher education cooperation between China and Belarus. The two universities signed a Memorandum of Understanding during the meeting.



Yu Jihong (left), President of Beijing Normal University, and Andrei Karol, President of Belarusian State University, after signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

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Jun 25

QSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

Memorandum of Understanding signed with Newcastle University in the UK

清华大学与纽卡斯尔大学签署合作备忘录

Guo Yong, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Tsinghua University, visited the Newcastle University in England on June 25. Nigel Harkness, Executive Vice-President and Li Li, Vice-president for international affairs of Newcastle University met with the delegation. Guo Yong introduced Tsinghua University's latest developments in areas including talent cultivation, artificial intelligence, and humanities and social sciences. He hoped that the two universities would take this visit as an opportunity to advance cooperation in student exchange, faculty exchange, joint research, and other fields. Guo Yong and Li Li signed a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the two universities.



Guo Yong (left), Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Tsinghua University and Li Li, vice vector of Newcastle University sign a Memorandum of Understanding.

Jun 18-24

XI'AN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

Xi'an International Studies University France Campus inaugurated

西安外国语大学法国分校正式挂牌成立



Xi'an International Studies University France Campus was officially inaugurated.

Wu Yaowu, President of Xi'an International Studies University, visited GGI Business School in Paris, France on June 18. The university's France Campus was officially inaugurated, marking a breakthrough as the university's first overseas campus in Europe. The two sides signed agreements on talent cultivation in areas including international finance, Chinese language education, and tourism, as well as on faculty exchanges, two-way student study programs, and corporate internships. The delegation visited the Lakeside Campus of Bordeaux Wine School and signed a tripartite cooperation agreement with the school and Beijing Huiyuan Beverage Group on June 20. After visiting several

Huiyuan wineries in Bordeaux, the univeristy officially inaugurated the first overseas internship and practical training base in Europe at Château des Vignes (Mei'xiang Palace Winery). The university also launched preparations for the establishment of the university's Bordeaux International Industry-Education Integration Center, exploring an integrated talent cultivation model combining "language + professional expertise + industry".

Jun 18

SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY

Agreements signed with Brazilian Association of Rectors of Provincial and Municipal Universities

上海交通大学与巴西州立和市立大学校长协会签署合作协议

A delegation of presidents from the Brazilian Association of Rectors of Provincial and Municipal Universities (ABRUEM) visited Shanghai Jiao Tong University on June 18. Ding Kuiling, President of the Shanghai University, said that this year marks the 130th anniversary of the university's founding. He hoped that the visit would serve as a new starting point for injecting sustained educational momentum into the deepening of friendship between the peoples of China and Brazil and the pursuit of common development. Ding Kuiling and Miguel Sánchez Neto, President of State University of Ponta Grossa in Brazil, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the university and the association respectively. The two sides agreed that, building on the new "Golden 50 Years" of China-Brazil relations, they would take this exchange as a new starting point to continuously deepen cooperation in education, science and technology, and culture, and contribute the strength of higher education institutions to building a China-Brazil community with a shared future.



Ding Kuiling (right), President of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and Miguel Sánchez Neto, President of Ponta Grossa State University of Brazil, after signing an agreement.

Jun 14-18

CENTRAL SOUTH UNIVERSITY

Agreements signed with the University of York and University of Dundee

中南大学与约克大学、邓迪大学签署合作协议

An Shi, Secretary of the Party Committee of Central South University, visited universities in the United Kingdom from June 14 to 18. At the University of York, An Shi met with President Charlie Jeffery and signed an agreement on Jointly Establishing York International College by Central South University and the University of York. The two universities will launch integrated training programs in the field of medicine and jointly establish a high-level cooperative college featuring advanced educational concepts, teaching models, and

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management experience. At the University of Dundee, An Shi met with Acting President Nigel Seaton and signed the Letter of Intent between Central South University and the University of Dundee on Adding New Programs to Dundee International College. The two universities plan to introduce additional programs in areas including business, environmental science, and forensic medicine.



An Shi (left), Secretary of the Party Committee of Central South University, and Nigel Seaton, Acting President of the University of Dundee in Scotland, sign an agreement.

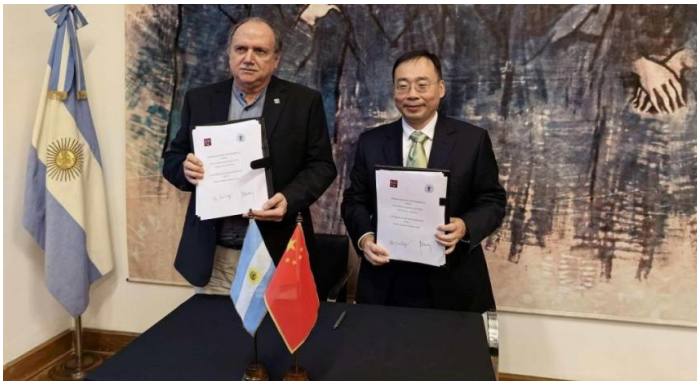
Jun 9-17

BEIJING JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY

Agreements signed with universities in Argentina

北京交通大学与阿根廷多所高校签署合作协议

Shi Xianliang, Vice President of Beijing Jiaotong University, visited universities in Argentina from June 9 to 17. Shi signed Memoranda of Understandings with Ing. Rubén Soro, President of the National Technological University of Argentina, and Mtro. Daniel Bozzani, President of the National University of Lanús, respectively. The two sides agreed on steadily advancing student exchange programs, implementing joint undergraduate and graduate training programs, exploring new models of Sino-foreign cooperative education, and further expanding the Beijing university's educational cooperation and development in the Latin American region. At the National University of La Plata, Shi Xianliang met with Marcelo Ricardo Ítalo Pecoraro, Vice President of the university, to further align views on previous cooperation initiatives. The two sides exchanged draft cooperation agreements and reached consensus on future collaboration.



Shi Xianliang (right), Vice President of Beijing Jiaotong University, and Mtro. Daniel Bozzani, President of the National University of Lanús, after signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

Jun 10

BEIHANG UNIVERSITY

Agreement signed with Middle East Technical University in Turkey

北京航空航天大学与土耳其中东技术大学签署合作协议

Ahmet Yozgatligil, President of Middle East Technical University in Turkey, visited Beihang University on June 10. During the visit, the two sides signed a Memorandum of Understanding, a student exchange agreement, and an agreement on the Innovation Center for Commercial Space Technology and Applications. They also jointly inaugurated the center. Zhao Changlu, Secretary of the Party Committee of Beihang University, said that the Middle East Technical University, as one of Turkey's leading universities in science and engineering, has highly complementary academic strengths with Beihang University. As 2026 marks the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Türkiye, he hoped that the two universities would take this opportunity to expand cooperation in high-level international education and research projects, jointly establish world-class international laboratories, explore multilateral cooperation mechanisms, and elevate bilateral collaboration to a new level.



Zhao Changlu (right), Secretary of the Party Committee of Beihang University, and Ahmet Yozgatligil, President of Middle East Technical University, sign an agreement.

Jun 3-4

NINGXIA UNIVERSITY

The second China-Morocco International Forum on Belt and Road Cooperation

宁夏大学与摩洛哥哈桑一世大学共同主办第二届“一带一路”中摩合作国际论坛

The second China-Morocco International Forum on Belt and Road Cooperation was held at Hassan I University in Morocco from June 3 to 4. The forum was jointly organized by Ningxia University and Hassan I University, and hosted by the China-Morocco Belt and Road Joint Research Institute. More than 60 experts and scholars from China University of Political Science and Law, as well as universities and research institutions in Morocco, attended the forum. Focusing on topics including legal cooperation, cultural exchanges, and economic development, participants provide academic insights to support the high-quality development of China-Morocco cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative. Zhou Liya, Deputy Director of the China-Arab States Research Institute at Ningxia University, said that the two universities have continuously deepened cooperation in areas including China-Arab relations, legal cooperation, economic and trade exchanges, language and cultural education, and regional and country studies. To date, Ningxia University has sent nearly 160 undergraduate and graduate students to Hassan I University, contributing to educational and people-to-people exchanges between China and Morocco.

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The forum in session.

May 27

SHAANXI NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Szeged International College of Shaanxi Normal University Approved

陕西师范大学塞格德国际学院正式获批

The non-independent legal entity Sino-foreign cooperative education institution jointly established by Shaanxi Normal University and the University of Szeged in Hungary — Szeged International College of Shaanxi Normal University — has been officially approved. Founded in 1581, the University of Szeged is one of Central Europe's leading higher education institutions. Leveraging the disciplinary strengths of the School of Physics and Information Technology, the Szeged International College of Shaanxi Normal University will build upon the successful joint undergraduate program in Electronic Information Science and Technology launched by the two universities. The college will further integrate high-quality educational resources from both sides, expand areas of collaboration, and develop a high-quality international talent cultivation mechanism and educational model.

COMING EVENTS

August 24-25, 2026

16th AzETA International Conference, Baku, Azerbaijan

September 12-13, 2026

34th MELTA International Conference 2026, Ipoh, Malaysia

September 25-27, 2026

19th National TEFL / 15th Mongolia TESOL International
Conference, Mongolia

October 1-3, 2026

61st National and 7th International ASOCOPI Annual
Conference, Bucaramanga, Colombia

October 7-9, 2026

72nd TEFLIN International Conference, Jakarta, Indonesia

October 28 - November 8, 2026

China Annual Conference & Expo for International Education,
Beijing

November 20-21, 2026

12th BELTA International Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh