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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

On the occasion of United Nations International Day for Dialogue among Civilizations on June 10 we reflect on the dynamic global educational collaboration over the past month or so.

The 2025 World Digital Education Conference in Wuhan from May 14 to 16, with the theme “Educational development and transformation: The intelligent era”, issued the Wuhan Initiative on Digital Education Cooperation, charting a course for AI-driven educational transformation.

The ninth Shanghai Cooperation Organization Meeting of Education Ministers in Xinjiang on May 13 highlighted the principle of educational collaboration and promoting inclusiveness and mutual learning.

These events demonstrate that digital technology and civilizational dialogue have become dual engines propelling human progress.

Shandong University and Cambridge University joined to promote collaboration in innovation, and Yunnan University partnered with the University of Malaya to establish frontier institutes in AI and biomedicine, cultivating talent needed for the Belt and Road Initiative.

Xi'an International Studies University opened its first overseas branch, in Thailand, as a hub for Chinese language and culture interdisciplinary talent development. Beijing Language and Culture University and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences in Costa Rica affirmed education's powerful role as a bridge between the peoples of the world.

This newsletter chronicles these and many more tremendous efforts in educational collaboration. When digital technology bridges knowledge divides, and when civilizational dialogue transcends cultural barriers, education can underpin sustainable human development. We encourage all members to harness all their wisdom and knowhow as together we continue to shape education that is characterized by openness, innovation and enthusiasm in taking on the toughest challenges.

Beijing
June, 2025

CHINA (NINGBO) - CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES EDUCATION COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE CONFERENCE

第九届中国 - 中东欧国家教育合作交流会在宁波举办



The China (Ningbo) - Central and Eastern European Countries Education Cooperation Exchange Conference in session.

This year's conference, with the theme "High-quality education empowering sustainable development", was held in Ningbo, Zhejiang province, from May 23 to 25. The conference aims to explore new trends and opportunities for higher education collaboration between China and Central and Eastern European countries in the context of digitalization. The meeting included a roundtable discussion titled "Opportunities and Challenges of China-Central and Eastern European International Cooperation in the Context of Digital Transformation". It focused on the impact of digitalization on higher education development, talent cultivation and industry-education integration. Nearly 260 university leaders and representatives, government officials and experts and scholars from China and more than 10 Central and Eastern European countries took part.

(Source: Ningbo Education Bureau, CACIE)

WORLD DIGITAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

2025 世界数字教育大会在武汉举办

This year's World Digital Education Conference, with the theme "Educational development and transformation in the age of intelligence", was held in Wuhan from May 14 to 16. The conference aims to respond to United Nations' initiatives on global educational transformation and to jointly promote the development and reform of education in the intelligent era. Attendees included representatives of education departments from many countries, heads of international organizations, principals and student-teacher representatives from schools at all levels in China and elsewhere, representatives of digital technology companies, and experts and scholars. Participants discussed technological frontiers, policy mechanisms, application promotion and digital ethics. During the conference the World Digital Education Alliance issued several major papers, including the White Paper on Smart Education in China, the 2025 Global Digital Education Development Index, Digital Education Fronts and the Wuhan Initiative on Digital Education Cooperation.

(Source: Chinese Ministry of Education)



Ding Xuexiang, Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Premier of the State Council, addressed the opening ceremony.

MEETING OF EDUCATION MINISTERS OF SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANIZATION MEMBER STATES

第九届上海合作组织成员国教育部长会议在新疆举行



Meeting of Education Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organization Member States in session.

This meeting, the ninth, was held in Urumqi, Xinjiang, on May 13. During the meeting, representatives discussed educational reforms and strategic development initiatives undertaken since last year's meeting. They also outlined priority areas for future collaboration in education among SCO member states. All parties expressed their willingness to jointly explore models and directions for educational collaboration within the SCO framework, with the goal of enhancing people-to-people connectivity through collaboration in education.

The meeting reviewed and approved a series of initiatives and documents, including the SCO University Digital Education Development Plan, the Urumqi Initiative and a joint communiqué. It also marked the official establishment of the SCO National Digital Education Alliance and the China-SCO Doctoral Students Innovation Center.

(Source: Xinhua News, www.moe.gov.cn)

INAUGURAL CHINA-CENTRAL ASIA EDUCATION MINISTERS' MEETING

首届中国—中亚教育部长会议在乌鲁木齐举行



Ma Xingrui, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Party Secretary of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, addressed the meeting.

This meeting in Urumqi on May 12 aimed to implement the consensus reached by the heads of state at the China-Central Asia Summit. It focused on promoting educational collaboration and development between China and Central Asian countries, contributing to the building of a closer China-Central Asia community with a shared future through the power of education.

The meeting reviewed and adopted the Working Charter of the China-Central Asia Education Ministers' Meeting Mechanism and issued the Urumqi Declaration of the Inaugural China-Central Asia Education Ministers' Meeting.

It also marked the inauguration of the China-Central Asia Industry-Education Integration Alliance and the Central Asia Institute of the Global Institute for Teacher Development, and established the China-Kazakhstan Institute for Outstanding Engineers. In addition, Chinese and foreign universities signed collaboration agreements.

(Source: Government of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, www.moe.gov.cn)

CHINA DAILY AND LIAONING UNIVERSITY SIGNS AN AGREEMENT

中国日报社与辽宁大学签署全面合作框架协议

The Deputy Editor-in-Chief of China Daily, Wang Hao and the President of Liaoning University, Yu Miaojie signed an agreement on behalf of both parties on April 26. The two parties will work together in areas including the construction of integrated media communication platforms, promoting international brand communication, deepening scientific research and building platforms for academic exchange and communication.

Wang Hao said China Daily places high importance on its collaboration with universities. By drawing on their respective strengths, adopting a more open mindset, and taking pragmatic actions to enhance collaboration, it would promote the cultivation of high-quality international communication talent, and contribute to building a more effective international communication framework.

(Source: chinadaily.com.cn)



Wang Hao, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of China Daily, and Yu Miaojie, President of Liaoning University, after signing an agreement.

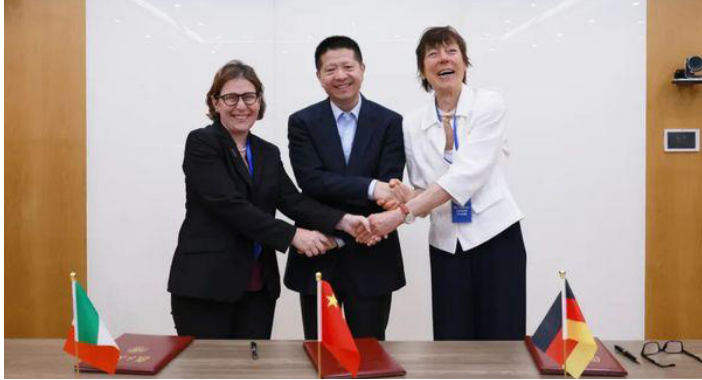
COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

May 26

FUDAN UNIVERSITY, SHANGHAI

The University Signs Agreements with the German-Italian Centre for European Dialogue and the Treccani Institute

复旦大学与德意欧洲对话中心、特雷卡尼研究院签约



Representatives of Fudan University, the German-Italian Centre for European Dialogue and the Treccani Institute after the signing ceremony.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Europe and the 120th anniversary of the university's founding, the university signed an agreement with the German-Italian Centre for European Dialogue and the Treccani Institute of Rome. The signing ceremony was attended by: Qiu Xin, Party Committee Secretary and Chair of the University Council of Fudan University; Christiane Traniello, Secretary-General of the German-Italian Centre for European Dialogue; and Massimo Bray, Director-General of the Treccani Institute, who signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations. The three parties will work together in the fields of scientific research and culture exchange.

May 23

XIAMEN UNIVERSITY

The University Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Yonsei University

厦门大学与韩国延世大学签署合作谅解备忘录



Representatives after the signing ceremony.

The university's Vice President Wu Chaopeng met a delegation from Yonsei University in South Korea headed by its Vice President Yeon Seob Ha. The two universities signed a memorandum of understanding. The agreement gives the two universities the opportunity to deepen collaboration in areas such as student exchanges, faculty and researcher visits, and the development of joint research and teaching programs, and jointly to explore new models for cultivating international talent, Wu said.

May 21

BELJING LANGUAGE AND CULTURE UNIVERSITY

The University Signs an Agreement with Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences

北京语言大学与拉丁美洲社会科学院签署合作协议



Rebecca Lemos Igreja, Secretary-General of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, and Duan Peng, President of Beijing Language and Culture University, signs an agreement.

Rebecca Lemos Igreja, Secretary-General of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, whose headquarters are in Costa Rica, visited the university to discuss deepening collaboration on joint high-level research and cultural exchanges between China and Latin America. The President of the university, Duan Peng, and Igreja signed an agreement. It is the university's first collaboration with the highest-level social science research institution in Latin America. The two parties will integrate think tank, research and teaching resources to advance the establishment of the Latin America and Caribbean Community (CELAC)-China Institute, jointly provide strategic counsel for building a China-Latin America and the Caribbean community with a shared future, promote multilateral cultural exchanges, strengthen academic and technological cooperation, and facilitate joint initiatives aligned with the development of China-CELAC relations.

May 20

SHANDONG UNIVERSITY, JINAN

The University Renews Agreement with the University of Cambridge

山东大学与剑桥大学续签合作协议



Representatives of Shandong University and Cambridge Enterprise after signing the agreement.

Ren Youqun, Party Committee Secretary of Shandong University, led a delegation to visit the University of Cambridge and renewed agreement with Cambridge Enterprise on May 20. The two universities began working together eight years ago by jointly establishing the School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship of Shandong University.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

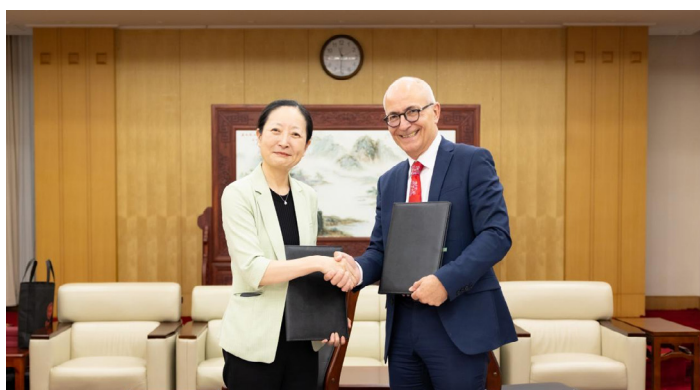
Under the agreement the two universities work together in innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems to support the development of Shandong University's regional innovation ecosystem. Drawing on the resources of the University of Cambridge and Cambridge Enterprise, specialized training will be provided for Shandong University's key faculty, researchers and administrative staff. In addition they will jointly implement international talent development programs aimed at enhancing students' global perspectives and cross-cultural competencies.

May 20

SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY, SUZHOU, JIANGSU PROVINCE

The University Signs an Agreement with the University of York

苏州大学与英国约克大学签署合作备忘录



Wu Jiawei, Vice President of Soochow University, and Professor Charlie Jeffery of York University after signing the agreement.

The university Vice President Wu Jiawei and the President of the University of York, England, Professor Charlie Jeffery, signed an agreement that Wu said marks a joint effort to advance the 2+2 international undergraduate program (with credit exemptions) and the 1+X international master's program. The universities aim to integrate high-quality educational resources and build a high-level international education platform, promoting collaboration between each other in cultivating talent, in academic exchanges and in other areas.

May 15

ZHEJIANG NORMAL UNIVERSITY, JINHUA

The University Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Eötvös Loránd University of Hungary

浙江师范大学与匈牙利罗兰大学签署合作备忘录



Lin Yigang, Vice President of Zhejiang Normal University, and Hamar Imre, Vice President of Eötvös Loránd University, after signing the agreement.

The university received a delegation from Eötvös Loránd University in Hungary led by its Vice President Hamar Imre. The Vice President of Zhejiang Normal University Lin Yigang said China and Hungary are trusted friends and partners, and the strengthening of their relationship has created favorable conditions for university exchanges. The university hopes to deepen collaboration with Eötvös Loránd University in various areas, including faculty and student exchanges, joint educational programs and the development of collaborative research platforms.

May 14

NINGXIA UNIVERSITY, YINCHUAN

The University Signs an Agreement with Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology

宁夏大学与尼尔森马尔堡理工学院签署合作备忘录



Representatives of Ningxia University and of Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology sign an agreement.

The university received a visit from a delegation led by the Mayor of Marlborough, New Zealand, Nadine Taylor. After talks, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region and Marlborough district signed a memorandum to deepen their relationship. Ningxia University and Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology signed an agreement and a joint talent cultivation accord. The parties plan to jointly implement educational programs and establish a 3+1+1.5 undergraduate-to-master's degree project for promoting exchanges and collaboration in higher education and culture between China and New Zealand.

May 13

BEIHANG UNIVERSITY, BEIJING

The University Signs an Agreement with the Columbia Overseas Education and Technology Credit Center

北京航空航天大学与哥伦比亚海外教育与技术信贷中心签署合作备忘录

The university received a delegation headed by Jose Daniel Rojas Medellín, Colombia's Minister of Education. He and the President of Beihang University, Wang Yunpeng, signed an agreement between the university and the El Instituto Colombiano de Crédito Educativo y Estudios Técnicos to promote faculty and student exchanges, as well as scholarship programs. The institution, whose headquarters are in Bogota, was established by the Colombian government and is responsible for managing overseas scholarships and other higher education-related affairs for Colombia.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES



Wang Yunpeng (right), President of Beihang University, and Jose Daniel Rojas Medellin, Colombia's Minister of Education, after signing the agreement.

May 11-14

YUNNAN UNIVERSITY, KUNMING

"Yunnan University-University of Malaya College" established

云南大学设立“云南大学云南马来亚学院”

Wang Ning, Secretary of the Yunnan Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Yunnan Provincial People's Congress, led a delegation on a visit to Malaysia. During the visit, Yunnan University and the University of Malaya signed an agreement on establishing the Yunnan-Malaya College of Yunnan University, a significant step in advancing international collaboration in education, scientific research and youth exchanges. The joint initiative to establish the Yunnan-Malaya College of Yunnan University has been approved by China's Ministry of Education and will begin taking enrollments this year. The college will focus on fields such as artificial intelligence, new materials, new energy and biomedicine, aiming to cultivate high-demand talent to support the Belt and Road Initiative and regional socio-economic development.

May 11-17

XI'AN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY, SHAANXI PROVINCE

Multiple Cooperative Milestones with Universities in Japan and Thailand Achieved

西安外国语大学与日本、泰国高校达成多项合作成果



The first overseas branch campus of Xi'an International Studies University in Thailand was established.

Wu Yaowu, President of Xi'an International Studies University, led a delegation to Japan and Thailand to advance educational exchanges and collaboration between his university and universities in these two countries. The university and Kyoto University of Foreign Studies signed an agreement on a new program allowing undergraduate students to pursue master's degrees. The university also renewed an agreement with Reitaku University in Kashiwa, Chiba prefecture. During a visit to Rajamangala University of Technology Krungthep in Bangkok, Xi'an International Studies University established its first overseas branch campus in Thailand. It will develop international Chinese-language programs and adopt a "Chinese + Culture" interdisciplinary talent cultivation model. By integrating core initiatives such as joint Thai-Chinese bilingual professional training and Chinese-language proficiency programs for Thais, it aims to cultivate and supply cross-cultural talent proficient in Chinese and well-versed in Chinese culture for Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and countries involved in the Belt and Road Initiative.

May 9

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

The University Signs an Agreement with the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru and the "Shanghai-Lima University Roundtable" Jointly Organized

上海外国语大学与秘鲁天主教大学共同组织“上海—利马高校圆桌会议”并签署合作协议



Representatives of Shanghai International Studies University and Pontifical Catholic University of Peru after signing the agreement.

The Shanghai-Lima University Roundtable was held at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru in Lima. The event, jointly organized by the two universities, aims to implement the consensus reached by the heads of state of China and Peru, as well as the commitments outlined in the Joint Statement on Deepening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries. The roundtable provided a platform for collaboration among Chinese and Peruvian universities, researchers and students, fostering greater mutual understanding and trust. Before the event the two universities signed a faculty and student exchange agreement, a new phase in their partnership that opens a new chapter in multidisciplinary talent development and research collaboration.

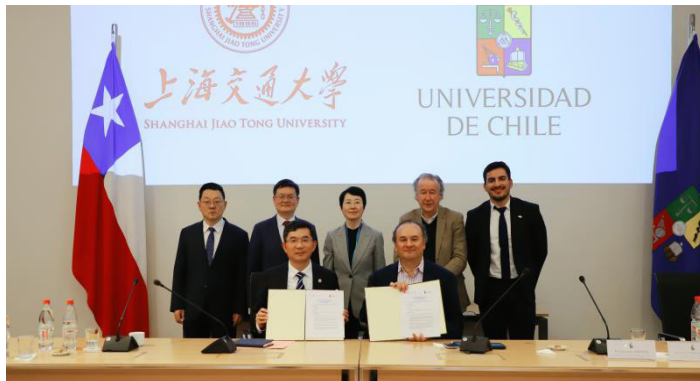
COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

May 9-12

SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY

The University and University of Chile Signs an Agreement

上海交通大学与智利大学签署合作协议



Representatives of Shanghai Jiao Tong University and the University of Chile after signing the agreement.

A delegation from Shanghai Jiao Tong University visited Peru and Chile to deepen collaboration with Latin America in support of the Belt and Road Initiative. The School of Ocean and Civil Engineering of the university signed an agreement with COSCO Shipping Ports Chancay Peru, a new phase in university-enterprise collaboration. The parties are keen to draw on each other's strengths in port construction and technological innovation, injecting new momentum into the development of Chancay Port and serving as a model for Belt and Road industrial and academic research collaboration. The university and the University of Chile in Santiago also signed an agreement.

May 7-13

BEIJING INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

The University Signs Agreements with Universities and Enterprises in Japan and South Korea

北京第二外国语学院与日韩高校及企业签署多项合作协议



Zhang Yan (right), Vice President of Beijing International Studies University, and a representative of Hollywood Graduate School University after signing agreements.

Zhang Yan, Member of the Party Committee and Vice President of Beijing International Studies University, led a delegation that visited universities and companies in Japan and South Korea. During the visit, Zhang signed a student internship agreement with Recruiting Notes Communications Co Ltd in Japan, renewed inter-university framework and program agreements with Hollywood Graduate School University in Tokyo and signed a supplementary project agreement with Josai International University.

In South Korea, the university established a partnership with Duksung Women's University in Seoul and signed agreements with the University of Seoul and the Seoul School of Integrated Sciences and Technologies.

May 7

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY, BEIJING

The University Deepens Cooperation with Multiple Russian Universities and Enterprises

清华大学与俄罗斯多所高校及企业深化合作



Qiu Yong, Party Committee Secretary of Tsinghua University, exchanged agreements with President of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, and Kirill Dmitriev, chief executive of the Russian Direct Investment Fund.

In Moscow, Qiu Yong, Party Committee Secretary of the university, met Anatoly Torkunov, President of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, and Kirill Dmitriev, chief executive of the Russian Direct Investment Fund, to sign agreements. The three parties will accelerate the cultivation of high-level talent by establishing joint degree programs, strengthening joint research, promoting faculty and student exchanges, and conducting talent training programs. Collaboration will also focus on collaborative development in technology, energy, agriculture, infrastructure and the digital economy. Qiu Yong also met Herman Gref, chief executive and chairman of the Savings Bank of the Russian Federation, to discuss enhancing the dual innovation engines of universities and businesses. They discussed deeper collaboration in artificial intelligence, digital finance and other fields to foster integrated innovation between industry, academia and research. A collaboration agreement was signed. The university also signed agreements with the National Research University Higher School of Economics in Russia.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

April 23-30

BELJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY

The University Signs Agreements with Tunisia's Carthage University and Paris Institute of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences

北京师范大学与突尼斯迦太基大学、巴黎高等研究实践学院签署合作协议



Kang Zhen, Vice President of Beijing Normal University, and Nadia Mouzughi, President of the University of Carthage, sign an agreement.

The Vice President of the university Kang Zhen led a delegation that visited Tunisia and France. Kang held discussions with the President of the University of Carthage in Tunis, Nadia Mouzughi, on collaboration in Sino-Tunisian educational and cultural exchanges, faculty training, student exchanges, academic research and on expanding Chinese-language programs. The two universities signed an agreement. Kang also met the President of the Paris Institute of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences, Michel Hochmann, and they discussed Sino-French humanities exchanges, jointly organizing a high-level Sino-French cultural forum, establishing a multidimensional long-term cooperation mechanism and building an academic community for mutual understanding of civilizations. The two universities also signed an agreement.

COMING EVENTS

June 14-17

The 5th International Symposium on Language Teaching and Research

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, Beijing

Sep 13-14

33rd MELTA International Conference 2025, Selangor, Malaysia

Oct 2-4

60th ASOCOPI Annual and 6th International Conference, Santa Marta, Colombia

Nov 15-16

41st SPELT International Conference 2025, Pakistan

Dec 17-19

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

MILESTONE MOMENTS
UNIVERSITY ANNIVERSARIES
IN JUNE

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big day to celebrate



Founded
June 25, 1959

Tribhuvan University in Nepal