

# MONTHLY BRIEFING



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# **Global English Education China Assembly**



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# **Belt and Road Forum for Language and Culture Collaboration**



The Belt and Road Forum for Language and Culture Collaboration, with the theme "Promoting the spirit of the Silk Road, deepening mutual learning among civilizations", was held in Beijing on July 25.



Participants listen attentively and engage in academic communications at the 2025 Global English Education China Assembly in Beijing on Saturday.



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# SECRETARIAT'S MESSAGE

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Dear Members and Friends.

This summer has been a season of vibrant exchange and collaboration for our Network.

Amid the wave of AI innovation, the 2025 Global English Education China Assembly explored a new digital ecosystem for foreign language learning and launched the bilingual *International Framework for Professional Development of English Teachers*. The Belt and Road Forum for Language and Culture Collaboration, with the theme "Promoting the Silk Road Spirit, Deepening Mutual Learning among Civilizations," showcased the dynamism and commitment of experts and youth in advancing cross-cultural understanding.

Our community has also grown to 70 members. At the 2025 Global Council Meeting, we set clear directions for deepening cooperation and empowering youth. In the months ahead, the Secretariat will drive innovation in multilingual and digital teaching, expand youth and media partnerships, and strengthen regional projects to enhance our global impact.

Thank you for your continued support and trust. Together, we will keep building bridges through language and sailing forward with education.

各理事单位及关心联盟发展的朋友们:

这个夏天,交流与合作的热潮涌动,见证了联盟在语言与文化交流领域的累累硕果。

在人工智能浪潮的推动下,2025 国际英语教育中国大会积极探索外语教育数字化的新生态,并隆重推出《"一带一路"国际英语教师专业发展框架》双语版。与此同时,"一带一路"语言教育文化论坛围绕"弘扬丝路精神、深化文明互鉴"展开深入对话,充分展现了来自世界各地的专家学者与青年力量在推动文明互鉴、共创未来中发挥的重要作用。这些活动不仅为全球教育工作者搭建了高水平的交流平台,也为构建和谐世界贡献了智慧与价值。

联盟自身也在稳步成长,成员数量已扩展至70家。在2025全球理事会议上,我们进一步明确了深化合作、赋能青年的发展方向。未来,秘书处将持续推进多语种教育与数字化教学的协同创新,强化青年与媒体合作,完善区域项目与共享治理机制,不断提升联盟的国际影响力与服务能力。

衷心感谢每一位成员与合作伙伴的积极参与与鼎力支持。让我们携手并进,以语言为桥,以教育为身,共同谱写跨文化交流与教育合作的新篇章。

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

## GLOBAL ENGLISH EDUCATION CHINA ASSEMBLY

2025 国际英语教育中国大会在北京师范大学举办



Qu Yingpu, Publisher & Editor-in-chief of China Daily, addressed the event.

This year's assembly, with the theme "Building a new digital ecosystem for foreign-language education in the AI era", was held at Beijing Normal University from July 25 to 27. It featured nine keynote speeches and roundtable discussions, along with 36 parallel sessions. It explored new trends in English-language education in China and

elsewhere in the context of artificial intelligence, promoting crosscultural communication and mutual learning between Chinese and others through linguistic connectivity. The goal was to contribute Chinese insights and solutions to the development of foreignlanguage education. At the opening ceremony, the bilingual version of the book *International Framework for Professional Development* of English Teachers was published.

For the first time the assembly included a session titled "Bridging Cultures: A Dialogue on ELT and Global Classroom Observation". English teachers from China, Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Russia and Vietnam took part in parallel class presentations on themes such as cultural stories and traditional festivals. Attendees learned about cross-national language classrooms and experienced the diversity and integration of English teaching in various cultural contexts.

The assembly, co-hosted by China Daily, Beijing Normal University and Shanghai International Studies University, aimed to establish a high-level platform for English education exchange between China and the world, supporting the building of a strong educational system and contributing to the high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative through linguistic and cultural collaboration. Source: China Daily, TESOL WeChat Account

### BELT AND ROAD FORUM FOR LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COLLABORATION

#### 2025 "一带一路"语言教育文化论坛在北京召开

The Belt and Road Forum for Language and Culture Collaboration, with the theme "Promoting the spirit of the Silk Road, deepening mutual learning among civilizations", was held in Beijing on July 25. For the opening ceremony and the main forum, Professor Pan Weilian of Xiamen University, Fujian province, Yu Xuemei, vice president of Shanghai University, and Fan Xianrui, vice president of the Open University of China, Beijing, delivered keynote speeches.

In a segment titled "Gen Z Dialogue with University Leaders" Professor Zhu Pengxiao, vice president of Tianjin Foreign Studies University, Professor Zheng Chengjun, vice president of Beijing International Studies University, Professor Ma Shinian, vice president of Northwest Normal University in Lanzhou, Gansu province, and Professor Wang Jin, vice president of Hunan University of Science and Technology in Xiangtan, were invited to take part in a cross-generational conversation. They pointed out that higher education is shifting from knowledge transmission to competence development, with institutions increasingly adopting student-centered learning approaches and encouraging young people to critically rethink the meaning of success.

For the forum's roundtable discussion, eight presidents of English teachers' associations from countries including Azerbaijan, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States were invited to discuss the topic "Breaking cultural barriers;



Roundtable dialogue with TESOL presidents.

building a harmonious world." Experts agreed that innovative language-teaching models can effectively promote dialogue and mutual understanding between civilizations, laying a foundation of shared values for building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Source: TESOL WeChat Account

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

### BELT AND ROAD LANGUAGES AND CULTURES NETWORK COUNCIL MEETING

#### 一带一路 语言教育文化组织联盟 2025 全球理事会议在北京召开



The network council meeting in session.

This year's meeting of the network was held at Beijing Friendship Hotel on July 24, with about 50 member institutions taking apart. Zeng Qingkai, Secretary-general of China Daily and Editor-in-chief of 21st

Century, expressed gratitude for members' support and proposed three key initiatives: strengthening multilingual cultural connectivity, fostering strategic collaboration through youth and media partnerships and enhancing member participation through shared governance and regional projects.

A 21-member executive council, comprising 14 Chinese member institutions and seven overseas member institutions, was elected. The secretariat, represented by Zhang Haigai, Deputy Editor-in-chief of 21st Century, reported significant progress over the past year, including network expansion to 70 members, high-impact academic forums and youth-focused programs such as the BRICS Young Leaders Forum and the Belt and Road Youth English Speaking Competition. The network aims to deepen academic collaboration, to become an international NGO, and to amplify its global influence, attendees were told.

During discussions, members emphasized the need for stronger academic collaboration, cultural exchange initiatives and improved information sharing. Proposals included joint research projects, teacher exchange programs and multilingual training to further bridge language and cultural divides. The council reaffirmed its commitment to empowering youth and fostering cross-border partnerships in education and communication.

### GLOBAL CIVILIZATIONS DIALOGUE MINISTERIAL MEETING

#### 全球文明对话部长级会议在北京举行

The meeting, with the theme "Safeguarding diversity of human civilizations for world peace and development", was held in Beijing from July 10 to 11. More than 600 representatives from various sectors in about 140 countries and regions attended.

The Beijing Declaration and Action Plan were released at the Global Civilizations Dialogue Ministerial Meeting. The Action Plan highlights 50 future development cooperation projects between China and other developing countries in the fields of culture and civilization in the next five years, among other programs.

The event is co-hosted by the Publicity Department and the International Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee.

Source: People.cn, Guangming Daily, International Department, CPC Central Committee



Sinologists pose for a group photo at the Global Civilizations Dialogue Ministeruak Meeting. Photo courtesy of the World Sinology Center, Beijing Language and Culture University.

# INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION CONFERENCE ON HONGSHAN CULTURE AND VISION CHINA

首届红山文化国际传播大会暨"新时代大讲堂"在辽宁朝阳成功举办



A roundtable discussion of the International Communication Conference on Hongshan Culture and Vision China. Photo: Wang Jing/chinadaily.com.cn

The conference, with the theme "Tracing the origins of Chinese civilization: Focus on Hongshan culture", was held in Chaoyang, Liaoning province, on June 14. Qu Yingpu, Publisher & Editor-in-chief of China Daily, addressed the event. The world's diverse civilizations today must be collectively protected, communicated and passed on, he said. "We must carry forward cultural heritage, passing on Chinese wisdom by decoding cultural genes to help the world better understand China," Qu said. "We should empower communication through digital and intelligent technologies, innovating narrative approaches to bring cultural relics to life and make culture more engaging. We need to build bridges and foster mutual understanding, promoting civilizational progress through deepened exchange and mutual learning, advancing the implementation of the Global Civilization Initiative and expanding international people-to-people and cultural exchanges to jointly promote the prosperity of civilizations and human progress."

Source: China Daily, CPC Central Committee

# **NEW MEMBERS**



### 哥伦比亚英语教师协会 ASOCIACIÓN COLOMBIANA DE PROFESORES DE INGLÉS

The ASOCOPI is dedicated to advancing English education in Colombia by cultivating high-quality educators, and it has held 59 academic conferences. It publishes the academic journal HOW, which is indexed in the Latin American Journals Index, the Colombian Scientific Electronic Library and other databases.

Website: https://www.asocopi.org/en/

### 安哥拉英语教师协会 ANGOLAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

ANELTA, founded in 2003, has more than 500 members and is a member of the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language as well as a co-founding member of the African English Teachers Association.

Website: https://anelta.org/en/





**Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding** 

### 英中了解协会 SOCIETY FOR ANGLO CHINESE UNDERSTANDING

The society, founded in 1965, is a non-profit civil organization based in England dedicated to promoting mutual understanding and friendship between the people of the United Kingdom and China. Its mission is to promote understanding and advance the education of the British public in all aspects of China and of Chinese people. It aims to promote understanding to help the UK flourish in a world increasingly influenced by China, to help overcome misplaced suspicion and increase understanding of China in the UK, and to help members advance their China-related interests.

Website: https://sacu.org/

# **NEW MEMBERS**



## 马来西亚马来亚大学 UNIVERSITI MALAYA, MALAYSIA

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Universiti Malaya, Malaysia's oldest university, is located in Kuala Lumpur. It is the oldest and highest-ranked public research university in the country. Its educational objective is to provide a transformative education that empowers students with the necessary knowledge, skills and ethical values to enable them to advance knowledge, promote social justice, drive sustainable development and contribute meaningfully to society. It ranked 60th in this year's QS World University Rankings.

Website: https://www.um.edu.my/

## 蒙古曼达赫大学 MANDAKH UNIVERSITY, MONGOLIA

Mandakh University, established in 1992, is a private, comprehensive higher education institution in Ulaanbaatar. It offers academic programs from bachelor's degrees to doctorates, in fields including IT, software engineering, financial management, banking management, engineering-economics, logistics management, graphic design, computer networks, translation, business administration and marketing management. It primarily uses Mongolian as the medium of instruction, with some courses taught in English. Website: https://en.mandakh.edu.mn/

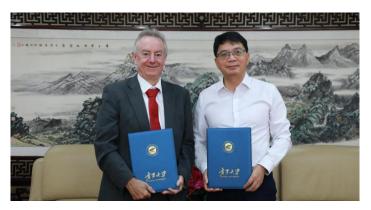
**Jul 22** 

#### **NINGXIA UNIVERSITY, YINCHUAN**

The University signs an agreement with the University of Huddersfield

#### 宁夏大学与英国哈德斯菲尔德大学签署战略合作协议

The university hosted a delegation from the University of Huddersfield, England, led by Professor Bob Cryan. The two institutions discussed deepening collaboration in areas such as international collaboration and exchange, talent cultivation, scientific research and faculty-student exchange programs. Before the the meeting Cryan and Peng Zhike, deputy Party secretary and president of Ningxia University, signed a strategic cooperation agreement, marking a new chapter in the partnership between the two universities.



Peng Zhike, president of Ningxia University, and Professor Bob Cryan of Huddersfield University after signing the strategic cooperation agreement

### Jul 18



#### XI'AN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

**China-Latin America Youth Development Forum** 

#### 中拉青年发展论坛在西安外国语大学举行

The university hosted the China-Latin America Youth Development Forum at its Yanta campus. The forum, with the theme "Uniting youth power for shared development and revitalization", featured keynote speeches and a discussion between Chinese and Latin American youth. Also, the China-Latin America Youth Short Video Contest, organized by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and China Youth Daily, was officially launched.



Attendees at the event in Xi'an.

#### **Jul 15**

# NORTHWEST NORMAL UNIVERSITY, LANZHOU, GANSU PROVINCE

2025 Annual Conference of the Multilingual Competence and Education Committee of the China Association for Comparative Studies of English and Chinese

中国英汉语比较研究会多语能力与多语教育专业委员会 2025 年年会暨数智时代的多语能力与多语教育学术研讨会在西北师大开幕

The university hosted the annual conference of the Multilingual Competence and Education Committee of the China Association for Comparative Studies of English and Chinese, as well as Symposium on Multilingual Competence and Education in the Digital and Intelligent Era. More than 200 experts, university faculty and graduate students from across China took part. Ma Shinian, the university's vice president, delivered remarks at the opening ceremony. The annual conference featured 18 keynote speeches and four themed sub-forums. Experts and scholars discussed topics such as multilingual phenomena and education, theory and practice of multilingual acquisition, multilingual education in the digital-intelligent age, and international Chinese-language education and cultural communication.



Ma Shinian, vice president of Northwest Normal University, delivering his address

### Jun 29-Jul 9



#### TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY, BELJING

3rd Tsinghua Global Youth Dialogue

第三届"清华国际青年对话"举行

The university hosted the main forum of the third Tsinghua International Youth Dialogue, with the theme "Lighting up the unreached", on July 8. Field activities had been held in Shenzhen, Guangdong province, and in Guizhou province since June 29. The event brought together 70 young representatives from more than 30 countries and regions. Thematic sub-forums that focused on "Civilizational innovation," "Civilizational development" and "Mutual learning among civilizations" were held on July 9.



Representatives who attended the the dialogue.

Jul 7

#### CHENGDU UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

The University signs an agreement with La Trobe University

#### 成都理工大学与澳大利亚乐卓博大学签署合作备忘录

Hou Mingcai, a member of the Party committee and vice president of the university, met Professor Amalia Di Iorio, vice president of La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, and a delegation to discuss collaboration between the two universities. Following the meeting, the two universities signed a memorandum of understanding.



Hou Mingcai, vice president of Chengdu University of Technology, and Amalia Di Iorio, vice president of La Trobe University, sign the memorandum of understanding.

### Jul 3-8

#### **BEIHANG UNIVERSITY, BELJING**

The Beihang Brazil Innovation Research Institute and the Confucius Institute were officially inaugurated in Rio de Janeiro

#### 北航巴西创新研究院、孔子学院在里约正式启用

Zhao Changlu, Party secretary, led a delegation on a visit to Brazil to attend the China-Brazil Hand in Hand, Creating the Future Together launch ceremony for China-Brazil Cooperation in Scientific Innovation and Civilizational Exchange.

During the visit, Zhao Changlu and Roberto Medronho, president of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, signed an agreement on jointly establishing the Beihang Brazil Innovation Research Institute. Guests at the event also witnessed the unveiling of the Confucius Institute, the Innovation Research Institute and the China-Brazil Civilizational Exchange and Mutual Learning Cooperation Research Center. Zhao also held talks with Brazilian partner institutions and signed many cooperation agreements. Beihang Brazil Innovation Research Institute, the Beijing university's first offshore scientific research institution, was jointly initiated and established by Beihang University, the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and the University of São Paulo.



Attendees at the unveiling of the Beihang Brazil Innovation Research Institute.

#### Jul 4



#### **BELJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY**

3rd World Youth Dialogue on Civilizations and Mutual Learning

#### "文明与互鉴"第三届世界青年对话在北京师范大学落幕

In the third World Youth Dialogue on Civilizations and Mutual Learning at the university, representatives from countries including China, New Zealand, Nigeria, Russia and the United States shared their perspectives in broad and in-depth discussions. The event featured four themed sub-forums focusing on: intercultural communication and global competence; multilingual education and artificial intelligence; literature and translation in the lineage of civilizations; and cross-temporal and cross-spatial dialogue of linguistic symbols. Participants explored these topics in detail, exchanging insights and sharing the fruitful outcomes of cultural integration with the attending students and faculty.



The World Youth Dialogue on Civilizations and Mutual Learning in session.

### Jul 1

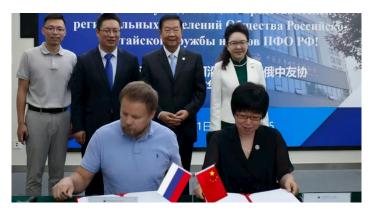


#### TIANJIN FOREIGN STUDIES UNIVERSITY

The University signs an agreement with Minin State Pedagogical University of Nizhny Novgorod

#### 天津外国语大学与下诺夫哥罗德米宁国立师范大学等签署合作协议

Li Yingying, the university president, attended a roundtable on China-Russia university collaboration and exchange in Beijing. The university later signed cooperation agreements with Minin State Pedagogical University of Nizhny Novgorod and Perm Krai Institute of Culture and Arts, marking a new step forward in academic collaboration between the institutions.



Viktor Stobnyakov, president of Minin State Pedagogical University, and Li Yingying, president of Tianjin Foreign Studies University, at the signing ceremony.

### Jun 29-Jul 5

#### SHANGHAI JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY

The University signs agreements with multiple universities in France and the UK

#### 上海交通大学与法国、英国多所高校签署合作协议

Ding Kuiling, president of the university and an academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, led a delegation to France and the United Kingdom to engage with key partner universities and promote collaboration in education, research and talent development. In a visit to ESCP Business School in Paris the two institutions signed agreements on student exchange programs and a dual-degree cooperation program. From July 1 to 3 the delegation visited KEDGE Business School, University College London, and the University of Glasgow, signing university-level memorandum of understanding with each institution.



Ding Kuiling, president of Shanghai Jiaotong University and Léon Laulusa, president of ESCP Business School, signed the cooperation agreement.

#### Jun 29-30

#### **BELJING INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY**

The University signs an agreement with Saudi Ministry of Culture's Department of Research and Cultural Heritage Affairs and other Institutions

北京第二外国语学院与沙特文化部研究与文化遗产事务部等签署合作协议

Cheng Wei, vice president of the university, led a delegation to Saudi Arabia. Cheng, with Maha Abdullah Alsenan, deputy minister of Research and Cultural Heritage Affairs of the Saudi Ministry of Culture, signed the Implementation Plan for Cooperation between the ministry and the China-Arab Research Center on Cultural and Tourism Cooperation. She also signed a memorandum of understanding with Yahya Junaid, director of the Saudi Center for Research and Knowledge Communication, on cooperation with the China-Arab Research Center on Cultural and Tourism Cooperation. During the visit the two sides jointly launched the China-Saudi Book Series project, which aims to promote mutual translation and interpretation of contemporary works from both countries to enhance understanding and cultural exchange between China and Saudi Arabia.



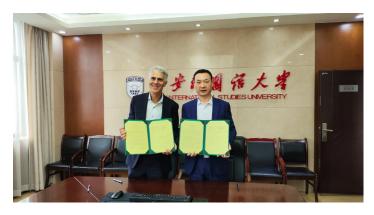
#### Jun 24

#### XI'AN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY, SHAANXI PROVINCE

The University signs an agreement with Occidental College

#### 西安外国语大学与美国西方学院签署合作交流协议

Tom Stritikus, president of Occidental College, Los Angeles, was a guest of the university and was hosted by Wu Yaowu, president of the Xi'an institution, and other university leaders at the Chang'an Campus. During the meeting Stritikus said that in an era of globalized education, collaboration between Chinese and US universities is more important than ever. By sharing educational resources and fostering cultural exchange, the two institutions could build a bridge of mutual understanding for youth of the US and China, he said. Following the meeting, Stritikus and Wu signed an inter-university cooperation and exchange agreement on behalf of their respective institutions.



Tom Stritikus, president of Occidental College, and Wu Yaowu, president of Xi'an International Studies University, after signing cooperation and exchange agreement.

#### Jun 22-26

# JIANG

#### JIANGSU UNIVERSITY, ZHENJIANG

The University signs agreements with multiple Brazilian universities

#### 江苏大学与巴西多所高校签署合作协议

A delegation led by Zhang Jijian, deputy Party secretary of the university, visited Brazil to strengthen academic and institutional partnerships. During the visit the university signed a memorandum of understanding with the Federal University of Minas Gerais and renewed its framework cooperation agreement with the Federal University of São Carlos, enhancing collaboration in education, research and exchange programs.



The delegation visited the Federal University of Minas Gerais.

#### Jun 11-18

#### SHANDONG NORMAL UNIVERSITY, JINAN

The university signs agreements with multiple universities and institutions in Egypt and Kenya

#### 山东师范大学与埃及、肯尼亚多所高校和机构签署合作协议

Feng Jikang, Party secretary of the university, led a delegation on a visit to Egypt and Kenya. In Egypt Feng and Mahmoud Masi Ding, president of Pharos University in Alexandria, jointly signed the universities' first joint undergraduate dual-degree program agreement for international students, as well as a talent cultivation plan. From June 16 to 18 Feng renewed the inter-university cooperation agreement and the Confucius Institute co-construction agreement with Paul Wainana, president of Kenyatta University in Nairobi. In Kenya Feng also signed a strategic cooperation agreement with Wu Mixiang, vice president of Kilimall International Ltd, ani e-commerce platform. The partnership aims to promote industry-education integration, develop internship and training bases, and jointly cultivate high-quality, interdisciplinary talent in the fields of Chinese language and e-commerce.



Feng Jikang, Party secretary of Shandong Normal University, and Mahmoud Masi Ding, president of Pharos University, sign a cooperation agreement.

#### Jun 5-13

#### **BEIJING LANGUAGE AND CULTURE UNIVERSITY**

The university signs an agreement with Hanoi Capital University, Vietnam

北京语言大学与越南河内首都大学签署合作协议

Zhang Baojun, vice president of the university, led a delegation to Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam and attended the 2025 Harmony of Civilizations Forum in Bangkok. During the visit Zhang and Du Hongqiang, president of Hanoi Capital University, signed a joint undergraduate dual-degree cooperation agreement. The two universities will engage in in-depth collaboration in the Chinese-language and teaching Chinese to speakers of other languages undergraduate programs.



Zhang Baojun, vice president of Beijing Language and Culture University, and Du Hongqiang, president of Hanoi Capital University, signed an exchange cooperation agreement.

### Jun 9

#### THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA, BELJING

The university Brazil (São Paulo) Learning Center established and inaugurated in Brasília

国家开放大学巴西(圣保罗)学习中心设立并在巴西利亚举行揭牌 仪式

Liu Xuanxuan, deputy secretary of the Party committee and secretary of the Discipline Inspection Commission of the National Open University, led a delegation on a visit to Brazil. At the China-Brazil University Presidents' Dialogue she delivered a speech titled "Riding the Wave of Digitalization, Advancing with Intelligence: Digital Empowerment of Lifelong Education to Support the Construction of a Learning Society — The Digital Education Practice of China's National Open University." During the visit, Liu, on behalf of National Open University, signed a cooperation memorandum alongside Du Taisheng, vice president of China Agricultural University, and Ricardo Trindade, director of the China Center at the University of São Paulo. Together they officiated over the unveiling ceremony of the Brazil (São Paulo) Learning Center.



Liu Xuanxuan, center, deputy secretary of the Party committee of the National Open University, Du Taisheng, left, vice president of China Agricultural University, and Ricardo Trindade, director of the China Center at the University of São Paulo, signed a cooperation agreement.

#### Jun 5

#### DALIAN UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES, LIAONING PROVINCE

The university signs an cooperation and exchange agreement with University of Aveiro Vietnam

大连外国语大学与葡萄牙阿威罗大学签署合作交流协议

The university welcomed Paulo Ferreira, president of the University of Aveiro, Portugal, and a delegation, and the two universities signed a cooperation agreement. They pledged to strengthen close collaboration in cultivating talent, scientific research, and faculty-student exchanges, further promoting educational and cultural exchanges between China and Portugal.



Cong Mingcai, president of Dalian University of Foreign Languages, and Paulo Ferreira, president of the University of Aveiro after signing a cooperation agreement.

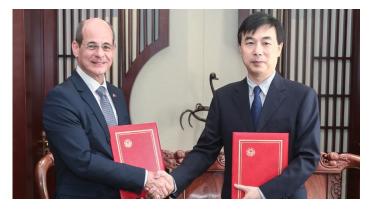
#### Jun 4

#### CHINA FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNIVERSITY, BELJING

The university signs an agreement with Cuban Higher Institute of **International Relations** 

#### 外交学院与古巴国际关系高等学院签署合作谅解备忘录

Wang Fan, president of the university met Rogelio Sierra Díaz, president of the Cuban Higher Institute of International Relations. The two jointly signed a memorandum of understanding on cooperation. Rogelio Sierra Díaz congratulated the Beijing university on its 70th anniversary and said he hoped to see deeper exchanges and broader collaboration between the two institutions, taking advantage of the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Cuba as well as the China-Latin America Forum.



Rogelio Sierra Díaz, president of the Cuban Higher Institute of International Relations and Wang Fan, president of China Foreign Affairs University after signing a memorandum of understanding.

#### May 30

#### SHANTOU UNIVERSITY, GUANGDONG PROVINCE

The university signs a memorandum of understanding with Suratthani **Rajabhat University** 

#### 汕头大学与泰国素叻他尼皇家大学签署合作备忘录

The university signed a memorandum of understandin with Suratthani Rajabhat University, Thailand at Sangpushan campus. The following day both parties held a working meeting and reached agreements focusing on faculty and student exchanges and language education. These include jointly organizing training programs for local Chineselanguage teachers in Thailand and conducting reciprocal exchange activities for students studying Thai.



Watthana Rattanapong, left, president of Suratthani Rajabhat University, and Liu Wenhua, vice president of Shantou University, sign the agreement on behalf of their respective universities

#### May 28

### SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY, SUZHOU, JIANGSU PROVINCE

The university signs a cooperation agreement with Kasetsart University,

#### 苏州大学与泰国农业大学签署合作协议

The university hosted Tanin Kongsila, vice president of Kasetsart University in Thailand, and a delegation. Wu Jiawei, vice president of Soochow University, welcomed the guests and said the visit coincided with the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Thailand. She said she hoped the two universities will continue to strengthen communication and collaboration, jointly advancing academic exchanges and collaboration to new heights. After the meeting both parties signed a memorandum of understanding on faculty and student exchanges.



Officials of Soochow University and their guests from Thailand during the signing ceremony

#### May 22

## SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

The university signs an agreement with Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University

#### 上海外国语大学与法国让·穆兰里昂第三大学签署合作协议

The university welcomed Professor Manuel Jobert, vice president of Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University in France, and a delegation. Li Yansong, president of the Shanghai university, welcomed the guests. Both sides discussed educational cooperation and signed a cooperation agreement, the formal launch of a joint program for cultivating interdisciplinary talent combining foreign languages and political science.



Manuel Jobert, vice president of Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University, and Li Yansong, president of Shanghai International Studies University, after signing the cooperation agreement.

# May 18-22

#### XIAMEN UNIVERSITY, FUJIAN PROVINCE

The university signs agreements with multiple universities in Germany and Malta

#### 厦门大学与德国、马耳他多所高校签署合作协议

Fang Ying, member of the Party committee and vice president of the university, traveled to Germany and Malta and signed a memorandum of understanding with the Trier Confucius Institute Registration Association to promote mutual learning and cultural exchange among Chinese and German youth. He also signed a faculty and student exchange cooperation agreement with Trier University and reached consensus with the University of Malta on further promoting student exchanges and expanding collaboration between the two universities.



Fang Ying, vice president of Xiamen University, and Peter Dietze, chairperson of the Confucius Institute of Trier University after signing an agreement.

# **COMING EVENTS**

# September 13-14

33rd MELTA International Conference 2025, Selangor, Malaysia

# September 26-28

18th National TEFL/ 12th Mongolia TESOL International Conference, Ulan Bator

# October 2-4

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

# October 8-10

71st TEFLIN International Conference, Malang, Indonesia

### **November 15-16**

41st SPELT International Conference 2025, Pakistan

# **December 17-19**

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

# **January 23-24, 2026**

45th Thailand TESOL International Conference 2026, Bangkok, Thailand

# February 20-22, 2026

30th NELTA International Conference 2026

# March 9-11, 2026

60th RELC International Conference, Singapore

# March 24-27, 2026

TESOL 2026 International Convention & Expo, Utah, USA

# **April 8-11, 2026**

IATEFL International Conference and Exhibition, Brighton, England

# May 22-24, 2026

6th Psychology of Language Learning Conference, Shantou, Guangdong, China

# **June, 2026**

Africa ELTA 10th International Conference, Nairobi, Kenya

# July 14-17, 2026

22nd BRAZ-TESOL International Conference

# July 24-26, 2026

Global English Education China Assembly



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