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A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

After an eventful and busy 10 months in 2025 we are delighted to see council members engaging globally, drawing a new picture of open, inclusive and collaboration that benefits everyone through in-depth exchange activities at all levels.

This month the keynote of global cooperation resonated loudly. High-level platforms underscored our relentless effort to build bridges of communication and pool global intelligence. They included: the Global Strategic Dialogue (2025) Forum focusing on global governance; the 26th China Annual Conference and Expo for International Education; the Kunming Forum on South and Southeast Asia Education Cooperation and the China-Malaysia Higher Education Dialogue; the Conference on International Exchange of Professionals; and the World Conference on China Studies.

We have witnessed fruitful outcomes in collaboration among our council members. Numerous agreements have been signed between universities in China and elsewhere, with cooperation covering key areas such as international communication, talent cultivation, scientific research and joint education programs. The inauguration and establishment of various joint laboratories, university alliances and Confucius Institutes signal that our collaboration is transitioning from broad exchanges to a new stage of co-building, co-sharing and deep integration, laying a solid foundation for future collaborative innovation.

The sparks of innovation are continually igniting through such collaboration, and one message that shines through in all of this is that the strength of youth is the hope for the future.

In this issue we are honored to welcome a new member, Voronezh State University of Russia, with a century of academic heritage that will undoubtedly inject new vitality into our family.

Finally, we invite everyone to take part in our global research project on the key competencies of future teachers. As artificial intelligence helps reshape the world, everything you contribute will offer invaluable insights into its influence on the development of global education.

金秋十月，是收获与展望的季节。我们欣喜地看到，“一带一路”语言教育文化组织联盟的理事单位在全球范围内积极行动，通过一系列高水平、深层次的交流活动，共同描绘着开放包容、互利共赢的崭新画卷。

本月，全球合作的主旋律高昂奏响。从聚焦全球治理新格局的“全球战略对话（2025）”智库论坛，到“以教育见世界”为主题的第26届中国国际教育年会；从深化区域教育合作的昆明论坛、中国—马来西亚高等教育对话会，到汇聚全球智慧的国际人才交流大会与世界中国学大会——这些高规格的平台彰显了我们搭建沟通桥梁、汇聚全球智慧的不懈努力。

在理事单位的紧密合作方面，我们见证了丰硕的成果：中外高校间签署了多项战略合作协议，合作范围覆盖国际传播、人才培养、科研创新与联合办学等多个关键领域。同时，一系列联合实验室、高校联盟和孔子学院的揭牌与成立，标志着我们的合作正从广泛交流迈向共建共享、深度融合的新阶段，为未来的协同创新奠定了坚实基础。

创新的火花在合作中竞相迸发，青年的力量是未来的希望。理事单位举办的青年对话与论坛，展现了年轻一代参与构建人类命运共同体的热情与智慧。

本期，我们也荣幸地迎来新成员——俄罗斯沃罗涅日国立大学的加入。该校的百年学术积淀，必将为我们这个大家庭注入新的活力。

最后，我们诚挚邀请各位同仁关注并参与联盟发起的“未来教师关键能力”全球调研项目。在人工智能深刻重塑教育的今天，您的每一份见解都将为全球教育的发展提供宝贵的“中国智慧”与“集体方案”。

携手同心，方能行稳致远。让我们继续汇聚各方的智慧与力量，共同谱写高质量国际交流与合作的崭新篇章。



GLOBAL STRATEGIC DIALOGUE FORUM

“全球战略对话（2025）” 智库论坛在北京召开



Qu Yingpu, publisher and editor-in-chief of China Daily, addressing the event.

The Global Strategic Dialogue (2025) Forum, co-hosted by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and China Daily, was held in Beijing on October 28. More than 100 experts and scholars from countries including China, Denmark, France, Norway, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States gathered for debate under the theme “The 80th anniversary of the United Nations and the new Landscape of global governance”. At the opening ceremony, Qu Yingpu, publisher and editor-in-chief of China Daily, delivered a speech in which he said China Daily would continue to work closely with global media and think tanks to further interpret the Four Global Initiatives, contributing to enhanced mutual understanding, strengthened cooperation and the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

Source: China Daily

CHINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, BEIJING

第 26 届中国国际教育年会全体大会在京召开

The 26th China Annual Conference and Expo for International Education held its plenary session in Beijing on October 30. The event, hosted by the China Education Association for International Exchange under the theme “Bridging education and beyond”, featured New Zealand as the guest country of honor and included more than 100 bilateral and multilateral activities such as plenary sessions, forums, partnership meetings and exhibitions. China’s Minister of Education, Huai Jinpeng, delivered a speech in which he proposed three initiatives: upholding inclusiveness and equity to build a more sustainable world; promoting innovation-driven development to create a more dynamic world; and enhancing cooperation and mutual learning to foster a more inclusive world.

Source: Xinhua News Agency/China News



Conference attendees listen to an address.

KUNMING FORUM ON SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA EDUCATION COOPERATION

第八届南亚东南亚教育合作昆明论坛举办



Signing ceremony of the agreement on jointly building a high-level international education cooperation region.

The 8th China–South Asia and Southeast Asia Education Cooperation Kunming Forum was held on October 23, hosted by the Yunnan Provincial Department of Education and organized by Yunnan University. The forum, under the theme “Jointly building a high-level international education cooperation region”, brought together officials from the consulates-general of various countries in Kunming, along with university presidents, experts and scholars from 13 South and Southeast Asian countries. It aimed to further advance high-level collaboration in Sino-foreign education, vocational education, digital education, faculty training and talent cultivation between China and South and Southeast Asian countries. It also sought to promote the establishment of a high-level international education cooperation region in Yunnan, contributing educational wisdom and strength to the region’s economic construction and social development.

During the event, six important agreements were signed, the Lancang-Mekong Workshop project was established, two other projects were initiated, three alliances were formed, and the 2026 RCEP Youth Exchange Program was unveiled.

Source: Xinhuanet/Yunnan University

CHINA (YUNNAN)-MALAYSIA HIGHER EDUCATION DIALOGUE, DALI

第六届中国（云南）—马来西亚高等教育对话会在大理召开



An official of the Malaysian embassy in Beijing addresses the forum.

The 6th China (Yunnan)-Malaysia Higher Education Dialogue was held in Dali on October 21 with the theme “Unceasing harmonies for a new chapter: China-Malaysia collaborates to forge the future”. The conference aimed to build a platform for educational collaboration between China and Malaysia, promoting long-term ties in talent cultivation, scientific research and cultural exchange, while underlining the achievements and distinctive strengths of higher education in Yunnan. It also sought to enhance interaction and collaboration between universities in Yunnan and Malaysia as well as other sectors of society. Participants exchanged ideas on building communication bridges between universities of both countries and exploring innovative models of educational exchange and cooperation, offering ideas to advance regional education partnerships and shared development.

Sources: Xinhuanet/Malaysian embassy in Beijing

CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF PROFESSIONALS

第 23 届中国国际人才交流大会在上海开幕

The 23rd Conference on International Exchange of Professionals, China's largest and highest-level platform for international talent exchange and collaboration, was held in Shanghai on October 21. The conference brought together about 2,600 foreign experts from more than 110 countries and regions, pooling global resources in science, technology, industry and talent. Numerous universities from across China took part, and several major talent cooperation projects were signed.

Sources: Xinhua News Agency/Beijing Language and Culture University/Shanghai International Studies University



State Councilor Shen Yiqin addresses the conference.

WORLD CONFERENCE ON CHINA STUDIES

第二届世界中国学大会在沪举办



The second World Conference on China Studies in session.

The second World Conference on China Studies was held in Shanghai from October 13 to 15, aiming to achieve broader consensus on advancing sinology and promote cultural exchanges between China and the rest of the world. The conference, with the theme “Historical and contemporary China in a global context”, was hosted by the State Council Information Office and the Shanghai Municipal People's Government. During the event, the Shanghai Initiative on Mutual Learning Among Civilizations and the Flourishing of China Studies Worldwide was unveiled. About 500 guests from more than 50 countries and regions attended. Participants agreed on the need to maintain a global perspective, draw from China's practical experience, and continue to improve the knowledge system of China studies, offering deeper academic interpretations of China and contributing to the world with Chinese wisdom and vision.

Sources: China Daily/People's Daily/Xinhua News Agency

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

俄罗斯沃罗涅日国立大学

VORONEZH STATE UNIVERSITY, RUSSIA



Voronezh State University is one of the main universities in Central Russia, in the city of Voronezh. It was founded in 1918 by professors evacuated from the University of Tartu in Estonia. The university has 18 faculties and 22,000 students from Russia, Europe, Africa, the Americas and Asia. It is one of the oldest universities in Russia,

with more than 100 years of achievement in the Voronezh region, Russia and the world. It is engaged in collaboration with more than 120 international universities and is the only university in Europe with its own nature reserve.

Website: <https://www.vsu.ru>



COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Oct 30

CHINA DAILY

Agreement with Xi'an International Studies University, Shaanxi province

中国日报社与西安外国语大学签署国际传播全面合作协议

As China Daily and the Xi'an university signed an agreement on international communication, Liu Weiling, deputy editor-in-chief of China Daily, said the newspaper has diligently fulfilled its mission of "connecting China and the world", establishing a global, audience-specific, multilingual and all-media communication system. The partnership would deepen collaboration in multilingual content dissemination, joint training of interdisciplinary talent and international communication under the Belt and Road Initiative, she said. It would also transform the university's distinctive strengths and achievements into highlights of international communication and build a model of collaborative innovation between media organizations and universities.



Liu Weiling (second left), deputy editor-in-chief of China Daily, and Wu Yaowu (second right), president of Xi'an International Studies University, and other representatives after signing the agreement.

Oct 30

ASOCIACIÓN COLOMBIANA DE PROFESORES DE INGLÉS

Series of webinars held online

哥伦比亚英语教师协会举行线上研讨会

Zhisheng Wen of the College of Professional and Continuing Education of Hong Kong Polytechnic University, was a speaker for English-language teachers in Colombia. Dr Wen, nominated by 21st Century Media and Education, and who is associate head of languages and communication, delivered a speech titled "Translanguaging Self Hypothesis: A GBA-Inspired Framework for Digital and AI-Enhanced Pedagogy". It was presented during a webinar organized by the Asociación Colombiana de Profesores de Inglés. This online academic and professional development session aims to equip Colombian ELT teachers, researchers and stakeholders with updated knowledge, pedagogical strategies and critical perspectives on language education.



Zhisheng Wen of Hong Kong Polytechnic University delivered a speech online.

Oct 24

BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Agreement signed with Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

北京师范大学与加拿大女王大学签署合作协议

A delegation from the Canadian university led by Matthew Evans, provost and vice-principal, was received by Chen Xing, vice president of the Beijing university. The two universities signed an agreement detailing plans for substantive collaboration in many areas, including faculty and student exchanges, dual-degree programs, summer schools, joint conferences, collaborative course design and teaching, as well as the joint cultivation of high-level talent.



Chen Xing of Beijing Normal University and Matthew Evans of Queen's University after signing the agreement.

Oct 23

TIANJIN FOREIGN STUDIES UNIVERSITY

Confucius Institute inaugurated

印尼巴东国立大学孔子学院揭牌

The Confucius Institute and Center for China Studies, jointly established by the university and Universitas Negeri Padang of Indonesia, was inaugurated in the city of Padang. It is the 10th Confucius Institute in Indonesia and the first on Sumatra Island, and Tianjin Foreign Studies University's first Confucius Institute in Southeast Asia. Li Jian, education counsellor of the Indonesian embassy in Beijing, said 2025 marks the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Indonesia and China, and that the Confucius Institute at Universitas Negeri Padang will become an important center for Chinese-language education and cultural exchange, laying a solid foundation for a stronger partnership between the two countries.



The Confucius Institute at Universitas Negeri Padang is officially opened.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Oct 23

YUNNAN UNIVERSITY, KUNMING

China-South Asia Youth Dialogue

第八届南亚东南亚教育合作昆明论坛“中国——南亚青年对话会”举办

Ninety-one teacher and student representatives from countries including China, Bangladesh, Nepal, India and Pakistan attended the China-South Asia Youth Dialogue, a side event of the eighth Kunming Forum on South and Southeast Asia Education Cooperation. They shared views based on the theme “Discussing the Power of Youth: Jointly Charting the Blueprint for China-South Asia Educational Cooperation.” The dialogue not only built a practical platform for in-depth exchanges between Chinese and South Asian youth but also, through a form of co-creation and integration, cemented the foundation of friendship and collaboration among regional youth. Those who took part said they would take this as a starting point to continue acting as envoys of civilizational mutual learning, jointly sketching a new vision for China-South Asia educational collaboration.



Representatives at the China-South Asia Youth Dialogue.

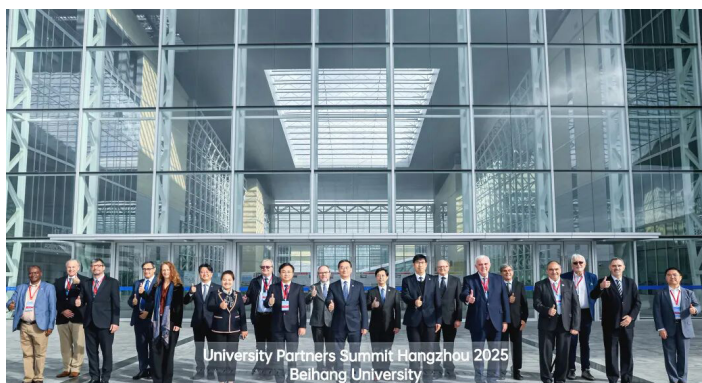
Oct 22

BEIHANG UNIVERSITY, BEIJING

Global Partner Summit

北航举办第二届全球合作伙伴峰会

The university's second Global Partner Summit was held at the university's Hangzhou International Campus in Zhejiang province under the theme “Building an inclusive, innovative, and collaborative global partnership network for sustainable development”. Agreements were signed on: establishing a China-Latin America multilingual and multimodal AI laboratory, with the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; on a joint research center for data science, with Technical University of Madrid; and on a dual doctoral program, with Macao Polytechnic University. An agreement was also signed with Complutense University of Madrid. Six newly established joint laboratories were unveiled during the event



Attendees of the summit in Hangzhou.

Oct 21

BEIJING INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Global Partner Week

北京理工大学全球合作伙伴周开幕式举行

The university's Global Partner Week, with the theme “United in purpose, committed to long-term progress”, was held at the Yangtze River Delta Research Institute in Jiaxing, Zhejiang province, from October 21. Several ceremonies took place, including the unveiling of the Beijing university's Dubai overseas office, the establishment of the Space Policy and Law Education University Alliance, the inauguration of the China-Uzbekistan Intelligent Electric Vehicle Joint Laboratory, and the relocation and unveiling of the Beijing Institute of Technology-Bauman Joint College at the Zhuhai campus. The university also signed agreements with eight other universities, namely: Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, UAE; Tashkent State University of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineering, Uzbekistan; University of Auckland, New Zealand; University of Dubai, UAE; National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow; University of Havana, Cuba; Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education, Mexico; and University of Barcelona, Spain.



The university's Global Partner Week ceremony in session.

Oct 13-17

BELJING INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

Agreements signed with universities in Belarus

北京第二外国语学院与白俄罗斯取得系列合作成果

Ji Jinbiao, Deputy Party Secretary and president of the university, led a delegation to Belarus to attend the third plenary meeting of the China-Belarus University Alliance and delivered a keynote speech with the theme “Language fosters people-to-people bonds: Working together to build a community with a shared future”. The university signed an exchange student agreement with Belarus State Economic University and a framework agreement with the Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies, both institutions in the capital, Minsk.



Ji Jinbiao delivers a keynote speech at the China-Belarus Language Development and Regional Cooperation sub-forum.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Oct 9-16

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY

Agreement signed with University of Szeged

上海外国语大学与赛格德大学签署合作协议

Li Yansong, president of the university, led a delegation to visit universities and institutions in Hungary and Poland, and signed collaboration agreements. The delegation visited Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, the University of Szeged and its Confucius Institute, and the Somogyi Library of Csongrád County. During the visit the university signed an agreement with the University of Szeged on cultivating Hungarian-language talent. The University of Szeged said the establishment of the Confucius Institute with Shanghai International Studies University serves as a cornerstone for its collaboration with Chinese universities and as an important foundation for the city of Szeged's understanding of contemporary China.



Representatives at the signing ceremony in Szeged.

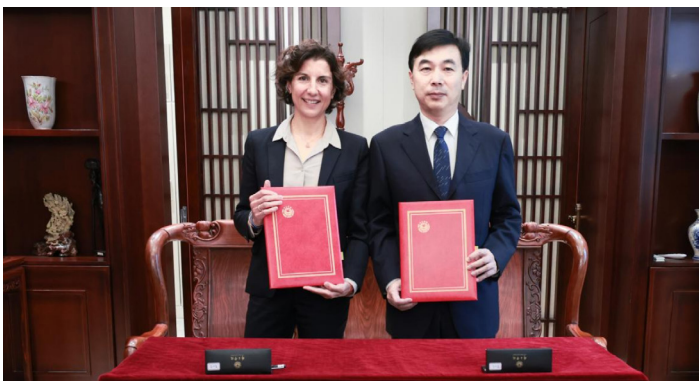
Oct 9

CHINA FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNIVERSITY, BEIJING

Agreement with UN High Commissioner for Refugees

外交学院与联合国难民署驻华代表处签署合作协议

Wang Fan, president of the university, met Sophie Muller, representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in China, and her delegation, and they signed an agreement on collaboration in areas such as joint research, co-hosting seminars, lectures, course development, student internships, Model UN guidance and volunteer services for big events.



Wang Fan, president of China Foreign Affairs University, and Sophie Muller, representative of the UNHCR in China, after signing the agreement.

Sep 29

FUDAN UNIVERSITY, SHANGHAI

Agreement with Singapore Management University

复旦大学与新加坡管理大学签署战略合作协议

At the Fudan University-Singapore Management University 2025 Forum on Artificial Intelligence, Digital Governance and Sustainable Society, the two universities signed an agreement upgrading their relationship to a strategic partnership. Jin Li, president of Fudan University and academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Chen Zhimin, vice president of Fudan University, and Lily Kong, president of Singapore Management University, attended the signing ceremony.



Jin Li (left), president of Fudan University, and Lily Kong, president of Singapore Management University, after signing the agreement.

Sep 26-28

NORTHWEST NORMAL UNIVERSITY, LANZHOU, GANSU PROVINCE

International Seminar on Digital and Intelligent Development of Chinese- Language Education

2025 年国际中文教育数智化发展研讨会在西北师大召开

More than 200 experts, scholars and student representatives from China and elsewhere, publishers, and institutions attended the International Seminar on Digital and Intelligent Development of Chinese-Language Education. It was co-hosted by the Smart Education Branch of the International Society for Chinese-Language Teaching, Chinese Plus and the College of International Cultural Exchange, Northwest Normal University. In opening remarks, Zhang Jinyao, Vice President of the university, said international Chinese education is a key discipline of the university, and that the forum would serve as an opportunity to strengthen the development of international Chinese education in the context of digital intelligence, while promoting the training of high-level international talent and the high-quality development of cultural exchanges between China and other countries.



Li li, Dean of the School of International Cultural Exchange, Northwest Normal University, delivers a speech.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' ACTIVITIES

Sep 26

SOUTH CHINA NORMAL UNIVERSITY, GUANGZHOU, GUANGDONG PROVINCE

2025 UK-Guangdong Education Exchange and Cooperation Forum

2025 年广东 - 英国教育合作交流活动在华南师范大学举行

The theme of the forum, held at the university's Foshan campus, was "Education for the future". It featured sessions on humanities exchange in basic and higher education, a roundtable discussion on industry/education integration and innovation, China/UK university collaboration and matchmaking sessions, as well as visits to Chinese universities. Participants explored pathways for China/UK collaborative innovation in education. More than 30 institutions from basic, vocational and higher education sectors in both countries took part, further expanding areas of cooperation and promoting the advance of UK-Guangdong education collaboration.



The UK-Guangdong Education Exchange and Cooperation Forum in session.

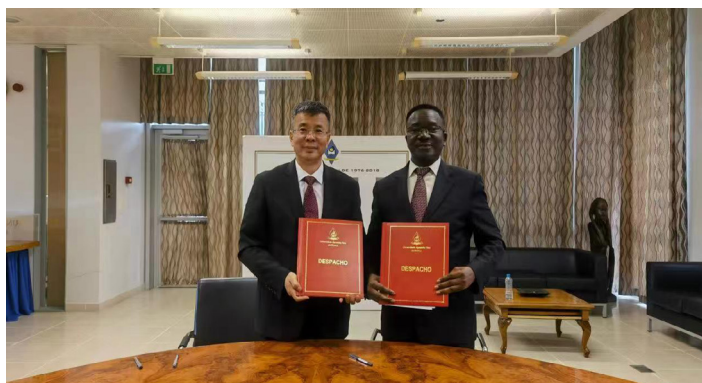
Sep 22-26

HARBIN NORMAL UNIVERSITY, HEILONGJIANG PROVINCE

Agreements with universities in Angola

哈尔滨师范大学与安哥拉两所大学签署合作协议

Sun Lijun, Party Secretary of Harbin Normal University, visited Angola, and after attending 10th anniversary celebrations for the Confucius Institute at Universidade Katyavala Bwila in the city of Benguela on September 23, both universities signed an agreement on establishing a Chinese-language undergraduate program at the Angolan university. The delegation also visited Agostinho Neto University in the capital, Luanda, and an agreement was signed. The trip thus opened a new chapter in educational collaboration between Harbin Normal University and universities in Angola, representing an important step in supporting the Belt and Road Initiative, advancing the internationalization of education, and creating new opportunities for bilateral educational collaboration.



Sun Lijun, Party Secretary of Harbin Normal University, and Doutor Pedro Magalhães, president of Universidade Katyavala Bwila after signing the agreement.

Sep 20

SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING

Sixty years of partnership celebrated

英中了解协会见证六十年英中友好关系

About 200 scholars, diplomats, writers, artists, students and businesspeople gathered at King's College London to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding. Zoe Reed, chairwoman for the past 16 years, outlined the organization's next five-year plan. "We really want to be promoting education in partnerships," she said. "We need to get some strategic partners because we've all got to work together to create the context for a warmer reception for China and Chinese people in this country."



Zoe Reed, (left) chairwoman of the Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding celebrates with attendees in London.

「Invitation to join
a critical and collaborative research project」



Defining the Key Competencies of Future Teachers

Why this research matters

Artificial Intelligence is fundamentally transforming education. As technology handles more of the systematic knowledge delivery, the roles and core competencies of teachers are being intensely scrutinized globally. We believe the heart of education continues to be the holistic development of human beings. Qualities such as emotional resonance, value formation and creativity — elements that AI cannot replace — are the core qualities that teachers must cultivate to grow professionally.

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Our goal and what we need

Based on extensive policy and practice research, we have pinpointed 15 key competencies for the educator of tomorrow. We need your help to gather about 3,000 survey responses from teachers globally. The goal is simple: to identify the most essential competencies, analyze why they are critical and provide solid suggestions for education authorities. The final research report, in Chinese and English, will be published and distributed next year.

Your contribution: Spreading the word

We would appreciate it if you could share the survey link with your contacts. Please forward it to any teachers or educational administrators, and anyone now training for a career in education. The field is immaterial (language, mathematics, physics, art, etc), as long as the work is or will be related to education.

Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WXNS8GQ>



COMING EVENTS

November 15-16

41st SPELT International Conference 2025, Pakistan

July 14-17, 2026

22nd BRAZ-TESOL International Conference

December 17-19

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

August 24-25, 2026

16th AzETA International Conference, Baku, Azerbaijan

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

MILESTONE MOMENTS
UNIVERSITY ANNIVERSARIES
IN NOVEMBER

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big day to celebrate



Founded
November 6, 1933

华南师范大学
South China Normal University

艰苦奋斗、严谨治学、求实创新、为人师表

Foster the spirit of working hard; Pursue studies with
utmost rigor; Seek truth from facts with innovation; And be
a model of virtue for others.