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CHINESE LANGUAGE CONFERENCE, BEIJING

2024 世界中文大会在京举行



The World Chinese Language Conference in Beijing is in session.

The 2024 World Chinese Language Conference, with the theme “Interconnection, integration, inheritance, innovation”, was held at the China National Convention Center in Beijing from November 15 to 17. More than 2,000 attendees took part, including government officials, university presidents, experts, scholars, teachers, students and diplomats from more than 160 countries and regions. Activities included a seminar on the 20th anniversary of the Confucius Institute, the 2024 China-GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) Language and Culture Forum and the 2024 World Language Education Forum. Topics of discussion included the development of Confucius Institutes, research on the application of standards on international Chinese-language education, the localization of teachers, teaching materials and teaching methodologies, digital and intelligent transformation of language education, the international application and service of Chinese language, the coordinated development of Chinese language and vocational education, language education and mutual learning among civilizations.

LANGUAGE EDUCATION IN FOCUS ON SIDELINES OF APEC MEETING

APEC 语言教育与人才培养论坛在秘鲁召开

Forum on Language Education and Talents Cultivation was held in Lima, Peru, on November 14 during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum (APEC PERU 2024). The forum, with the theme “Digitalization and educational innovation”, included discussions on: the APEC global citizenship cultivation model and pathways to promote employment; the design and strategy of educational public policies in a global education environment; the application of artificial intelligence, virtual reality and technology in education and teaching practices; and education innovation, cultural heritage preservation and mutual learning between diverse civilizations. The forum aimed to explore new development opportunities from the perspective of language education and talent cultivation to contribute to the APEC summit’s goals of “empowerment, inclusiveness and growth” and to help shape a new global framework for mutual understanding and exchange between civilizations. The forum was co-hosted by Beijing Language and Culture University and the Saint Ignatius of Loyola University in Lima and it was an important side event during the APEC Informal Leaders’ Meetings.



The opening ceremony of the APEC Language Education and Talent Cultivation Forum.

MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION OF CHINA AND KENYA SIGN AGREEMENT ON DEVELOPING CHINESE-LANGUAGE EDUCATION IN KENYA

中肯两国教育部签署《关于在肯尼亚开展中文教育的谅解备忘录》



Wu Yan and Muganda Inyangala after signing the agreement.

Wu Yan, China's Vice Minister of Education, and Beatrice Muganda Inyangala, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Higher Education and Research, Ministry of Education of Kenya, signed a memorandum of understanding between the two countries' ministries of education relating to developing Chinese-language education in Kenya on November 16 during the 2024 World Chinese Language Conference in Beijing. The two countries will strengthen collaboration in areas such as training local Chinese teachers and developing teaching resources, jointly promoting the high-quality development of Chinese-language education in Kenya.

HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, TIANJIN

2024 年世界职业技术教育发展大会在天津举行



The opening ceremony of the World Vocational and Technical Education Development Conference.

The 2024 World Vocational and Technical Education Development Conference, with the theme “Innovation empowers the future, skills enlighten new lives”, was held in Tianjin on November 21. More than 1,200 delegates attended the conference, including about 600 international guests from more than 100 countries and regions. The Tianjin Consensus on the World Vocational and Technical Education Development – Ministerial Declaration of 32 Countries was adopted, and the World Technical and Vocational Education and Training League was inaugurated.

CHINA-ITALY UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS’ DIALOGUE, BEIJING

中意大学校长对话会在京举行

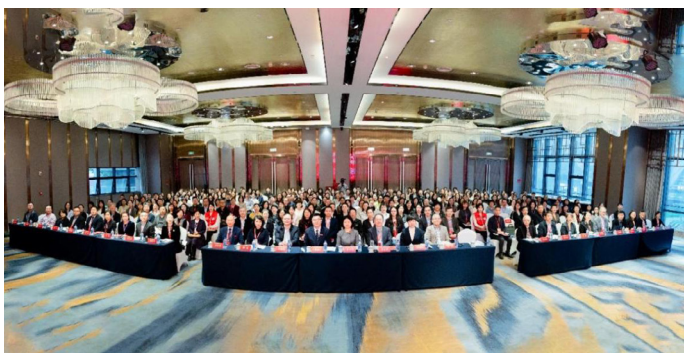
The China-Italy University Presidents’ Dialogue was held at the Yingjie Exchange Center of Peking University on November 9. The meeting, with the theme “Promoting civilizational mutual learning, cultivating outstanding talent”, included discussions on China-Italy higher education collaboration, collaborative innovation, high-level talent cultivation, and sustainable future development. During the event several Chinese and Italian universities signed collaboration agreements covering academic research, student exchange programs, scholar visits and other topics. The collaboration aims to promote the continuous and stable development of higher education in both countries through resource sharing and in other ways.



The China-Italy University Presidents’ Dialogue is in session.

CHINA FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CHONGQING

中国高等教育学会外语教学研究分会 2024 年学术年会在重庆举办



The 2024 Annual International Forum on Higher Education is in session.

The 2024 Annual Conference of China Foreign Language Education Association of the China Association of Higher Education was held in Chongqing from November 8 to 10. The conference, with the theme “Reform and innovation in foreign-language education in the era of digital intelligence”, included discussions on research on the development of new liberal arts and foreign-language majors and research on the construction of foreign-language education disciplines. More than 400 representatives from nearly 200 Chinese universities attended.

CHINESE TEACHERS GIVE ONLINE PRESENTATION FOR PAKISTAN

中国教师代表受邀在第 40 届巴基斯坦国际学术会议上发言



Teachers of Hebei Normal University Affiliated High School attended the SPELT conference online.

At the invitation of the Society of Pakistan English-Language Teachers, 21st Century was privileged to recommend teachers from Hebei Normal University Affiliated High School, to present as a panel online at the 40th SPELT International Conference in Pakistan on November 17. Tian Yuanyuan of the Hebei school talked of their research findings and practical experience in teaching English. Her presentation, titled “Developing Fluent and Confident Communication through Free Writing” set out the innovative teaching practices based on Action Research at Hebei Normal University Affiliated High School. She discussed how free writing can be used to improve students’ language fluency and confidence.

A promotional poster for the 40th SPELT International Conference. The title is "A Dialogue with David Nunan". The subtitle is "Sharing Action Research in Progress on Writing and Oral Interaction". The poster features portraits of the main speakers: Prof. Zakia Sarwar (Patron in-Chief, SPELT), David Nunan (Prof. Emeritus, University of Hong Kong), and a panel of five discussants: Shabana Ahmed (Pakistan), Dr. Premalatha Nair (Malaysia), Yuanyuan Tian (China), Dr. Laxman Gnawali (Nepal), and Dr. Olga Mironova (Russia). At the bottom, there are four more portraits of participants: Xiaoning Xu, Suzhe Yu, Zhima Gao, and Lijuan Su. Contact information is provided at the bottom: +92333-3754250, speltheadoffice@gmail.com, and spelt.org.pk.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Nov
20

XI'AN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

The University Signs Agreement with Cherepovets State University, Russia

西安外国语大学与俄罗斯切列波韦茨国立大学签署战略合作协议

The university president Wu Yaowu and Lyaginova Olga Yurievna, Executive Rector of Cherepovets State University in Russia, signed an agreement on behalf of their two institutions on November 20. The two universities will promote language collaboration and student exchange programs, aiming to advance the development of international Chinese-language education at Russian universities and to promote educational collaboration and cultural exchanges between the two countries.



Lyaginova Olga Yurievna and Wu Yaowu after signing the agreement.

Nov
19

YUNNAN UNIVERSITY

International Seminar on the Innovative Development of Chinese Language Education

国际中文教育创新发展研讨会在云南大学召开

The annual joint board meeting of the university's Confucius Institute and the International Seminar on the Innovative Development of Chinese-Language Education was held at the Chengong campus on November 19. Representatives discussed how to improve international Chinese-language education and to develop Confucius Institutes, and how to promote academic collaboration and exchange. The Institute of International Rivers and Ecological Security at Yunnan University signed a cooperation agreement with the Faculty of Law and Political Science at the University of Tehran, Iran. In addition, Yunnan University and Mandalay Fukqing School in Myanmar signed an educational exchange and collaboration agreement.



The International Seminar on the Innovative Development of Chinese Language Education is in session.

Nov
17-21

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY, BEIJING

The University Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil

清华大学与巴西里约热内卢联邦大学签署合作备忘录

Qiu Yong, Party Secretary of the university, led a delegation to the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil from November 17 to 21. The two universities signed a memorandum of understanding related to the China-Latin America Youth Response to Global Challenges Program. The program will continue to expand, extending its focus beyond poverty alleviation to include broader sustainable development issues. The program, through joint events, collaborative courses and joint research, aims to generate positive civilizational exchange and contribute to the building of a community with a shared future.

Nov
15

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

China-Arab Youth Thinkers Roundtable

中阿青年思想者圆桌会在上海外国语大学举办

The China-Arab Youth Thinkers Roundtable, with the theme "The influence of traditional and modern values on youth", was held at the Songjiang campus of the university on November 15. The event attracted 54 young leaders from the Arab League and 19 Arab countries. They discussed the pivotal role of young Chinese and Arabs in promoting mutual learning between civilizations and fostering collaborative development.



Ahmed Altamimi addresses the conference in Shanghai.

Nov
10-14

HARBIN NORMAL UNIVERSITY, HEILONGJIANG PROVINCE

The University Signs Agreements with Japanese Universities and Enterprises

哈尔滨师范大学与日本多所院校及企业签署合作协议



Guo Li and Kazuo Tanaka after signing the agreement.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Guo Li, Vice Secretary of the Party Committee of the university, led a delegation that visited universities and companies in Japan from November 10 to 14. During the visit to the headquarters of GK Design Group, both parties signed an agreement on continuing high-level mutual visits, enhancing cultural exchanges and collaborating on talent strategies. The university also agreed to collaborate on short-term student exchanges and teacher exchanges with Yokohama National University. During a visit to Kyushu Foreign Language Academy in Fukuoka, both parties signed an agreement on establishing an overseas internship and practical training base for non-education major undergraduate students in Japanese, and an unveiling ceremony was held for the new internship base.

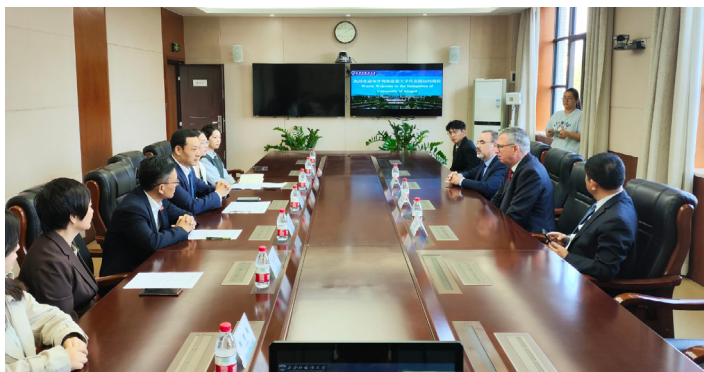


Representatives of Harbin Normal University and Yokohama State University.

Nov 9 TIANJIN FOREIGN STUDIES UNIVERSITY National Language Competence and Intercultural Communication Forum

首届“国家语言能力与跨文化传播”学术论坛
在天津外国语大学召开

The first National Language Competence and Intercultural Communication Forum was held at the university on November 9. The forum focused on national language capacity building and trends in cross-cultural communication from a global perspective, and included discussions on language policies, language strategies and theories and pathways of cross-cultural communication research. About 70 experts, scholars and faculty members from 26 Chinese universities and research institutions attended.



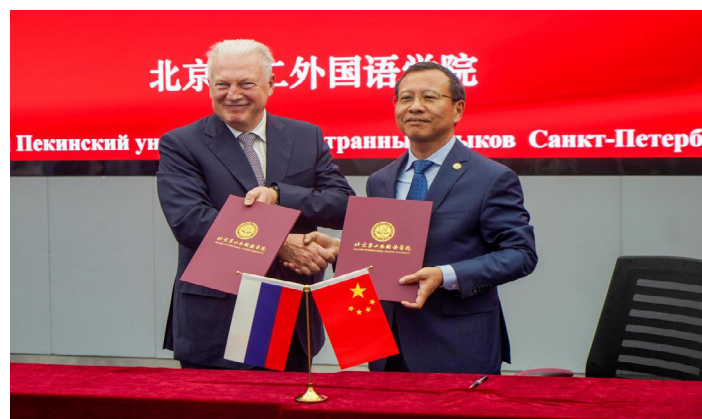
The First National Language Competence and Intercultural Communication Forum is in session.

Nov 7

BEIJING INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY China-Russia Tourism Education University Alliance established

北京第二外国语学院和圣彼得堡国立经济大学共同成立
“中俄旅游教育大学联盟”

The university and St. Petersburg State University of Economics jointly launched the China-Russia Tourism Education University Alliance and held the first China-Russia University Tourism Forum concurrently on November 7. Representatives of the two institutions signed the alliance agreement at the inauguration ceremony. The alliance will promote exchange and collaboration between higher education institutions in tourism education and research in both countries.



Maxim Tsetsev, President of St. Petersburg State University, and Ji Jinbiao, President of Beijing International Studies University, after signing the agreement.

Nov 5

CITY UNIVERSITY OF MACAU The University Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

澳门城市大学与意大利圣心大学签署合作意向书

The university warmly welcomed Edilio Mazzoleni, Vice President of Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Italy, as a visitor on November 5. Professor Liu Jun, Rector of the University of Macau, and Mazzoleni signed a memorandum of understanding, agreeing to work together on inter-university activities, including student exchange programs and training initiatives.



Edilio Mazzoleni and Liu Jun signed the memorandum of understanding.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

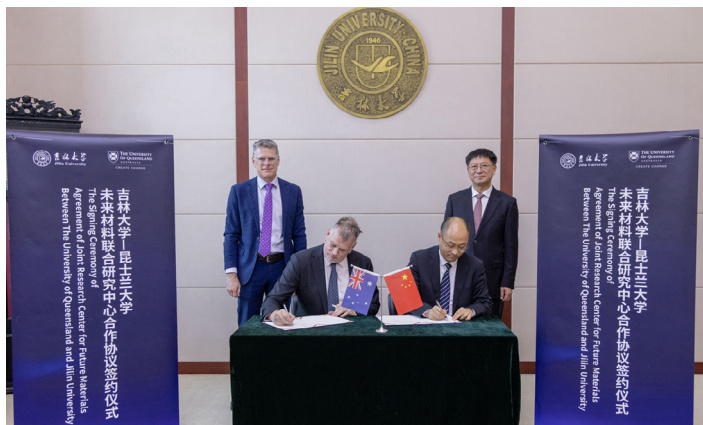
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JILIN UNIVERSITY, CHANGCHUN

The University Signs Cooperation Agreement with the University of Queensland

吉林大学与昆士兰大学签署合作协议

The President of the university, Zhang Xi, met a delegation led by Brett Lovegrove and Alan Rowan, Vice Presidents of the University of Queensland, Australia, on November 1. The two universities agreed to collaborate on science research and joint student training initiatives, and they signed an agreement to that effect.



Ma Danming, Vice President of Jilin University, and Alan Rowan signed the agreement.

Oct
25-
28

BELJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY

The 5th Global Teacher Education Summit

第五届全球教师教育峰会在北京师范大学召开

The fifth Global Teacher Education Summit was held at the university from October 25 to 28. The summit, with the theme “Building a global teacher education community for future possibilities”, included discussions on cultivating essential teacher competencies and the impact of digital technology on teacher learning. About 600 experts attended, including experts and scholars from 20 countries and regions, and professionals from 523 universities in China.



Representatives at the Global Teacher Education Summit in Beijing.

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COMING EVENTS

Dec 6-7

TESOL Italy National Convention, Roma

Dec 6-7

BELTA-NSU International Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Jan 5

Language Services China 40

Jan 24-25

TThailand TESOL International Conference, Bangkok

Feb 1-2

10th International Conference on Languages, Linguistics, Translation and Literature, Ahwaz, Iran

Feb 27- Mar 1

29th NELTA International Conference, Katmandu, Nepal

Mar 17-19

RELC International Conference, Singapore

Mar 18-21

TESOL International Convention & Expo, California

Mar 22-25

American Association for Applied Linguistics 2025 Conference, Denver, Colorado

April 8-11

IATEFL International Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland

Apr 10-12

30th Conference of NATE Russia

May 9-10

Chinese Language Association annual conference, New York

May 30-Jun 1

Pacific Second Language Research Forum 2025 in conjunction with Conference on Innovation in L2 Chinese Acquisition Research, Shanghai

June 20-22

Africa ELTA International Conference, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

July 17-19

21st BRAZ-TESOL International Conference

July 25-27

Global English Education China Assembly

Dec 17-19

11th International Symposium on Second Language Acquisition in China, Shanghai

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IN DECEMBER

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Shanghai International Studies University

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Founded
Dec 10, 1952

西安外国语大学

Xi'an International Studies University

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(Unofficial version)



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Dec 17, 1902

西北师范大学

Northwest Normal University

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Rich learning is well rounded, and the path
that leads to it is straight
(Unofficial version)