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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Against the backdrop of a multitude of high-level exchanges and collaboration, teachers remain at the heart of education. Whether through smart education, the launch of regional teacher strategies or advances in digital literacy programs across China, Africa and elsewhere, one thing that resonates is that teachers play a key role in safeguarding humanity's future. Each year on October 5 UNESCO celebrates World Teachers' Day, an occasion on which we join in paying tribute to the dedication, creativity and resilience of educators worldwide.

This issue of our newsletter not only reflects achievements in multilateral collaboration but also highlights the intersection of youth leadership and the enduring mission of teachers.

Events covered include the Beijing Culture Forum, the Global Smart Education Conference, the inauguration of the UNESCO International Institute for STEM Education in Shanghai and the China-Singapore Youth Dialogue and Gen Z Debate.

Looking ahead, the BRLCN will continue to embrace openness and collaboration, deepen international partnerships in education and culture, and contribute to building a fairer, more inclusive and more sustainable global educational and cultural ecosystem.

金秋九月，教育与文化的舞台再一次汇聚全球目光。从北京文化论坛到全球智慧教育大会，从上海成立的联合国教科文组织国际 STEM 教育研究所到中新青年交流与辩论，跨越地域与文化的对话频频展开，展示了教育、科技与文化融合发展的蓬勃力量。

在这一系列高水平交流与合作中，教师始终是核心。无论是智慧教育的探索，还是区域教师战略的发布，亦或是中非数字素养培训项目的推进，都凸显了教师在教育变革与人类未来发展中的关键作用。联合国教科文组织在每年 10 月 5 日会庆祝“世界教师日”，在此我们也要向所有辛勤耕耘的教育工作者致以崇高的敬意。

本期新闻信不仅呈现了多边合作的新成果，也彰显了青年担当与教师使命的交汇点。未来，联盟将继续以开放、共享的姿态，推动教育与文化的国际合作，为建设更加公正、包容与可持续的全球教育生态贡献力量。

BEIJING CULTURE FORUM

2025 北京文化论坛召开



Lazare Eloundou Assomo, Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, addresses the forum. Photo: Zhang Wei/China Daily.

This year's Beijing Culture Forum was held from September 23 to 24 under the theme "Integration of culture and technology for development". More than 800 guests from 58 countries and regions attended. The forum featured six parallel sub-forums and more than 20 specialized salons, and for the first time included a special session presenting major achievements. The report From Initiative to Practice: 2024 Report on China-Foreign Cultural Exchanges unveiled at the forum said 2024 was a year of high-quality development in cultural exchanges between China and other countries. Topics covered at the forum included using digital technology to empower cultural heritage and harnessing science and technology to spark cultural creativity, exchange and collaboration. (Source: China Daily, China News Service)

UNESCO INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STEM EDUCATION INAUGURATED

联合国教科文组织国际 STEM 教育研究所在沪成立

The UNESCO International Institute for STEM Education was officially opened in Shanghai on September 21. China's Minister of Education Huai Jinpeng signed the Host Country Agreement and the Operational Agreement for the institute with the UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay, who said the institute will become part of UNESCO's key global network of institutions. It will not only advance STEM education in China but also support UNESCO's vision for STEM education worldwide.

The institute is the 10th Category 1 centre established by UNESCO globally and the first such centre in the Asia-Pacific region, and is an important step forward in collaboration between China and UNESCO to promote global educational collaboration and sustainable development. (Source: People's Daily)



CHINA-SINGAPORE HIGH-QUALITY COOPERATION YOUTH DIALOGUE AND GEN Z DEBATE

中新“高质量合作”青年交流对话会暨 Z 世代辩论交流会在新加坡举行



The China-Singapore High-Quality Cooperation Youth Dialogue and Gen Z Debate in session

The China-Singapore High-Quality Cooperation Youth Dialogue and Gen Z Debate was held in Singapore on September 13. Among those attending were: Zhou Li, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of China Daily and Editor-in-Chief of its Hong Kong Edition; Cao Zhongming, China's Ambassador to Singapore; Chee Hong Tat, Singapore's Senior Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; and Jacob Soo, Executive Chairman of the National Youth Achievement Award Council of Singapore.

More than 300 young leaders, with senior company executives, media representatives and experts from both countries discussed topics under the theme "Harnessing youth power to write a new chapter of high-quality development". The dialogue aimed to promote youth leadership and to inject fresh vitality into the China-Singapore relationship. The event was co-hosted by the China Daily Youth Channel and the National Youth Achievement Award Association of Singapore, and organized by Singapore's Vanward International Group. (Source: China Daily)

REGIONAL TEACHER STRATEGY REPORT FOR LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN UNVEILED

世界教师峰会发布《拉丁美洲和加勒比地区教师战略（2025-2030年）》



The Spanish version of the Regional Teacher Strategy for Latin America and the Caribbean (2025-2030).

At the World Teachers' Summit in Santiago, Chile, from August 28 to 29, the organizer, UNESCO published its report Regional Teacher Strategy for Latin America and the Caribbean (2025-2030) (Estrategia Regional Docente para América Latina y el Caribe 2025-2030). The report provides a comprehensive assessment of teacher resources and the current state of teaching across Latin America. The strategy, aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 for 2030, makes recommendations on reforms to teacher policies and systems in the region over the next five years. (Source: Shanghai Normal University)

GLOBAL SMART EDUCATION CONFERENCE

2025 全球智慧教育大会在京召开

This year's Global Smart Education Conference was held in Beijing from August 18 to 20 under the theme "Human-machine collaboration: Fostering a new educational ecosystem". It brought together experts and scholars in the fields of education, technology and industry, along with frontline educators from around the world, to explore innovative pathways for the integration of emerging technologies and education. Participants discussed new practices in human-machine co-cultivation, co-teaching and co-learning, and discussed how to build a safe, efficient and sustainable smart-education ecosystem.

The event also brought together more than 500 international and domestic guests and attracted more than 2,200 on-site participants. China's Vice Minister of Education Wu Yan delivered a speech in which he said China attaches great importance to digitalizing education, viewing it as a key breakthrough for opening new tracks of educational development and creating new competitive advantages. He outlined China's proposed framework for smart education, known as the Three New Ways and the Four Futures. The former includes advancing from digitalization to a new stage of smart education, establishing competency-based standards for cultivating talent and exploring new pathways for educational transformation. The latter includes cultivating future-oriented teachers and building classrooms, schools and learning centers in the future.

(Source: China Daily)



Attendees after the opening ceremony of the Global Smart Education Conference.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Sep 23

ZHEJIANG NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Digital Literacy Enhancement Program for Educators Delegation from Tanzania

坦桑尼亚教育工作者代表团开营仪式在浙江师范大学举行

At the 2025 Digital Literacy Enhancement Program for Educators Delegation from Tanzania held at the university, Qiu Limin, President of the school, said that enhancing digital literacy is a shared mission for educators worldwide, and that collaboration between Zhejiang Normal University and universities in Tanzania has continued to deepen, from the joint establishment of the China-Africa Regional Cooperation Center for Digital Education to the implementation of the Digital Literacy Enhancement Program. This training program represents an important step in strengthening China-Tanzania collaboration and promoting the digital transformation of education, he said.



2025坦桑尼亚教育工作者代表团数字素养提升项目
2025 Digital Literacy Enhancement Program for Educators Delegation from Tanzania

Attendees of the program at Zhejiang Normal University.

Sep 20

SHANDONG UNIVERSITY

Agreement signed with New Zealand university

山东大学与新西兰怀卡托大学签署合作协议

Li Shucai, President of Shandong University, met a delegation led by Neil Quigley, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Waikato, New Zealand, at the Weihai campus. The two universities signed the Agreement on the Joint Establishment of the Shandong University-Waikato International Business School and the Constitution of the Shandong University-Waikato International Business School. Li said the establishment of the business school is an important initiative to integrate high-quality educational resources and to innovate with talent cultivation models. He said he hoped the two universities will draw on their disciplinary strengths to jointly build a new center for high-level, international business education, open new avenues for scientific research and academic exchange, and set a new benchmark for high-quality educational collaboration between China and other countries and contribute to deepen educational, cultural and economic ties between China and New Zealand.



Li Shucai and Neil Quigley signed an agreement on behalf of their universities.

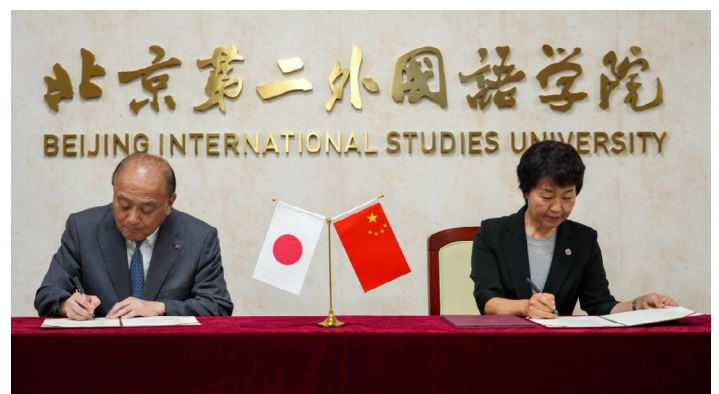
Sep 19

BEIJING INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

Agreement signed with Japanese university

北京第二外国语学院与日本城西国际大学签署合作协议

In a visit to the Beijing university by Masato Kurabayashi, President of Josai International University in Japan, the two institutions signed an agreement on a combined bachelor's/master's degree program and agreed to further advance collaboration in cultivating talent and in academic development. Zhang Xihua, a member of the Standing Committee of the university Party Committee, said the university looks forward to deepening collaboration with Josai International University, achieving complementary strengths in talent training and student employment, and elevating the outcomes of their partnership to an even higher level.



Zhang Xihua, a member of the Standing Committee of the BISU Party Committee, and Masato Kurabayashi, President of Josai International University, sign an agreement.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Sep 18

SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY

Agreement signed with Australian university

苏州大学与昆士兰大学签署合作备忘录

Rongyu Li, Executive Vice-President of the University of Queensland, Australia, led a delegation on a visit to the university. The two universities discussed establishing high-level Sino-foreign joint education institutions and promoting the commercialization of scientific and technological achievements, reaching broad consensus. Yao Jianlin, Vice-President of Soochow University, and Rongyu Li signed a memorandum of agreement on behalf of their respective institutions, laying out a roadmap for collaboration.



Yao Jianlin, left, and Rongyu Li signed a memorandum of understanding.

Sep 17

SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY

Agreement signed with Turkish university

上海交通大学与土耳其科奇大学签署合作备忘录

Liu Weidong, Vice-President of the university, met Metin Sitti, President of Koç University, Türkiye, at the Minhang campus. They jointly signed a memorandum of understanding on promoting bilateral exchanges and creating new opportunities for high-quality educational collaboration within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative. Sitti said the agreement would serve as a starting point for diverse, multi-level collaboration with the Shanghai university, jointly advancing scientific research innovation and talent cultivation, and injecting new momentum into higher education and medical research development in both countries.



Representatives of the two universities in talks.

Sep 10

BEIHANG UNIVERSITY

Agreement signed with Brazilian university

北京航空航天大学与巴西坎皮纳斯州立大学签署合作协议

Professor Paulo César Montagner, President of State University of Campinas, Brazil, led a delegation to visit the Beijing university. After the meeting, Montagner and Zhao Weisheng, Vice-President of Beihang University, signed an student exchange agreement on behalf of their respective institutions. The two universities plan to deepen collaboration in scientific research, joint student training and sports and cultural exchanges.



Zhao Weisheng and Paulo César Montagner signed an agreement on behalf of their universities.

Sep 4

HARBIN NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Agreement signed with Thai university

哈尔滨师范大学与泰国西那瓦大学达成合作共识

In a visit by a delegation from Srinakharinwirot University in Thailand the two universities held discussions on sharing educational resources, academic collaboration and joint talent cultivation. Representatives of both universities attended the opening ceremony of the International Industry-University-Research Cooperation Conference (Northeast China Region) and signed the China-Thailand University Creative Design and Industry-Education Integration R&D Center Cooperation Agreement.

The signing is significant for bilateral collaboration, with a focus on developing creative design disciplines and industry-education integration. It aims to integrate high-quality educational and industrial resources, establish an industry/university/research/application platform, and carry out deep collaboration in joint talent training, research commercialization and industrial innovation.



Group photo of the participants

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Sep 3-10

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

Agreements signed with universities and research institutions in Switzerland and Italy

上海外国语大学与瑞士、意大利多所高校和科研机构签署合作协议

The Party Secretary of Shanghai International Studies University, Yin Dongmei, led a delegation on a visit to Switzerland and Italy. The delegation held in-depth exchanges with several universities and research institutions, including the University of Geneva, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Roma Tre University, Sapienza University of Rome and the Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana Treccani.

The delegation reached new joint training agreements in areas such as multilateral diplomatic interpreting and classical studies. Several inter-university agreements were signed, expanding collaboration in student exchange programs, triple-degree undergraduate programs and interdisciplinary research on lexicography. These have deepened the university's partnerships in cultivating talent and in academic exchange, strengthening its collaboration with European institutions.



Yin Dongmei of Shanghai International Studies University and Tiziana Lippiello, Rector of Ca' Foscari University of Venice, after signing an agreement.

Sep 1-3

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

Agreements signed with Russian universities

清华大学与俄罗斯莫斯科国立鲍曼技术大学、俄罗斯国家研究型高等经济大学等签署合作协议

Qiu Yong, Party Secretary, and Li Luming, President of the university, met visiting delegations of the Russian State-owned Sberbank, Bauman Moscow State Technical University and the National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow. During the visit Li attended a discussion session with Sberbank and, with the bank's chief executive and chairman Herman Gref, signed a cooperation agreement. The university also signed collaboration agreements with Bauman Moscow State Technical University and the National Research University Higher School of Economics. All parties said they hoped to deepen collaboration in scientific research, academic exchanges and joint training programs.



Li Luming of Tsinghua University and Herman Gref of Sberbank after signing an agreement.

Aug 25

FUDAN UNIVERSITY

Agreement signed with American Chemical Society Publications

复旦大学与美国化学会出版部签署合作备忘录

Jin Li, an academicien of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and president of Fudan University, met Sarah Tegen, Senior Vice President and Chief Publishing Officer of the American Chemical Society Publications, and a delegation, and they signed a memorandum of understanding. The two parties agreed to work together to support researchers in areas such as journal publishing, academic conferences and the publication of peer-reviewed content, and will create opportunities for exchange in scientific innovation and education, particularly in the field of chemistry.



Peng Huisheng, director of the Institute of Science and Technology, Fudan University, signed an agreement on behalf of the university with Sarah Tegen of American Chemical Society Publications.

COMING EVENTS

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 18-21, 2026

NATE Russia conference, Samara, Russia

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

August 24-25, 2026

16th AzETA International Conference, Baku, Azerbaijan

MILESTONE MOMENTS UNIVERSITY ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

14 big days to celebrate



Founded
September 8, 1902

北京师范大学

Beijing Normal University

学为人师，行为世范

Learn to be an Excellent Teacher,
act as an Exemplary Person.

(Unofficial version)



Founded
September 9, 1962

北京语言大学

Beijing Language & Culture University

德行言语，敦睦天下

Virtue and Eloquence, Harmony for All.

(Unofficial version)



Founded
September 10, 1955

外交学院

China Foreign Affairs University

站稳立场、掌握政策、

熟悉业务、严守纪律

Maintain a firm stance, Master policy expertise, Excel in
professional competence, Uphold strict discipline.

(Unofficial version)



Founded
September 10, 1896

北京交通大学

Beijing Jiaotong University

知，行。

To Know, To Do.

(Unofficial version)

MILESTONE MOMENTS UNIVERSITY ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

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Founded
September 15, 1958

北京化工大学

Beijing University of Chemical Technology

宏德博学 化育天工

Cultivate Virtue and Pursue Knowledge;
Transform Nature for the Benefit of Mankind
(Unofficial version)



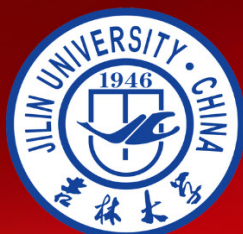
Founded
September 15, 1958

宁夏大学

Ningxia University

尚德、勤学、求是、创新

Virtue, Diligence, Truth-Seeking, Innovation.
(Unofficial version)



Founded
September 16, 1946

吉林大学

Jilin University

求实创新、励志图强

Seeking Truth and Innovation, Aspiring to Strength.
(Unofficial version)



Founded
September 21, 1964

大连外国语大学

Dalian University of Foreign Languages

崇德尚文 兼收并蓄

Ethical Commitment, Cultural Embrace, and Global Inclusion.
(Unofficial version)

MILESTONE MOMENTS UNIVERSITY ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

14 big days to celebrate



Founded
September 21, 1940

北京理工大学

Beijing Institute of Technology

德以明理 学以精工

Virtue illuminates reason, Learning refines craftsmanship.
(Unofficial version)



Founded
September 21, 1956

成都理工大学

Chengdu University of Technology

穷究于理，成就于工

Seek truth through reason,
Achieve success through diligence.
(Unofficial version)



Founded
September 28, 1964

天津外国语大学

Tianjin Foreign Studies University

中外求索，德业竞进

Quest for Knowledge, East and West;
Strive for Excellence, in Virtue and Expertise.
(Unofficial version)



Founded
October 8, 1949

湖南科技大学

Hunan University of Science And Technology

唯实惟新，至诚致志

Seek truth and innovation, devote wholehearted dedication.
(Unofficial version)

MILESTONE MOMENTS UNIVERSITY ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

14

 big days to celebrate

Founded
October 12, 1944

陕西师范大学

Shaanxi Normal University

厚德 积学 励志 敦行

Noble in Virtue, Profound in Learning, Determined in Ambition, Diligent in Practice
(Unofficial version)



Founded
October 14, 1957

内蒙古大学

Inner Mongolia University

求真务实

Seek truth and be pragmatic.
(Unofficial version)



Founded
October 15, 1903

河北工业大学

Hebei University of Technology

勤慎公忠

Diligence, Prudence, Integrity, Loyalty.
(Unofficial version)



Founded
October 15, 1956

北京青年政治学院

Beijing Youth Politics College

勤学善思、立德践行

Study Diligently, Reflect Wisely; Cultivate Integrity, Practice Earnestly.
(Unofficial version)

MILESTONE MOMENTS UNIVERSITY ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

14

 big days to celebrate

Founded
October 15, 1901

山东大学

Shandong University

学无止境 气有浩然

Noble in Spirit, Boundless in Knowledge.
(Unofficial version)



Founded
October 24, 1950

四川外国语大学

Sichuan International Studies University

海纳百川，学贯中外

Inclusive Learning, East and West.
(Unofficial version)



Founded
October 24, 1964

北京第二外国语学院

Beijing International Studies University

明德、勤学、求是、竞先

Integrity, Diligence, Truth-seeking, Excellence.
(Unofficial version)



Founded
October 25, 1952

北京航空航天大学

Beihang University

德才兼备、知行合一

Integrity, Expertise, Knowledge, Action

(Unofficial version)

MILESTONE MOMENTS UNIVERSITY ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

14

 big days to celebrate

Founded
October 26, 1902

江苏大学

Jiangsu University

博学 求是 明德

Erudition, Truth-Seeking, Virtue-Cultivation.
(Unofficial version)



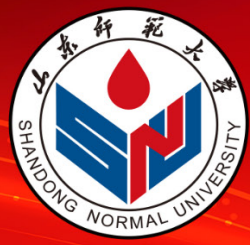
Founded
October 29, 1986

宁波大学

Ningbo University

实事求是、经世致用

Seek truth from facts, apply knowledge to
practical affairs.
(Unofficial version)



Founded
October 29, 1950

山东师范大学

Shandong Normal University

弘德明志，博学笃行

Cultivate Virtue, Clarify Aspirations; Acquire Wide
Knowledge, Practice Earnestly.
(Unofficial version)