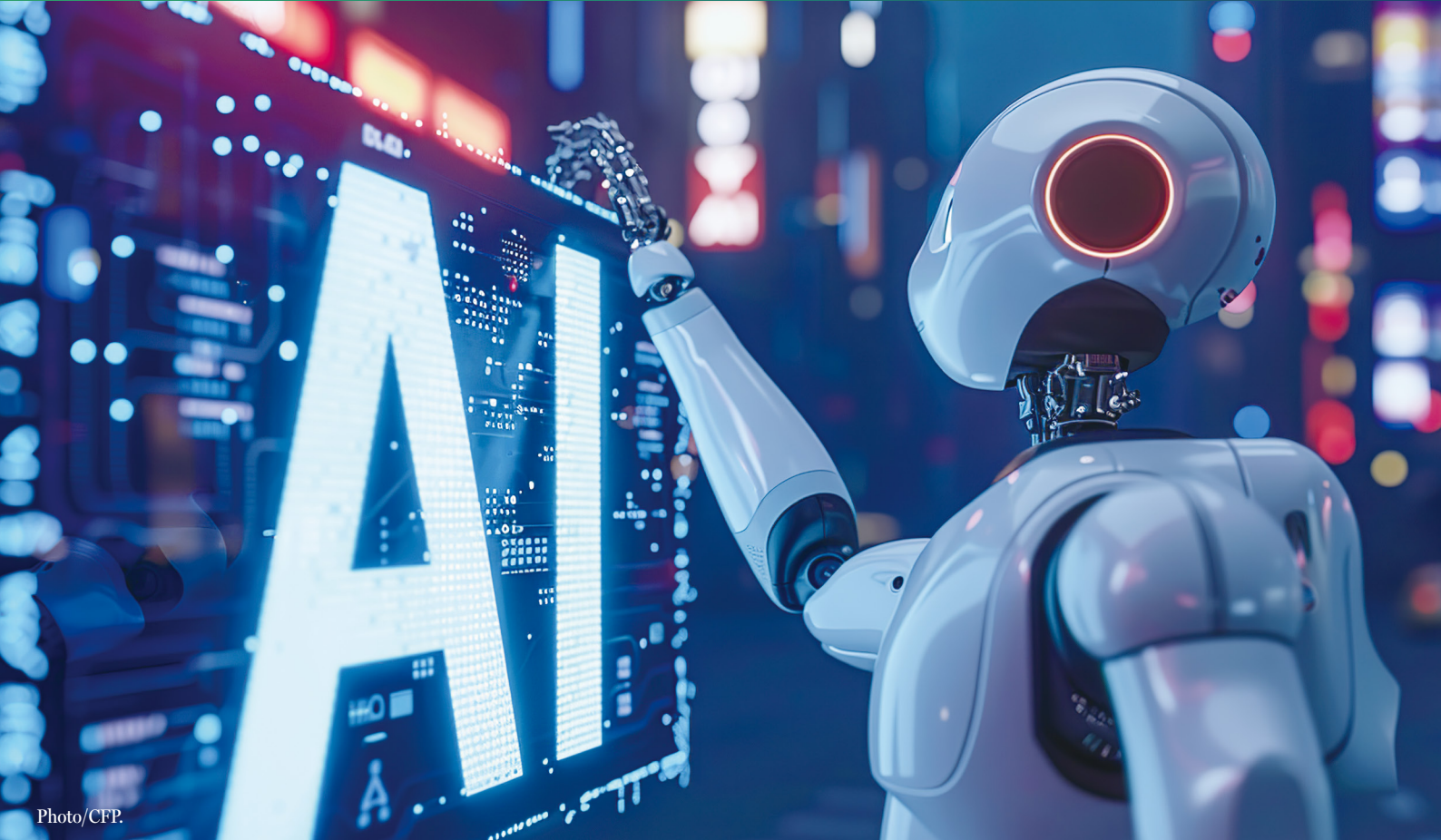


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DIGITAL EDUCATION DRIVE GETS NEW BANNER: INTEGRATION, INTELLIGENCE AND INTERNATIONALIZATION

数字教育集成化、智能化、国际化专项行动暨“扩优提质年”启动仪式举行

To mark the second anniversary of the launch of the Smart Education of China platform, on March 28 China's Ministry of Education held a ceremony to highlight quality digital education in an integrative, intelligent and international fashion.

The ceremony marked the nationwide scaling of a smart education pilot platform for China's primary and middle schools as well as its application standards, the promotion of a "shared courses and shared books" activity, and the beginning of collective online teaching and research of teachers nationwide based on a newly introduced section on the national smart education platform.

At the ceremony an AI-powered education campaign was launched, including a section on improving AI literacy, upgrading the Smart Education of China platform, and demonstrating AI large model application in education, among others.

In recent years China's Ministry of Education has led the way in

developing digital education. This has included building the Smart Education of China platform, which draws on high-quality, systemic education resources of various types, enables supermarket-style public services that work around the clock, and offers the world's largest pool of education and teaching resources.

All this has bolstered personalized learning, life-long learning, the provision of superior education resources at a larger scale, and educational modernization, driving the rapid growth of digital education worldwide. In its third year of promoting digitalization in education under the banner of 3C, highlighting connectivity, content and cooperation, it has now moved to a new phase under the banner 3I, highlighting integration, intelligence and internalization. The ministry will introduce an array of new measures involving the in-depth application of national platforms, upgrading public services, and offering AI-powered education as it works on new breakthroughs in China's digital education.

MALAYSIA HSK STUDY IN CHINA EDUCATION AND CAREER EXPO HELD

第二届马来西亚 HSK 留学中国与就业展成功举办

On March 23, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Malaysia, and to deepen education exchange and collaboration between them, the second Malaysia HSK Study in China Education and Career Expo and ASEAN (Malaysia)-China Higher Education Forum was held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center.

The expo is an innovative brand program supported by the Center for Language Education and Cooperation and jointly organized by the Chinese Testing International, overseas HSK testing centers and their partners. It was designed to pave the way for "Chinese language learning, testing, studying and seeking a career in China", to help overseas Chinese students, to inform candidates and parents about studying in China through one-stop services, to introduce high-quality international students to Chinese universities, and to help China's high-quality educational resources to go global.

Nearly 10,000 Malaysian Chinese language learners, HSK candidates, their parents and school principals visited the exhibition.

The event was jointly hosted by Malaysia's Ministry of Higher Education, the ASEAN-China Center and Chinese Testing International. The event attracted representatives from 41 top universities in China, including: Peking University, Tsinghua University, Renmin University of China and Beihang University, all in Beijing; Fudan University in



Scenes at the HSK Study in China Education and Career Expo.

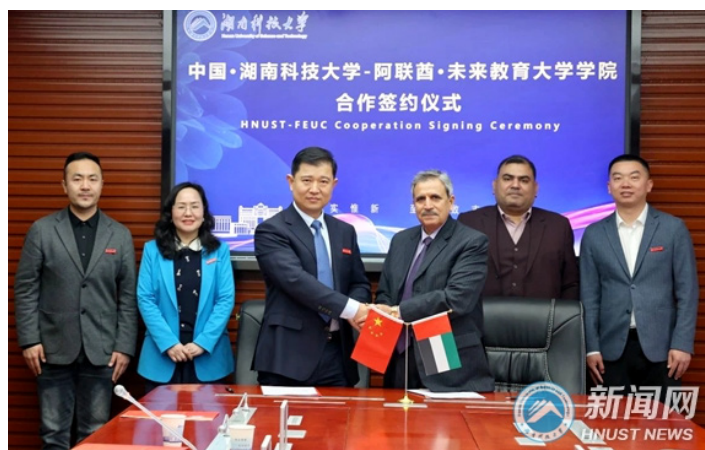
Shanghai; and companies including Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, China State Construction, Cathay Pacific Airways, Ctrip and HSKMock. It was supported by the Chinese embassy in Kuala Lumpur, the Ministry of Education of Malaysia and the Beijing Sci-Tech Education Promotion Association.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

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Hunan and UAE universities reach agreement

湖南科技大学与阿联酋未来教育大学学院签署合作谅解备忘录

A delegation from Future Education University College in the United Arab Emirates, visited Hunan University of Science and Technology on March 27, and the Secretary of the Hunan institutions' CPC Committee, Tang Yayang, as well as the university's Vice President, Wang Jin welcomed the delegation at the event. Representatives discussed discipline development, academic research and talent cultivation and signed a memorandum of understanding.

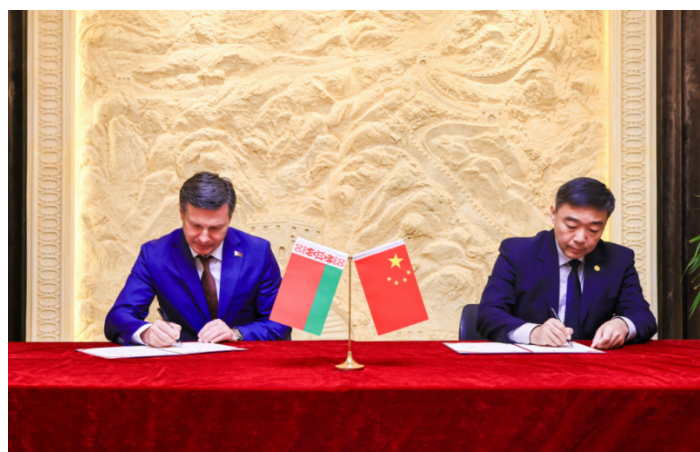


University representatives after a collaboration agreement was signed.

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3/21 BEIJING INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY
University and Belarusian counterpart sign accord

北京第二外国语学院与白俄罗斯国立大学签署合作协议

Beijing International Studies University and Belarusian State University in Minsk have formally agreed to establish relations. The agreement was signed in a ceremony at the Beijing university attended by the secretary of the CPC Committee, Chang Yu, and the university's Vice President, Zheng Chengjun, the Belarusian signatory being the Rector of Belarusian State University, Andrei D. Karol.



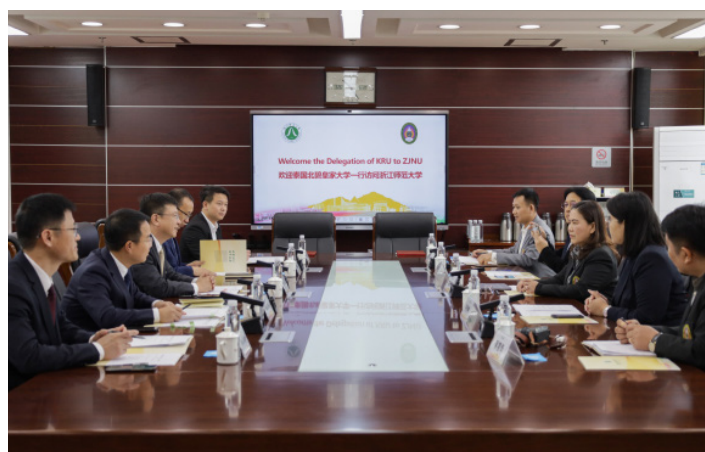
The secretary of the CPC Committee of Beijing International Studies University, Chang Yu, and the Rector of Belarusian State University, Andrei D. Karol, sign the accord.

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3/26 ZHEJIANG NORMAL UNIVERSITY
Collaboration agreement signed with Thai university

浙江师范大学与泰国北碧皇家大学签署合作协议

Zhejiang Normal University in Jinhua, Zhejiang province, and Kanchanaburi Rajabhat University in Thailand have signed a cooperation agreement, expressing their aspiration to have exchanges between their teachers and students in academic research.

The agreement was signed in a ceremony at Zhejiang Normal University attended by, among others, Zhejiang Normal University's Vice President and Deputy Secretary of the university's CPC Committee, Qiu Limin, and the President of Kanchanaburi Rajabhat University, Professor Dr. Photjanee Sukchaona.



At the event

2024
3/20 BEIHANG UNIVERSITY
Partnership comes as two countries mark 60th anniversary of ties

北航与法国国立应用科学学院集团签署合作协议

Beihang University in Beijing and the National Institute of Science and Technology in Paris have signed an agreement online to establish a strategic cooperation partnership. The agreement comes as China and France celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties and as Beihang continues to promote its UPS international development strategy, as well as deepening its collaboration with its French counterparts. Beihang's President Wang Yunpeng, a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, signed the cooperation agreement with seven presidents from the INSA Group, including its chairman and President of INSA Rouen Normandie, Mourad Boukhalfa.



The Beihang-INSA agreement was signed online.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

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CITY UNIVERSITY OF MACAU
Agreements with Portuguese universities signed

澳门城市大学与葡萄牙高校签署合作协议

At an education fair in Lisbon, Portugal, a delegation from the City University of Macau has discussed higher education with local educators. During the event, the delegation, led by Vice Rector Professor Ip Kuai Peng, signed cooperation agreements with Universidade de Aveiro in Aveiro and Universidade Lusófona in Lisbon, and discussed upgrading communication between teachers, researchers and students through platforms including seminars and jointly promoting academic and research collaboration.



Vice Rector Professor Ip Kuai Peng, second from left, and the Rector of Universidade Lusófona José Bragança de Miranda signed a cooperation agreement.

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BEIJING LANGUAGE AND CULTURE UNIVERSITY
BLCU puts down its roots in Kazakhstan

北京语言大学与阿斯塔纳国际大学签署合作协议

In a ceremony at the university a collaboration agreement was signed with Astana International University in Kazakhstan under which a BLCU branch will be established in Kazakhstan. The two universities are expected to work together to nurture higher-level students, exert the influence of the Kazakhstan branch in Central Asia, cultivate elites who are experts in both the Chinese language and Chinese culture, and usher in a new era of China-Kazakhstan collaboration, said the President of BLCU, Duan Peng.



BLCU President Duan Peng and Astana International University President Dr Serik Irsaliyev.

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SEAMEO REGIONAL LANGUAGE CENTRE, SINGAPORE
REL C international conference held

第 58 届东南亚教育部长组织新加坡语言中心学术年会成功举办

REL C held its first fully in-person conference since 2019, from 11 to 13 March, under the theme “Re-humanizing, re-conceptualizing and re-imagining language teaching and learning for education 5.0.” The guest of honor at the opening ceremony was Datuk Dr Habibah Abdul Rahim, Director of the SEAMEO Secretariat. The conference welcomed more than 350 participants and presenters, comprising language educators and researchers from around the world. The program featured 140 parallel sessions, 12 workshops, 13 plenary sessions and three panel discussions with two parallel sessions conducted online. The conference featured 13 invited speakers from countries including Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States and 10 speakers from international conference partners: CamTESOL, JACET, KATE, MELTA, NELTA, PALT, TEFLIN, CULI, ThaiTESOL and the TCA organizing committee.



A group photo from the conference.

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SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY
Cooperation Agreements with Universities from Morocco and Italy

上海外国语大学与摩洛哥、意大利两国高校签署合作协议

The university Vice President Lin Xuelei visited Moroccan and Italian universities and the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with a group of delegation and discussed higher-educational collaboration, the development of Confucius Institutes and people-to-people exchanges. The delegation visited Université Hassan II de Casablanca in Morocco, Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale in Naples, and Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan, discussing the development of Confucius Institutes, exchanges of teachers and students, joint training programs as well as collaboration in many disciplines. The visits concluded with the renewal of collaboration framework agreements with the two Italian universities and the signing of an agreement with the Italian universities.



The council of the Confucius Institute, Université Hassan II de Casablanca.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

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Agreements with the British Council signed

孟加拉国英语教师协会与英国文化教育协会签署合作备忘录

In Dhaka, the Bangladesh English Language Teachers Association has signed an operational alliance agreement with the British Council.



The agreement-signing ceremony in Dhaka.

2024
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-19 NEPAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
The 28th NELTA International Conference held successfully

第 28 届尼泊尔英语教师协会学术年会成功举办

The 28th Nepal English Language Teachers' Association International Conference at DAV Sushil Kedia Vishwa Bharati School in Jawalakhel, Lalitpur, Nepal, focused on the theme "Rethinking ELT in diversity: Equity, inclusion, and innovation, which encompassed 15 subthemes. More than 1,000 participants, comprising presenters and invited speakers from partner organizations, home and abroad, attended. The conference featured 164 concurrent sessions, five keynotes, six plenaries, three featured speakers, two panel discussions and two symposiums. Participants and presenters hailed from more than 20 countries, including Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Qatar, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States.



The Speaker of Nepal's House of Representatives, Dev Raj Ghimire, addresses the opening ceremony of the conference.



The past president of the Nepal English Language Teachers' Association, Motikala Subba Dewan, at the opening ceremony.

COMING EVENTS

Jan 26-27

43rd Thailand TESOL International Conference, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Jan 31-Feb 2

20th TELLSI International Conference and Allameh Tabataba'i ELT Conference, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran, Iran

Feb 17-19

28th NELTA International Conference, Lalitpur, Nepal

Mar 11-13

58th RELC International Conference, Singapore

Apr 22-24

NATE Russia Conference, Russia

May 30-Jun 1

Africa ELTA 8th International Conference, Cairo, Egypt

Jun 6-8

International KazTEA & ARELTA Conference 2024, Kokshetay, Kazakhstan

Jul 17-20

BRAZ-TESOL International Conference, Goiânia,, Brazil

Jul 25-28

Global English Education China Assembly, Macao and Zhuhai, Guangdong, China
(Deadline for proposal submissions: May 5)

Sep 8-20

IAICS International Conference, University of Opole, Poland
(Deadline for proposal submissions: March 31)

Oct 23-25

70th TEFLIN – 17th CONAPLIN International Conference, Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia, West Java, Indonesia
(Deadline for proposal submissions: April 30)