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BNU Celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the CPC and Held a Commendation Ceremony

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On the afternoon of June 28, 2021, BNU held a grand ceremony to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

The main venue of the event was Yingdong Academic Hall, with three sub-venues in Jingshi Hall of Jingshi School, Lecture Hall on the third floor of the library and Zhuhai campus. Cheng Jianping, Chairman of the University Council; Dong Qi, Vice Chairman of the University Council and President of the University; Sun Hongpei, Vice Chairman of the University Council and Secretary of the University CPC Commission for Discipline Inspection; Zhang Kai; Zhou Zuoyu; Chen Li, Vice Presidents of the University; Li Xiaobing, Vice Chairman of the University Council and Tu Qingyun, Vice Presidents of the University attended the ceremony.



Wang Shoujun, Member of the University Council and Vice President, BNU, and Director of the Administrative Committee, BNU Zhuhai; Zheng Guomin, Assistant to the President and Vice Provost, BNU, Deputy Director of the Administrative Committee, Provost, BNU Zhuhai; Wei Wei, Chairperson of the University Council, BNU Zhuhai and BNUZ, and other leaders of BNU Zhuhai who are Party members,

including Dai Wei, Fu Ailan, Jin Yang, Yu Xiaolei, Zhang Zhiguo, Ning Shaolin, Zhang Xianbin, members of the Party Committee and Discipline Inspection Committee of the Party Branches of BNUZ, Party and administrative cadres at middle-level and above, secretaries of teachers' Party branches, awarded advanced individuals and collectives, new probationary Party members and teachers and students Party member representatives attended the commendation ceremony at BNU Zhuhai. Yu Lihong, Deputy Director of the Administrative Committee and Vice President of BNUZ were present at the ceremony.

More than 500 people attended the ceremony, including members of the Party Committee and Commission for Discipline Inspection of the University, representatives of the Party Congress,





middle-level cadres, deputy heads of party departments, representatives of all other political parties, delegates of teacher and student Party members, retired Party members, new Party members as well as active applicants for Party members.

The ceremony was chaired by Dong Qi.

At the ceremony, Cheng Jianping led the senior Party members to review the party oath and new Party members then took an oath.

The commendation decisions of the University Council were announced that 9 Party organizations of departments or schools were awarded as "Excellent Party Organizations of BNU at Departments or Schools Level," 71 Party branches as "Excellent Party Branch of BNU," 321 Party members as "Excellent Party Member of BNU" (Poverty Alleviation Contribution Award included), 5 Party organization secretaries as "Excellent Party Organization Secretaries of BNU at Departments and Schools level," 10

Party branch secretaries as "Excellent Party Branch Secretaries of BNU at Departments and Schools level," and 19 Party affairs workers as "Excellent Party Affairs Workers of BNU." University leaders presented awards to the representatives of the award winners



and "Memorial Medals for 50-year Party Membership" to the representatives of 17 veteran Party members.

On behalf of the Party Committee of BNU, Cheng Jianping expressed his high respect to the advanced organizations, excellent individuals and veteran Party members who were commended. He also extended his holiday greetings to all the Party members and Party affairs workers of BNU and

expressed his heartfelt thanks to all the teachers, students and staff who have worked hard for the reform, development and construction of the University.

He reviewed the glorious course of the CPC's 100 years of staying true to its original mission and forging ahead. He pointed out that over the past 100 years, BNU has always bonded its fate with the Party and the country, and deserved the title of "A Revolutionary Normal University". He emphasized that in the new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics, BNU upholds the Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics, proposed by Xi Jinping, as a guidance to enhance the political stance, stand on the country's most fundamental interests, focus on the sacred mission consigned to BNU and the core task of fostering virtue through education. It should also strengthen the Party's construction of the new era and comprehensively deepen university reforms of all aspects to take concrete actions as a tribute for the 100th anniversary of the

founding of the CPC.

Cheng Jianping put forward three hopes and requirements to the school grassroots Party organizations and Party members.

First, fully implement the "Strengthening Teacher Education Project" to serve the national rural revitalization strategy. We should give full play to the unique strengths of BNU, firmly hold high the banner of teacher education, and establish a set of whole-cycle and systematic measures for teacher education, including enrollment, training and employment, post-employment support, and education quality monitoring and diagnosis, so as to effectively contribute to the national rural revitalization strategy.

Second, make solid progress in the rectification according to the standards of central inspection and special projects audits of the country and improve the modern governance system of the university. We need to strengthen our political responsibility, firmly shoulder the political responsibility for inspections and rectification, and take serious actions to address problems found in inspections and auditing. We need to start with university leaders, clarify responsibility, search for and rectify problems to ensure effective rectification. Also, we should further improve the internal governance system, solve problems in the long run, and give full play to the core political role of Party organizations at all levels.

Third, carry out party history study and education and strengthen Party building of the university in the new era. We shall provide services and support for celebrating activities

organized by the Central Committee for the centenary of the CPC and coordinate and promote the school's seven special activities celebrating the centenary of the CPC; We shall promote in-depth and solid study and education of Party history, effectively organize Party branch meetings and trainings before the summer vacation and strive to transform the results of study and education into practical results in promoting the reform and development of education. We shall make well-prepared plans for Party building meetings during the summer vacation; study and put forward practical and effective measures to improve Party building work of BNU in the new era. We should improve weak points, increase actual results, and strengthen highlights so as to provide a strong guarantee for promoting construction of the National Party Building Demonstration Universities and the "Double First-class" University. We should also call for coordinated efforts to ensure the safety and stability of students during the graduation season as well as epidemic prevention and control to create a favorable atmosphere for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC.

Cheng Jianping stressed that a new century has begun.

Standing at a new historical starting point, Party organizations at all levels and Party members should continue to adhere to the original mission of developing education for the rejuvenation of the nation and educating talented people for the prosperity of the country. With stronger confidence, higher morale, and more practical work style, we should promote higher quality

development of Party building and the "Double First-class" construction of BNU, making new and greater contributions to fulfill the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation!



Dong Qi pointed out in the ceremony that Party organizations at all levels and all Party members should earnestly study and implement the spirit of Xi's speech, and take the awarded collectives and individuals as examples to learn from, catch up with and become the excellent ones. We should be deeply conscious of the need to maintain political integrity, think in big picture terms, follow the leadership core and keep in alignment with the central Party leadership. We must stay confident in the path, theory, system, and culture of socialism with Chinese characteristics. We must uphold the core position of the General Secretary on the Party Central Committee and in the Party as a whole and uphold the Central Committee's authority and its centralized, unified leadership. We should stay true to the original mission, take responsibilities, forge ahead with determination, pursue excellence to welcome the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC and the 120th anniversary of the founding of BNU with outstanding achievements!

In the end, the representatives of the awarded collectives and individuals delivered speeches, respectively.

Teachers and Students at BNU Zhuhai Watched the Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the CPC

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A grand ceremony to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC) was held in Tiananmen Square in Beijing at 8 a.m. on July 1, 2021. President Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee and Chairman of the Central Military Commission, delivered an important speech.

President Xi proclaimed that “on this special occasion, it is my honor to declare on behalf of the Party and the people, that through the continued efforts of the whole Party and the entire nation, we have

realized the first centenary goal of building a moderately prosperous society in all respects. This means that we have brought about a historic resolution to the problem of absolute poverty in China, and we are now marching in confident strides toward the second centenary goal of building China into a great modern socialist country in all respects. This is a great and glorious accomplishment for the Chinese nation, for the Chinese people, and for the Communist Party of China!”

The teachers, staff and students of all Party branches, administrative

departments, colleges, schools and research institutes of BNU Zhuhai watched the celebration through various online means and were very excited to participate in the impassioned discussions, expressing their excitement at the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC.

“This morning, I watched the grand celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Founding of the CPC held in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, and listened to the important speech delivered by General Secretary Xi

Jinping. I was deeply inspired and enlightened.

As an ordinary Party member of the CPC, I am not only proud of achievements obtained by the Party in a centenary campaign but also further affirm my faith to fulfill my intention and mission in my own work practice.

Yao Jianbin,
School of Arts and Sciences

As a party member and teacher, I will actively respond to the call of the Party Central Committee, keep in mind the original mission, hold the ideals and beliefs, dedicate myself to the education career, fully carry forward the vanguard and exemplary role to cultivate more outstanding talents for the country, for the society, and contribute strength to the realization of the Great rejuvenation of the Chinese dream.

Hu Yongjian,
College of Education for the Future

Today, in the southern part of China, we are fulfilling the original mission of serving the country through education and rejuvenating the country and participating in the great cause of seeking happiness for the people. Groups of future teachers, such as state-funded students of teaching, "Zhiyuan Program" and "Targeted Teacher Training Plan," will set sail from here, spreading the flame of education to China and contributing to the "hardcore" strength of education for rural revitalization.

As a full-time counsellor of BNU, the "Revolutionary Normal University", we will continue to make new attempts in the training mode of teacher education students and explore the



construction of the college system based on the construction platform of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and also contribute to the cause of the Party and the development of the country.

Cao Meixin,
a Counsellor of Leyu College

Today, teacher and student representatives of Huitong College watched the live video of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC and reviewed the great achievements made by the Party and Chinese people and the magnificent 100-year history.

As a teacher Party member in a higher education institute, I should constantly improve my political sense, strengthen the theoretical study, give full play to the exemplary role of a party member, stay true to original aspiration and mission, stand firm in my ideals and conviction, carry out the work goal of teaching and educating and carry out work of student affairs so as to live up to the promise of youth and the expectations dedicated to the education career.

Liu Xuan,
a Counsellor of Huitong College

After watching the celebration of

the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC, I was deeply impressed and touched. As General Secretary Xi Jinping has said, "Our Party's founding mission is easy to define, ensuring that we stay true to this mission is a more difficult task." I hope that our younger generation will keep in mind our original aspiration, carry forward our past achievements and forge ahead, and shine with enthusiasm on the road to building socialism with Chinese characteristics.

Dang Lian,
a Postgraduate Student of 2020

Watching the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC, I was overwhelmed with emotion for a long time.

The century-old history of struggle has been arduous, and the century-old history of development unprecedented and unparalleled.

As university students, we are born at the perfect time and own great opportunities to develop. I will use what I have learned to seize the opportunity to devote the energy of my youth to the cause of the rejuvenation of the nation and dedicate the passion of my youth for the new journey toward realizing the second centenary goal.

Qiao Yunkai, a State-funded
Student of Teaching, Leyu College

“A Revolutionary Normal University and Centennial Inheritance” Theme Exhibitions Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the CPC Displayed at BNU

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In order to celebrate the centennial birthday of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and further promote the study and education of CPC history, Beijing Normal University (BNU) is holding an exhibition titled "A Revolutionary Normal University and Centennial Heritage," which are displayed simultaneously on Beijing and Zhuhai Campuses.

On the morning of June 25, 2021, the opening ceremony of the exhibition "A Revolutionary Normal University and Centennial Inheritance -- BNU Theme Exhibition celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Communist Party of China" was held simultaneously in the Four Seasons Hall of the main building of Beijing Campus and the Library of Zhuhai Campus.

Cheng Jianping, Chairman of the University Council of BNU, and Dong Qi, President of BNU inaugurated the exhibition. Sun Hongpei, Vice Chairman of the University Council and Secretary of the Discipline Inspection Commission of BNU, Zhang Kai, Zhou Zuoyu, Chen Li, Vice Chairman of the University Council of BNU, Li Xiaobing, Tu Qingyun, Vice President of BNU, members of the university's Leading Group Office of Party History Study



and Education, as well as some teachers and students and Party member representatives attended the opening ceremony on Beijing campus.

Wang Shoujun, Member of the University Council, Vice President, BNU, Director of the Administrative Committee, Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai); Zheng Guomin, Assistant to the President and Vice Provost, BNU, Deputy Director of the Administrative Committee, Provost, BNU Zhuhai; Wei Wei, Chairperson of the University Council, BNU Zhuhai as well as other leaders of BNU Zhuhai, including Dai Wei, Fu Ailan, Jin Yang, Yu Xiaolei, Zhang Zhiguo, Ning Shaolin, Zhang Xianbin were present at the opening ceremony on Zhuhai campus. The people in charge of the

various parts of the Party committee, representatives of student Party members and active applicants for Party members also attended the ceremony.

Theme Exhibition introduction

The Exhibition is divided into four periods, including new-democratic revolution period, socialist revolution and construction period, reform and opening up period and socialist modernization period, using historical data to display and review major historical events, a centenary struggling experience of BNU which formed the glorious tradition and remarkable footprints, displays BNU's revolutionary gene, tells revolutionary stories and inherits the revolutionary spirit of staying true to the original aspiration of running a university.

International Office Organized Theme Activities to Celebrate the Founding of the 100th Anniversary of the CPC

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On June 21, 2021, Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and President of China, wrote in a letter to international students at Peking University that "to understand today's China, one must understand the CPC." The reply letter received enthusiastic responses among university international students in China. In order to implement the spirit of General Secretary Xi's reply letter and better carry out the education and training of international students, the International Office organized a series of theme activities to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC.

Due to the impact of the pandemic, 21 of the international graduates of 2021 have been staying overseas

and cannot come back to pack their luggage. The International Office co-organized the activities of "Serving International Students" with Belt and Road School and Phoenix School, to create a special "Graduation Package" for overseas graduates of 2021. The staff packed luggage for these students while communicating with them in detail via video calls, asking the overseas graduates about their life, employment and further study, and gave them their best wishes from the university.

On the afternoon of July 1st, the International Office organized a communication session for international students to learn about their recent study and life. Guo Kanjun, Director of the International Office, congratulated the graduates for



successful graduation and encouraged them to share what they have seen and heard in China with their families, friends and people in their countries, helping the world better understand the real China, and become the disseminators of China's fine traditional culture and practitioners of building a beautiful China.

International students expressed their congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC, and expressed their wishes for the upcoming 120th anniversary of BNU. They introduced their experiences at BNU Zhuhai, mentioning a strong academic atmosphere, unique life



experience of Cantonese culture, and sharing their understanding and feelings of their university life. All international students said that studying at BNU Zhuhai is a very fortunate thing for them, as they receive a lot of care and help from all sides. They hope that they can make academic achievements, strive to build their own countries, contribute to the Belt and Road Initiative, and act as ambassadors of communication and exchange between their countries and China.

Imran Khan, a Pakistani student, said that under the leadership of the CPC, China has witnessed great changes in both social and economic aspects that people are living better lives and the country is making great contributions to world



peace and development.

To celebrate July 1st, the founding of 100th anniversary of the CPC, by learning how Chinese people strive for a better life and understanding "Happiness is achieved through hard work," the International Office and

the Logistics Department organized an activity themed "My Contributions to BNU Zhuhai" to provide an opportunity for international students to be a part of building this elaborately-constructed and well-maintained campus.

Through a series of activities, staff from the International Office and international students had a profound experience of the CPC's efforts to seek happiness for the Chinese people and rejuvenation for the Chinese nation. They all pledged to make unremitting efforts to promote people-to-people ties and serve the Belt and Road Initiative in the spirit of General Secretary Xi's reply letter.



BNU Zhuhai Held the 2021 Graduation Ceremony and Degree Conferment Ceremony

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On the morning of June 28, 2021, BNU Zhuhai held the 2021 graduation ceremony and Degree Conferment Ceremony in the Jingshi Conference Hall of Lijiao Building. Wang Shoujun, Member of the University Council, Vice President, BNU, Director of the Administrative Committee, BNU Zhuhai; Zheng Guomin, Assistant to the President and Vice Provost, BNU, Deputy Director of the Administrative Committee, Provost,

BNU Zhuhai; Wei Wei, Chairperson of the University Council, BNU Zhuhai as well as other leaders of BNU Zhuhai, including Dai Wei, Fu Ailan, Yu Lihong, Jin Yang, Yu Xiaolei, Zhang Zhiguo, Ning Shaolin, Zhang Xianbin were present at the ceremonies. Principals and faculty representatives of relevant colleges, schools, research institutes, research centers, Professional Master Training Center at BNU Zhuhai, Graduate School at BNU

Zhuhai, graduates of 2021 and some graduates of 2020 attended the ceremonies. The ceremonies, which were presided over by Zheng Guomin, were broadcast live simultaneously through BNU Zhuhai official accounts of N Video, WeChat Video and WeChat Like.

The graduation ceremony began with the magnificent national anthem of the People's Republic of China. Cheng Jianping, Chairman of the





University Council of BNU, and Dong Qi, President of BNU, sent graduation wishes to the graduates via videos, congratulating them on their successful completion of their studies.

Cheng Jianping expressed three wishes for the students. First, he hoped them to carry on the revolutionary torch and continue to compose the glorious chapter of BNU. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China. In 100 years, BNU bonded with CPC closely, making it a real "Revolutionary Normal University." Graduates should continue to practice the spirit of university motto "Learn, so as to instruct others. Act, to set example to all," adhere to tradition of excellence of "pursuing knowledge, cultivating personality, and helping the whole world," and inherit the revolutionary gene of BNU. Second, he hoped them to foster love for their family and country. They should shoulder the mission and stand on the trend of the times, integrate individual ego into the larger ego, and dedicate their youth and energy to the places where our country needs it. Third, he hoped them to strengthen their capabilities and temper their willpower. They should also practice earnestly and learn, pursue excellence and show their talents in their respective fields so that youth in unrelenting struggle can

bloom as brilliant flowers.

Dong qi recalled the memorable time of the graduates when they work hard, respect teachers, love the university, be patriotic for the country, pursue their dreams and are dedicated to fighting against the pandemic during their four-years of university life.

He hoped that with firm faith, lofty sentiment, solid knowledge and benevolence, the graduates will keep the university motto of "Learn, so as to instruct others; Act, to set example to all" in mind, temper their character, be innovative and constantly make new achievements in their future work and study.

He said that BNU will always be the strong supporter and harbor for graduates. They are welcome to come back often.



Liu Meifeng, a professor from College of Education for the Future, sent a heartfelt message to the graduates as a teacher representative. She urged the graduates

to be kind and warm, with wisdom and good thinking, and willing to support others. Graduates should set a lofty aim and understand virtue, shoulder great responsibilities, become a great talent, adhere to the spirit of the school motto and temper their abilities. Undertaking the mission of the youth in the new era, they should forge ahead with great courage to be industrious, a pioneer and devotee!



Wang Junhui, a graduate of the School of Social Development and Public Policy majoring in social work, spoke on behalf of the graduates.

He thinks that BNU is a place where dreams are made, pursued and realized.

He said that he would adhere to the patriotism of BNUers to help the world, go to the grassroots, to the west, to the most needed places of the motherland, and devote himself to the grassroots-level construction in Changji, Xinjiang. He will always keep the original intention and strive to achieve the goal.



Elisa D'Odorico, an Italian MBA graduate of Belt and Road School, expressed her love for Chinese culture. Her study and life at BNU Zhuhai and travel experience in China broadened her horizon, deepened her understanding of today's China, and better recognized the diversity of the world.

She is willing to tell more people about her true feelings of China and play a positive role in promoting cultural exchanges among people of different countries.

The graduation ceremony ended with a chorus of the university anthem of BNU. After the graduation ceremony, the Degree Conferment Ceremony was held.



BNU Zhuhai Held a Farewell Meeting for Graduate Representatives of 2021

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On the morning of June 27, 2021, BNU Zhuhai held a Farewell farewell meeting for graduate representatives of 2021 at Muduo Building.

Wang Shoujun, Member of the University Council, Vice President, Beijing Normal University (BNU), Director of the Administrative Committee, Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai); Zheng Guomin, Assistant to the President and Vice Provost, BNU,



Deputy Director of the Administrative Committee, Provost, BNU Zhuhai; Wei Wei, Chairperson of the University Council, BNU Zhuhai; Yu Xiaolei, Vice Chairperson of the University Council, BNU Zhuhai, heads of colleges, schools and departments, graduate representatives of 2021 participated in the meeting. The



session was hosted by Yu Xiaolei. At the meeting, Wang Shoujun expressed his warm congratulations to all the graduates who had successfully completed their studies and were about to embark on a new stage of life.

He reviewed the original intention of BNU Zhuhai and introduced its overall development strategy of the "One University, Two Campuses" and the future discipline planning and prospect.

He stressed that the Beijing and Zhuhai campuses jointly contribute to the goal of constructing BNU into a "double first-class" university. Meanwhile, the construction of BNU Zhuhai is a reform and innovation of China's higher education, and an important embodiment of the original

intentions of BNU to educate talents for the Party, the country and the national development strategy.

He pointed out that standing on the new starting point of the Party's century-old development, BNU Zhuhai will see a great leap in the quality of teaching staff, discipline construction and infrastructure construction.

He expressed his ardent expectations for the future development and fulfillment of the responsibilities of BNU alumni. He hoped that all graduates, as alumni, could maintain the reputation of the Alma Mater, actively promote the Alma Mater, establish the consciousness of pursuing excellence, and make remarkable achievements in their future work and study.

He called on everyone to combine work with the development of his/her Alma Mater and make contributions to the construction of BNU.

In the end, Wang Shoujun wished the graduates a bright future, peace and happiness. He said that the door of BNU Zhuhai is always open to alumni, welcoming them to come back home often.

Zheng Guomin congratulated all the graduates on their successful completion of their studies, gave a brief introduction to the construction of BNU Zhuhai, and sincerely responded to the questions and suggestions raised by them. He

encouraged the graduate representatives to contribute their ideas and contribute their wisdom to the characteristic education, reform and innovation of BNU Zhuhai.

At the meeting, the graduate representatives delivered their speeches one after another, reviewing



their study and life, talking about the joy of growing up and learning, expressing their sincere gratitude for the excellent academic platform and development opportunities provided by the university, and reporting their graduation plans. They also put forward their own suggestions on many aspects such as talent training, social practice and employment guidance, logistic support and connection and exchanges with Beijing campus.

The students indicated that they would bear the university motto of "Learn, so as to instruct others; Act, to set example to all" in mind, keep their feet on the ground and always cherish the love for family and country, so as to contribute to the realization of the Chinese dream of the great rejuvenation of China.



The Opening Ceremony of "The 1st Jingshi Students International Exchange Week" and the Opening Ceremony of "Global Competency Summer Training Camp" Held

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On the morning of June 28, 2021, the Opening Ceremony of "The First Jingshi Students International Exchange Week" and the Opening Ceremony of "Global Competency Summer Training Camp" were held on Beijing and Zhuhai campuses of Beijing Normal University (BNU). Special guests who attended were Zheng Guoguang, Dean of the Ministry of Emergency Management-Institute of Disaster Reduction and Emergency Management of the Ministry of

Education; Shahbaz Khan, Director of the UNESCO Representative Office in China; Ma Yansheng, consultant of the National Commission for UNESCO; Zhang Ning, former deputy secretary-general of the China Scholarship Council; and Zhou Zuoyu, Vice President of BNU, Executive Director of the UNESCO International Rural Education Research and Training Center, the Ministry of Education's Disaster Reduction and Emergency Management Research Institute.

Relevant executives, teachers and students of Beijing and Zhuhai campuses attended the opening ceremony offline and online.

In his speech at the opening ceremony, Zhou Zuoyu pointed out that it is the responsibility and duty of educators to cultivate young talents with a global vision and a sense of responsibility as global citizens, to help them improve global competence and take the initiative to participate in global governance.

Launching the Students International Exchange Week and the Opening Ceremony of "Global Competency Summer Training Camp" is one of the important measures to implement the goal of "Global Competency" talent training, and also a beneficial attempt to explore new ways of cultivation of global citizens. He hoped that through these activities, more young students can broaden their global vision, have a sense of dedication, enhance their global competitiveness, closely connect



their personal career development with the global destiny, and make positive contributions to the construction of a community with a shared future for mankind while realizing their value.

During the opening ceremony, the guests had a theme discussion about "Global Competency of the Youth."

Discussions were made on the core qualities of high-level international talents with global competence, the relationship between talents in international organizations and professionals, the leadership that Chinese youth should have in participating in international social activities, and the role of female leadership in China's education industry.

After the forum, the guests participated in the launching ceremony of "The 1st Jingshi Students International Exchange Week."

After the opening ceremony, Zhang Ning gave a keynote speech entitled "International Organization Competency of Chinese Youth" for teachers and students of our school. "The first Jingshi Students International Exchange Week" kicked off.



Lectures of "The 1st Jingshi Students International Exchange Week" at BNU Zhuhai

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"AI and Future Education— from an International Perspective"

On the evening of June 29, 2021, the first English academic lecture of "The 1st Jingshi Students International Exchange Week" was held. Professor Yuan Li from the College of Education for the Future of BNU gave an impressive lecture on the theme of "AI and Future Education— from an International Perspective" for both online and offline teachers and students.

In this lecture, Professor Yuan Li introduced artificial intelligence and future education from three aspects: the concept of artificial intelligence, the development of AI in education and the challenges and issues of artificial intelligence. She raised several questions about the challenges of artificial intelligence in the future education, guiding the audience to think about what teachers should teach, how to teach and whether artificial intelligence is possible to replace teachers in the information age. After the presentation, the audience actively communicated with Professor Yuan Li in a lively atmosphere.



"A Question of Character(s)—Comparing the Chinese and European Writing Systems and their Usage with a Glance on Cultural Aspects"



On the evening of June 30, the second English academic lecture of "The 1st Jingshi Students International Exchange

Week" was held. The speaker was Dr. Christoph Stahl who graduated from Kassel Academy of Arts in Germany and Central Academy of Fine Arts in China. He has lived in China for more than ten years and loves Chinese culture, especially Chinese characters. In this lecture, he revealed the answers to a series of "character questions" including "Why did European cultures develop alphabets and China did not?," "Why Chinese characters and Latin letters are arranged differently?" and "Why people in different countries write in different ways?"

Dr. Christoph Stahl first introduced the Chinese characters and the Latin alphabet, respectively, and then carefully compared the two characters and the culture behind them from the aspects of pronunciation, structure, rhythm, line spacing, typeset, punctuation marks, texturing, development and so on. Dr. Christoph Stahl's speech was humorous and the audience were amused and amazed from time to time. During the Q&A section, he also discussed with the audience about his views on questions like culture shock and the development of world characters.



"Bug-Eyed Monster and the Encounter with the Postcolonial Other"

On the evening of July 1, the English academic lecture of "The 1st Jingshi Students International Exchange Week" — "Bug-Eyed Monster and the Encounter with the Postcolonial Other" — was held at C205, Lijiao Building and also online.

As the guest presenter, Dr. Paul Lee of BNU Zhuhai, exhibited a splendid and multivariate culture of science fiction to



students and scholars who participated in the event and shared his thinking about science fiction: "What is the definition of science fiction?," "What are

the components of science fiction?" and "What is postcolonialism?" He not only put forward a more systematic definition of science fiction for the audience, but also

interpreted its rich cultural connotation and development process, through elaborating the definition of culture, history and development, art and reality.

As a scholar and science fiction fan, Dr. Paul Lee also introduced six famous Chinese and foreign science fiction writers and their representative works to the audience. The professor's humorous speech touched the audience's mood, and the audience eagerly shared their favorite writers and works. The lecture ended in discussion of thoughts between the presenter and the audience.

"Activate the Means of Communication and Cultivate First-class Talents"

On the evening of July 1, Professor Hong Chengwen's lecture on "Activate Means of Communication to Cultivate First-class Talents" was held at Li Jiao Building. Professor Hong in turn expounded upon the importance of international exchange in terms of cultivating first-class talents, the challenges it faces, and how to deal with these challenges by means of "activating." The speech was a huge inspiration for the teachers and students that were present.

Professor Hong took the international exchange experiences of many academic leaders and top scholars in China as examples to demonstrate that there is a correlation between the first-class talents and their international exchange

experience. He advocated that the first-class universities in China should regard Yale University and other world-class universities as "mirrors" and follow the principle of "striving for contributing to mankind" so as to cultivate students to be outstanding leaders at industry level, national level and international level. At the same time, we should also emphasize the "depth" of international education, which means that students should be encouraged to play more prominent roles in education institutions and international organizations both at home and abroad.

Professor Hong also creatively shed light on several "flexible" solutions to the current challenges in international

exchange. He proposed using the six-dimensional theory of mathematics to activate interpersonal relationships. It requires students not to hold back, but to "ask more," to seize opportunities for international exchange. In addition, students need to learn to seek help, integrate various resources, and build win-win cooperation with others. This is also an essential quality of leadership.



BNU Zhuhai Held a Lecture on the Policy Interpretation of “Zhuhai’s Construction of a Modernized and Internationalized Special Economic Zone”

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On the afternoon of May 18, 2021, BNU Zhuhai held an expert report on the policy interpretation of “New Engine of High-Quality Development and Construction of Zhuhai into an Internationally Modern Special Economic Zone with Chinese Characteristics in the New Era” with an aim to better combine the service of local economic and social development with the study and education of Party history. Zhang Yuge, Director of the Institute of Hong Kong, Macao, and Regional Development of the Institute of Comprehensive Development (Shenzhen, China) and Director of the National Association of Hong Kong and Macao Studies, was invited to give a special report. Leaders of BNU Zhuhai, mid-level administrative cadres and above,

directors of each research center affiliated to the Advanced Research Institute, and secretaries of grass-roots party branches attended the report. The report was hosted by Wei Wei, Chairperson of the University Council, Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai and Beijing Normal University, Zhuhai

Zhang Yuge pointed out that high-quality development was one of the 13 new concepts proposed by General Secretary Xi Jinping and was the general requirement for the top-level design of China's economic policy. He elaborated on the high-quality development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area(GBA) from five aspects, including urban density, industrial development and innovation, “double-center” construction, quality living circle,

and institutional synergy. He also explained the strategic positioning of the pilot demonstration zone, analyzing its high-quality development from the perspectives of long history, great opening up, science and technology innovation, and Shenzhen-Hong Kong synergy.

Zhang pointed out that the seven development priorities of Zhuhai were: practicing the new mission of comprehensively deepening reform and opening up; promoting the formation of all-round cooperation between Zhuhai and Macao; building a new highland of science and technology innovation; enhancing the new momentum of industrial development, building a new hub of comprehensive transportation on the west bank of the Pearl River Estuary; creating a

new model of ecological civilization, and building a new city of livability and happiness.

He thought that universities should pay attention to three points to serve local economic and social development: firstly, demand-oriented. Clarify the demand list of local economic and social development on universities, and match local needs with what universities can do; secondly, problem-oriented. Clarify the problem list of local economic and social development, and provide services of “problem+solution”: thirdly, support function and open development. Strengthen the support function of universities to local economic and social development, promote the open development of universities so as to deeply integrate into the local

economy and society.

Wang Shoujun, Member of the University Council and Vice President of BNU, Director of the BNU Zhuhai Administrative Committee, President of BNUZ, stressed that it was necessary and inevitable for BNU to serve national strategy, social needs, and local development.

Wang Shoujun demanded that BNU Zhuhai should benchmark against Zhuhai of building a modernized and internationalized special economic zone, benchmark against its 14th Five-Year Plan, and contribute to continuously promoting education modernization, building a unique and charming cultural city, deeply promoting ecological civilization, deepening scientific and technological innovation, strengthening economic

management and public governance, and building an international talent highland.

Wei Wei pointed out that the lecture was rich in content and had a strong guiding effect on BNU Zhuhai to run a sophisticated quality higher education in both Zhuhai, the modernized and internationalized special economic zone and GBA, and to better serve the local economic and social development. Wei asked all the leaders, cadres, and teachers to study hard, understand comprehensively, seek the correct political stance, enhance their sense of mission and responsibility, so as to accelerate the transformation and upgrading of BNUZ and the construction of BNU Zhuhai, and contribute the wisdom and solutions of Beijing Normal University to the construction of GBA and Zhuhai.



Wei Wei Attended the Establishment Ceremony of the Macau-Zhuhai Talent and Development Promotion Association in Macau

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On May 12, 2021, the establishment ceremony of the Macau-Zhuhai Talent Development and Promotion Association and the signing ceremony of the Macau-Zhuhai Talent Project was held in Macao. He Houhua, Vice Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference; Yao Jian, Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macau Special Administrative Region; Guo Yonghang, Secretary of Zhuhai Municipal Committee, and Ouyang Yu, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture of the Macau Special Administrative Region Government attended the event. Wei Wei, Chairperson of the University Council, BNU Zhuhai, was invited to attend the establishment ceremony as a representative of Zhuhai universities.

The Macau-Zhuhai Talent and Development Promotion Association aims to bring together all kinds of high-level talents and overseas returnees from higher education institutions, scientific research institutions, professional associations and enterprises in Macau and Zhuhai to focus on the collaborative development of talents and to provide talent and project services for the moderate and diversified development of Macau's economy and the construction of a modern and international Special Economic Zone of Zhuhai.

The Promotion Association is jointly led by the Zhuhai Talent Work Leading Group and the Macau Talent Development Committee, with Edmund Ho Hau-wah (He Houhua) as the permanent honorary president, five academicians, namely Song Yonghua, Li Xingwei, Liu Liang, Chen Dake, and Zhang Xu, as honorary presidents, and Liao Zeyun, Chairman of the Council of Macau University of Science and Technology, as president. In addition, the event also elected 11 vice presidents of the Macau-Zhuhai Talent and Development Promotion Association, including leaders of universities in Macau and Zhuhai, famous entrepreneurs, and representatives of high-level talents. Wei Wei was successfully elected and participated in the collective oath-taking ceremony of the members of the Promotion Association.

During the event, Wei had an in-depth exchange with the leaders of Macau

University of Science and Technology, introducing the operation of BNU Zhuhai and discussing the feasibility of deepening cooperation in teaching and scientific research. Since both sides are the members of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance and have already cooperated in various aspects under the framework of the Alliance, in the future they hoped their cooperation can develop both in depth and in scope.

Wei's participation in the Macau-Zhuhai Talent and Development Promotion Association was an important initiative of BNU Zhuhai to thoroughly implement the China Education Modernization 2035 and Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and an important practice to promote the in-depth cooperation between BNU Zhuhai and Macau, as well as to attract first-class overseas talents and teachers to work in the university.



Exchange Activities Between the Youth of Five Universities in Zhuhai and Macao to Pass on the Spirit of the "May 4th" Movement Held

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On April 30, 2021, the eve of the "May 4th" Youth Day, exchange activities between the youth of five universities in Zhuhai and Macao was held in BNU Zhuhai to pass on the spirit of the "May 4th" Movement. Over 40 student representatives and teachers from the University of Macau, Macau University of Science and Technology, Macao Polytechnic Institute, BNU Zhuhai and BNUZ joined the activities.

On the morning of April 30, students from five universities held an exchange meeting in BNU Zhuhai. Wei Wei, Chairperson of the University Council, BNU Zhuhai, attended the meeting and gave the welcoming remarks. She hoped that students apprehend the the spirit of the "May 4th" Movement—Patriotism, Progress, Democracy,



Science, being a inheritor, a citizen who shoulders the responsibilities of the times and endeavors to promote the prosperity and strength of the country through practice and an action taker who could strengthen exchanges and enhance friendship and who helps to realize the deep integration of Zhuhai and Macao.

During the meeting, student representatives from five universities respectively explained their understanding of the spirit of the "May 4th" Movement and their thoughts on how to build up their career in the new era. The student representatives said that the future of our country belongs to the youth, and they should actively shoulder the responsibility of making great contributions to the construction of the country. At present, they could be pioneers in carrying out exchanges and cooperations by taking full advantage of the historical opportunity of the construction of the Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the in-depth integration of Zhuhai and Macao, The speeches of young student representatives from Zhuhai



and Macao were heartfelt, expressing their confidence in actively promoting "one country, two systems", their determination to maintain national unity, stable economic and social development and their patriotic and vigorous spirit.

After the meeting, they visited this beautiful campus and Biology Laboratory and Innovation Robot Laboratory.

In the afternoon, students went to visit Lin Weimin and the History of Early Chinese Workers' Movement Exhibition Hall in Jinwan District and famous enterprises in Zhuhai. Through the practical study and exchange, students deepened their understanding of the great struggle of the Chinese nation for national liberation and independence, and the profound changes in the economic and social development since the reform and opening up, patriotism and the responsibility of the young people in the new era.

On the same day, Wei Wei, gave a lecture on "Carrying forward the Spirit of the "May 4th" Movement and Creating a New Chapter for the Youth of Zhuhai and Macao." More than 40 students and teachers from the University of Macau, Macao University of Science and Technology, Macao Polytechnic



Institute, and BNU Zhuhai attended the lecture.

The purpose of student exchange activities between the five

universities in Zhuhai and Macao is to carry forward the spirit of the "May 4th" Movement, to boost friendship among young university students in Zhuhai and Macao, and to encourage their devotion to family and country and sharing the great prosperity and strength of our country. Located in the Greater Bay Area, BNU Zhuhai will further develop its own characteristics and make use of the quality resources of the Greater Bay Area, serving the national strategy and making contributions to the return of the people of Hong Kong and Macao.



BNU Zhuhai Held the First "Lang Ping Cup" Volleyball Tournament (High School Girls' Team)

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From May 2 to 4, 2021, the first "Langping Cup" Volleyball Tournament (High School Girls' Team) was held at BNU Zhuhai, sponsored by Beijing Normal University (BNU) and organized by the Research Center of Langping Sports Culture and Policy.

"Langping Cup" Volleyball Tournament is the first volleyball tournament in China authorized by Lang Ping, the head coach of the Chinese Women's Volleyball Team and a professor at BNU. It aims to discover and cultivate volleyball talents, build a communication platform for schools and teenagers, and popularize volleyball. Lang Ping delivered a video speech for the tournament at the opening ceremony, which greatly encouraged the teams to actively participate in the competition.

Six teams from Jilin, Guangdong, Inner Mongolia and five other



provinces (Autonomous Region/Municipality) competed in a single cycle according to the competition rules. The top four teams competed in two finals. After the fierce competition of 18 games in 3 days, Shunde No. 1 High School Team from Foshan, Buji Middle School No. 1 Team from Shenzhen, and Eleven High School Team from Changchun won the first, second and third place of the tournament respectively.

At the awards ceremony, Dai Wei, Deputy Director of the Administrative Committee, BNU Zhuhai, expressed warm congratulations to the winning teams and individuals, and encouraged teenagers to carry forward the spirit of the women's volleyball team and make further achievements. He also encouraged all the students with volleyball skills to continue participating in the "Langping Cup"



series of matches and welcomed everyone to apply for Beijing Normal University.

In the future, the Research Center of Langping Sports Culture and Policy will hold a series of volleyball competitions for teenagers of different ages, and strive to build the "Langping Cup" into a sustainable brand competition, encourage the promotion of volleyball and enhance the communication between schools at all levels and all kinds of schools across the country.

The Vice President of Macao Student Affairs Association, Ms. Huang Jiaying, Visited BNU Zhuhai

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On May 21, 2021,, a delegation of 27 members, including Huang Jiaying, Vice President of Macao Student Affairs Association, visited BNU Zhuhai. Guo Kanjun, Director of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs; Li Nan, Head of Student Affairs of BNU Zhuhai, and Qiu Yue, Director of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of BNUZ, met with the guests. More than 20 visiting teachers were from the front-line position of psychological counseling in various universities in Macao. Both sides had an in-depth discussion on student mental health education and other subjects, and the staff of Education and Youth Work Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in Macao Special Administrative Region attended the meeting.

Huang Jiaying expressed her hope to have an in-depth exchange of practical experiences with colleagues and continue to improve the quality of mental health education to students in Macao's universities

Li Yongle, Assistant of the Education and Youth Work Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in Macao S.A.R., briefly explained the purpose of the visit. She said that the outbreak of the pandemic has affected students in Macao in various aspects , thus they organized this visit to BNU Zhuhai, hoping to learn and exchange

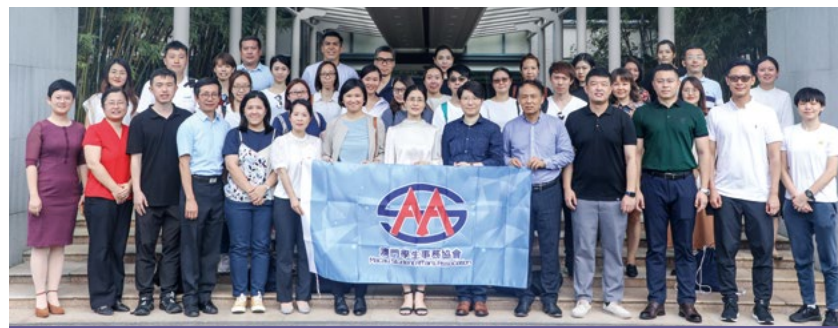
ideas from a professional perspective.

Guo Kanjun gave a basic introduction to BNU Zhuhai, and Li Nan presented the student affairs of BNU Zhuhai, saying that various social issues arising in post-pandemic era have many nagative effects on students' mental health, which required our common attention and discussion. Zhang Jun, Director of Mental Health and Education Counseling Center, gave a lecture titled "Establishing Counseling with Professionalism and Endowing Youth with Power" and shared the practices and experiences of Student Counseling and Service Center.

Through this visit, teachers from both sides had a thorough discussion and exchange on psychological education to students and other student affairs, hoping that universities under the framework of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance would carry out more interactions, cooperations, and resources

sharing, and jointly train excellent talents for the Greater Bay Area and the country.

Macao Student Affairs Association, established in October 2014 by the Student Association of the University of Macau, is a non-profit association which aims to provide a platform for higher education institution in Macao to share and exchange experiences in student affairs. It is dedicated to promoting the development of student affairs in higher education in Macao, assisting students to achieve their learning goals and personal growth through various professional services and development programs. The existing members include 7 universities, respectively: University of Macau, Macao Polytechnic Institute, Macau University of Science and Technology, City University of Macau, Macau Institute for Tourism Studies, Kiang Wu Nursing College of Macau, University of Saint Joseph, as well as individual members.



Teachers and Students of St Paul's School in Macao Came to Experience Intangible Cultural Heritage at BNU Zhuhai

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On the morning of May 23, 2021, teachers and students of St Paul's School in Macao came to participate in the activity of Inner Mongolia's Intangible Cultural Heritage on campus and experienced the intangible cultural heritage from Xilingol League of Inner Mongolia in BNU Zhuhai.



At the BNU Study Hall of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH), they experienced ICH programs such as Mongolian embroidery, traditional rope art, bone carving art, Shaga (Mongolian, meaning anklebone) games and yurt making, visited exhibitions of Sunit costumes, leather carvings and other ICH works, and listened to explanations related to the Sunit Left Banner Culture Museum, fully experiencing the local intangible cultural heritage.

Three yurts, from the Sunit Left Banner, the Sunit Right Banner, and the Boarder Yellow Banner, stood on the campus' great lawn square. The students tasted the unique Mongolian cuisine in the yurts, enjoyed the

Mongolian long tune sung by Mengke, an ICH inheritor, and the horse-head fiddle music played by Suyilagerile. The students were able to experience the charm of the intangible cultural heritage through the interpretation of the Mongolian long tune, which is recognized by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage of humanity, and the horse-head fiddle music, which is a national intangible cultural heritage. Professor Seyin, a Mongolian scholar and expert in ICH from BNU, gave the students and teachers a detailed introduction to the history of Xilingol League and the characteristics of intangible cultural heritage.



Lin Xiulan, Dean of Students of St Paul's School, expressed her gratitude to BNU Zhuhai Intangible Cultural Heritage Centre and the ICH inheritors from Xilingol League for the well-prepared intangible cultural heritage activities. She said that students in Macao previously knew about Inner Mongolia through books, television and the Internet, and there were few activities

like this that could provide close and firsthand experience. The visit provided the students with an intuitive and wonderful experience, and there are high hopes that these precious intangible cultural heritages will be preserved and carried forward.

Lin Xinyi, President of Student Union of St Paul's School, thought that it was a great experience to see how Mongolian ICH inheritors used sheep bones to play Shaga games and made bone sculptures from cow bones, which people would normally throw away while in fact they indeed can be utilized incredibly well by the wise Mongolian people. Also, the yurts were special, and she hoped that her school could also organize some cultural promotion clubs to publicize more about intangible cultural heritage.

BNU Zhuhai is situated in the Greater Bay Area, where the Intangible Cultural Heritage Centre of BNU Zhuhai is an open platform for research, heritage, display and promotion.



Dr. David Bartosch, Research Fellow at the Research Institute for Globalization and Cultural Development Strategies of BNU Zhuhai, Participated in the Global Young Leaders Dialogue (GYLD)

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At the end of June, Dr. David Bartosch, Research Fellow at Research Institute for Globalization and Cultural Development Strategies of Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai), participated in the Global Young Leaders Dialogue (GYLD). The initiative has been jointly launched by the Center for China and Globalization (CCG) and the Academy of Contemporary China

and World Studies (ACCWS).

In the context of this program, young scholars from different countries went on a study tour to Shaanxi. The group visited very important historical and cultural destinations such as the Yan'an Revolutionary Sites and

the Shaanxi History Museum as well as an important Eco-Agriculture Demonstration Park and the Western China Science and Technology Innovation Harbor in Xi'an. In addition, the participants enjoyed learning about traditional Chinese culture such as calligraphy, traditional clothing and the



preservation of cultural relics.

During the program, the young international scholars also met with representatives of Shaanxi academia to discuss topics such as globalization, technology and innovation, and cultural exchange. At the end of the program, 36 participants of the "Global Young Leaders Dialogue" wrote to Xi, congratulating him on the 100th anniversary of the Communist Party



of China, telling him about their experiences and insights during their visits, and expressing their hope to play a bridging role and to promote exchanges and dialogues between China and foreign countries. On August 10, Xi wrote back to the young delegates, expressing his appreciation for their active visits

to various parts of China and their efforts to deepen their understanding of China. Xi encouraged the participants to strengthen exchanges and mutual understanding and to contribute the power of youth to promote the building of a community of a shared future for mankind.

The 2nd Beijing Normal University and University of Macau Educational Evaluation and Monitoring Talent Exchange Program Successfully Concluded

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From May 18 to 23, 2021, the 2nd Beijing Normal University (BNU) and University of Macau (UM) Educational Evaluation and Monitoring Talent Exchange Programme was successfully conducted at BNU Zhuhai. Based on the strengths of both universities in educational assessment and monitoring, this project is focused on conceptual and methodological innovation in educational assessment and monitoring, and has carried out various activities such as academic

lectures, campus tours and student academic exchanges, both online and offline. Professor Zhang Guoxiang, Director of Educational Testing and Assessment Research Centre (ETARC) of UM, together with students and teachers of the Faculty of Education of UM, representatives of teachers and students of the Collaborative Innovation Centre of Assessment for Basic Education Quality (the Centre) and over 200 people who watched the live broadcast online, attended the event. The opening ceremony

was addressed by Associate Professor Yang Tao, Director of the Centre's Foreign Affairs Office.

The project has delivered eight academic lectures. The Centre's academic staff Li Gang, Zhang Danhui, Zhang Sheng and Li Mian gave a systematic introduction to the topics of the "the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) China" project, including the experience of organising and implementing the project; results

interpreting; the techniques of data analysis for national compulsory education quality assessment; the current situation and foresight of basic education quality assessment; reports writing techniques and the results application. All of which brought the latest experience of education assessment and monitoring research to our students. Based on a comprehensive review of the development of education in contemporary society, Professor Xin Tao, Executive Deputy Director of the Centre, presented the key issues and challenges of confronting education equity and the transformation of education in the information age. Professor Luo Liang, Deputy Director of the Centre, gave a presentation on the important role of national assessment in terms of comprehensive diagnosis, decision-making advice, objective supervision and public opinion guidance. Professor Luo also stressed the importance of the background factors of contextual monitoring framework, characters and the method of construction. The two lectures delivered by Professor Cheung Kwok Cheung from UM introduced the basic information, research



methodology and pathways of PISA 2018, and the differences and links between educational equality, educational equity and school effectiveness respectively. Taking into account the PISA results of Macao, China in recent years, the Associate Professor, Sit Pou Seong from UM, explained the structure and design of the PISA questionnaire.

With the generous support of the Institute of Education Science and the schools visited in Futian, Shenzhen, students and teachers from UM, together with representatives of the Centre's teachers and students, visited the Mingde Experimental School and the Primary School affiliated to the

Institute of Education Science. They also had in depth discussions with teachers and leaders of the two schools, along with the Institute, on the topics of school administration and education quality assessment.

At the end of the event, a total of 19 representatives from the Centre and UM shared their research experiences and results in various aspects of research, including ICT, collaborative problem solving, educational measurement, social emotional learning, inquiry-based teaching and school bullying, respectively. Experts from both universities commented on each individual's research report and made suggestions, which were all very beneficial for the students.

The event further deepened the cooperation between the Collaborative Innovation Centre of Assessment for Basic Education Quality of Beijing Normal University and the Educational Testing and Assessment Research Centre of UM, enabling both parties to jointly promote talent training and research innovation in educational assessment and monitoring, and laying a good foundation for further cooperation in the PISA project and educational quality assessment in the future!



Review: The 3rd Beijing Normal University Nanguo Literature Forum and Writer-in-Residence Series Activities

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From May 14 to 16, 2021, the 3rd Beijing Normal University Nanguo Literature Forum and Writer-in-Residence Series Activities hosted by Beijing Normal University (BNU) took place at BNU Zhuhai. The event invited many writers, scholars and critics to attend.

Session 1: Academic Forum on Literary Ethics in the Era of the Pandemic

At 8 p.m. on May 14, 2021, the academic forum on Literary Ethics in the Era of the Pandemic took place in the third conference room on the second floor of the International Exchange Center. Professor Meng Fanhua, of Shenyang Normal University, served as the host of the forum. Professor Dongxi, Chairman of the Guangxi Autonomous Region Writers Association and Director of the Creative Center of Guangxi University for Nationalities; Ai Wei, Chairman of the Zhejiang Provincial Writers Association; Professor He Shaojun of Shenyang Normal University; Professor Wang Kan of the Department of Chinese Language and Literature from Hangzhou Normal University; Rao Xiang, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the Literature and Art Department of Guangming Daily; Professor Xiong Xiuyu of the School

of Chinese Language and Literature from BNU; Feng Qiang, associate professor of the School of Chinese Language and Literature of Guangxi Normal University; Gong Ziqiang, a young lecturer of the Chinese National Academy of Arts; Professor Zhang Qinghua, Deputy Dean of the

School of Chinese Language and Literature from BNU and Executive Director of the International Center for Writing of BNU and Professor Zhai Wencheng and Zhang Xiaoqin of BNU, Assistants to Directors of International Center for Writing, attended the academic forum.



Session 2: Special Lecture by Dong Xi : How to Tell a Good Story



At 10 a.m. on May 15, 2021, "Special Lecture by Dongxi: How to Tell Good Stories", was held at Li Shen Xuan. Professor Wang Binbin from the School of Liberal Arts of Nanjing University, served as the chair of the lecture. Bi Feiyu, Chairman of Jiangsu Provincial Writers Association and Professor of Nanjing University; Ai Wei, Chairman of Zhejiang Provincial Writers Association; Rao Xiang, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the Literature and Art Department of Guangming Daily and Zhang Xiaoqin, Professor of BNU and Assistant to Director of the International Center for Writing shared their viewpoints.

Session 3 Special lecture by Ai Wei : Literature and Modernity

At 2 p.m. on May 15, 2021, "Special Lecture by Ai Wei : Literature and Modernity" was held in the lecture hall of the International Exchange Center. Professor Wang Kan of the Chinese Department of Hangzhou Normal University hosted the lecture. The speakers included Bi Feiyu, Chairman of Jiangsu Provincial Writers

Association and Professor of Nanjing University; Professor Dongxi, Chairman of Guangxi Provincial Writers Association and Director of Creation Center of Guangxi University for Nationalities; Professor Zhai Wencheng of Beijing Normal University and Assistant to Director of International Center for Writing;

and Feng Qiang, associate professor at the School of Literature, Guangxi Normal University. The discussion was mainly focused on modernity in literature. Among them, Ai Wei pointed out that "the so-called modernity has become an important part of the historical will, which has swept the concept and life of the Chinese people."



Session 4 Special Lecture by Li Er: Classification of Literature

At 4 p.m. on May 15, 2021, "Special Lecture by Li Er : The Classification of Literature" was successfully held in the Lecture Hall of the International Exchange Center at BNU Zhuhai. Bi Feiyu, Chairman of Jiangsu Provincial Writers Association and Professor of Nanjing University, Professor Dongxi, Chairman of Guangxi Autonomous Region Writers Association, Director of Creative Center of Guangxi University for Nationalities; Professor Dongxi, Chairman of Zhejiang Provincial Writers Association; Professor Ai Wei of Shenyang Normal University; Professor He Shaojun of Shenyang Normal University; Professor Meng Fanhua of Shenyang Normal University; Gong Ziqiang, a Young Lecturer from Chinese National Academy of Arts and other writers and scholars were invited to attend the online video conference with Li Er, the Deputy Curator of the Museum of



Modern Chinese Literature and a writer. He Shaojun presided over the lecture and all participants had a wonderful discussion based on the theme of "the canonization of literature".

The forum successfully held four sessions and attracted many well-known contemporary writers and

scholars to BNU Zhuhai. Via seminars and lectures, attendees discussed in depth the frontier issues of literature, exchanged ideas on culture and traditions, and further explored human nature and reality. It is a source of inspiration to nourish and empower teachers, students and literature lovers alike.



China Contributes to the Stability of World Peace and Development

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Narrator: David Bartosch, a German expert, Research Fellow of the Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, BNU Zhuhai

When I was still studying philosophy in Germany, I read many classical works of Chinese philosophy and developed a strong interest in this country with its ancient civilization and the people living here. I came to China for the first time sixteen years ago, full of curiosity and expectations.

I was really impressed by Shanghai, the city I first visited when I came to China. I can still recall the scene at that time. When I stood on the Oriental Pearl, the landmark building of Shanghai, and overlooked the whole city, I saw many skyscrapers under construction, and felt that I was witnessing the rapid development of China and that something amazing was happening here.

Later, I came to China to study transcultural comparative philosophy. So far, I have been to almost all provinces in China and learned about the unique scenery in different climate zones. I also had the opportunity to visit many cities, villages, scenic spots and historical sites in China. During the visits, I appreciated the regional diversity of Chinese culture and the historical uniqueness of different regions. I had especially wonderful memories of the unique customs in the areas where many ethnic minorities live, such as Miao and Bouyei autonomous prefecture in Guizhou,

Inner Mongolia autonomous region and the Tibet autonomous region.

As a scholar and university teacher, I study transcultural comparative philosophy. Philosophy is a theoretical reflection of cultural practices. As I started working in China, I tried to extend the research methods of philosophy to interdisciplinary research in different fields to explore the role of culture in human progress. I want to connect the history of exchanges and mutual learning among different civilizations with the practice of world peace and development in the future through my study. And Chinese universities have provided me with a good environment for that.

China has made remarkable development and achievements. Specifically, more than 840 million people were enabled to lift themselves out of poverty, creating an unprecedented miracle of poverty reduction. Significant progress has been made in infrastructure construction, digitalization and environmental protection. All of these are incredible. In my opinion, if you want to understand the development form of current Chinese society, you should understand the past of China first, so as to get to know the essence of Chinese civilization holistically. China is still vigorous after thousands of years and



it constantly strives to become stronger despite prior suffering. All of this is inseparable from China's philosophical wisdom and long-standing history and culture. Everything is interrelated, developing and changing. We should see the implied relationship through many phenomena. And that is the very way to understand China.

Although China has a large population, it has successfully restrained the spread of COVID-19 domestically in a short time. It is also the only country with

positive economic growth during the pandemic. Moreover, China has provided a great deal of anti-pandemic assistance to other countries. During the pandemic, I have been in China the entire time. I found that during the fight against COVID-19, the public strictly abode by social ethics and has fought against the pandemic in an orderly manner under the guidance of experts. People not only

protect themselves, but also protect the health of others.

On the international arena, the Chinese government has constantly reiterated the need to defend multilateralism and strengthen international cooperation, contributing to the stability of world peace and development. In recent years, China has achieved development

and growth through peaceful means. Meanwhile, it has also driven world economic growth through international economic and trade cooperation. In the future, we will encounter more and more global challenges. Only the cooperation between different civilizations will bring us the best way to solve these problems. I believe that China will play a crucial role in it.

Guiding International Youth to Experience the Charm of Chinese Hanzi

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On May 31, 2021, the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee held the 30th group study session on strengthening China's

international communication capacity. When presiding over the study, General Secretary Xi Jinping stressed that it is an important task to strengthen China's international communication capacity to tell China's stories well, spread China's voice well, and present a true, multi-dimensional and panoramic view of China.

In response to the call of the central Party and Government, the research team of the Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences of BNU has actively made its voice heard, continuously carried out a series of research work in the field of China's international communication and achieved certain achievements.

On June 9, Guangming Daily published a signed article titled "Guiding International Youth to experience the Charm of Chinese Characters" by Teng Yishu, associate professor of Research

Center for Culture Innovation and Communication in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

The full text is as follows:

Making the Chinese image affable will help to uncover the mystery of Chinese culture to the world. Over the past eight years, I have been engaged in research on the cognition of Chinese culture of young people in different countries. On the whole, the cultural content closely related to people's life will have the best communication effect. Our study found that there is a big difference between the needs and impressions of young people in different countries on Chinese culture. For example, those who live in developed countries prefer to know more things about Chinese philosophy, while the others in emerging market countries

prefer to know and understand China through popular culture, films or television programs and tourism.

How to make Chinese cultural symbols more influential in the world is an important issue in promoting international understanding. Through the research of promoting "Culture goes global", we found that different countries are flexible and diverse in making strategies. For example, the government of UK, France, the United States or Japan have all formulated the national foreign cultural strategy to simultaneously

promote the development of the overseas education industry through language teaching, oversea studying, academic funding or foreign cultural activities to attract young people's attention and participation.

General secretary Xi Jinping pointed out that we should display the spirit of the Chinese nation through cultural dissemination, spread the truth with culture, transmit voice with culture, and influence people with culture. "Influence people with culture" does not mean to speak directly

according to traditional classics. It may be more effective to use contemporary, popular and international languages.

A real, three-dimensional and panoramic view of China can be exhibited when everyone participates in the culture dissemination. I think more people are willing to continue to devote themselves to international communication research and work together to find the scientific methods for the dissemination of Chinese culture and tell the world a great Chinese story.

Four Disciplines Listed in Newly-added Key Disciplines of Guangdong Province's Higher Education Enhancement Plan

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Four disciplines, including Statistics and Data Science, Biology, Environmental Science and Engineering, and National Safety have been added to the list of key disciplines to be built in the Higher Education Enhancement Plan of "Striving for Excellence, Improving Weaknesses and Strengthening Characteristics" announced by the Department of Education of Guangdong Province.

In July, the General Office of the Guangdong Provincial People's Government issued the Implementation of the Higher Education Enhancement Plan of "Striving for First-class Education, Improving Weakness and Strengthening Characteristics"

(2021-2025), and BNU Zhuhai was included in the Construction Plan of High-level Universities of Guangdong Province (Key Discipline Construction University). Relevant documents of Guangdong Province require the construction of colleges and universities to take "strong characteristics" as the goal, focus on the construction of a number of distinctive and influential disciplines in China, promote the close interaction between the construction of disciplines and regional industrial development, and build characteristic disciplines and professional groups of service industry. For universities and disciplines selected

for construction, the government will strengthen organizational management, implement support measures and strengthen financial security.

BNU Zhuhai will conscientiously prepare the overall construction, system and mechanism reform and sub-discipline construction plan in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Notice on the Preparation of the Construction Plan of the Higher Education Enhancement Plan of "Striving for First-class Education, Improving Weakness and Strengthening Characteristics" (2021-2025)" issued by the Department of Education of Guangdong Province.

Postdoctoral Candidate Wang Qing, from RDC for Watershed Environmental Eco-engineering Published a Research Article in the Journal of Applied Ecology

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Recently, British Ecological Society Journal - Journal of Applied Ecology (JCR 1 TOP, IF=6.53) has published a research article on coastal wetland restoration from Qing Wang, a Postdoctoral Candidate from RDC for Watershed Environmental Eco-engineering. Wang Qing is the lead author of this article, Dr. Tian Xie and Prof. Baoshan Cui from the School of Environment are the joint corresponding authors.

Designing effective restoration strategies is a priority in recovering salt marsh plants. As a main driver underpinning the success of plant recovery process, hydrological connectivity can regulate life history process-based restoration strategies, but the relations are not clear. Plant recovering needs to go through a whole life history process, from seed to adult. Common restoration strategies are seed addition (SA) or seedling transplantation (ST), which start from seed germination and seedling growth stage. Besides these two strategies, another strategy starting from seed retention stage, microtopographic adjustment (MA), were designed to study the relationship with hydrological



connectivity. And a framework was constructed to assess a gradient of hydrological connectivity between marsh plain and sea and conducted several field experiments to test their relationships. The composite measurement of hydrological connectivity with five geomorphic variables can well represent the variation of environmental factors. Soil moisture, inundation frequency and sediment deposition were positively correlated, while soil salinity and hardness were negatively correlated with hydrological connectivity. The success of different restoration strategies varied with hydrological connectivity. MA showed a monotone decreasing trend, while SA and ST showed unimodal trend with the increasing of hydrological

connectivity. The importance is, each strategy occupies a non-overlapping optimum range along hydrological connectivity gradient, they are low hydrological connectivity for MA (0 – 0.28), middle hydrological connectivity for SA (0.28 – 0.55) and high hydrological connectivity for ST (0.55 – 1). Our findings expand the quantification of the hydrological environment beyond elevation or distance or other single index to include a range of elements of hydrological connectivity, and illustrate the underlying mechanisms of hydrological connectivity regulating restoration strategies based on different life stages. The results not only provide a reliable framework to assess hydrological connectivity, but also the guidance

to select optimum restoration strategy under different hydrological connectivities, or to regulate the hydrological connectivity variables (topography on marsh plain and morphology of tidal creeks) to relieve stresses. These findings will benefit ecological restoration and coastal management a lot.



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How hydrological connectivity regulates the plant recovery process in salt marshes

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The First Zhuhai-Hong Kong-Macao Forum on Statistics and Data Science Held Successfully

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On the morning of July 6, 2021, the 1st Zhuhai-Hong Kong-Macao Forum on Statistics and Data Science was held online. This forum invited the heads of statistics and data science disciplines from 10 universities in Hong Kong, Macao and Zhuhai to participate in academic seminars and cooperation exchanges. Professor Zhu Lixing, the convener of the forum and the chief scientist of the Center for Statistics and Data Science of Beijing Normal University, attended the whole preparatory meeting and the forum. Professor Zhang Shumei, the Director of the Center for Statistics and Data Science presided over the preparatory meeting.

The forum aims to facilitate cooperation in statistics and data science among Zhuhai, Hong Kong and Macao. At 8:10 a.m., the leaders of BNU Zhuhai and the heads of statistics and data science of

each university attended the preparatory meeting for the seminar. Professor Fan Xiaodan, from the Chinese University of Hong Kong; Professor Li Guodong, from the University of Hong Kong; Associate Professor Wang Junhui, from the City University of Hong Kong; Associate Professor Liu Zhi from the University of Macao; Professor Tong Tiejun, from Hong Kong Baptist University, Associate Professor Yang Can, from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Zhao Xingqiu, from Hong Kong Polytechnic University and other scholars from universities in Hong Kong and Macao started brainstorming on the agenda of collaborative scientific research, theoretical seminars, joint project applications, cross-bay and cross-industry, industry-university-research links in statistics and data science.

Liu Jingling, Deputy Director of the



Advanced Institute of Natural Sciences, BNU, and Guo Kanjun, Director of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs at BNU Zhuhai attended the preparatory meeting of this forum.

After the preparatory meeting, Wang Gefei, Zhu Haibin, Liu Ran, Hu Zongliang, Zhang Xiaoyu, Zhen Yaoming, Wang Lijun, Chen Feifei and other young scholars gave presentations and conducted exchanges on academic topics related to statistics and data science.



Review of “Future Design Ideas (Shenzhen)”: Exploring Future Design and Human Living Environment

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On July 31, 2021, School of Future Design (SFD) of Beijing Normal University (BNU), in collaboration with the China Academy of Building Research, international brand K \equiv and C Future Lab, held the "Future Design Ideas Club" event in Shenzhen to discuss future design, future lifestyle and human living

environment. The event was also live-streamed on the Kuaishou video-sharing platform and was watched by 1.17 million people online.

At the event, Gao Peng, head of the School of Future Design, gave a keynote speech on future design, the combination of art and technology,

as well as the development plan, discipline construction, teaching characteristics and enrollment plan of the School. The K \equiv brand, founded by world-renowned designer Kenzo Takada, made its debut in China. Zhao Lei, head of K \equiv Asia-Pacific region, introduced the brand's understanding of lifestyle and shared the aesthetic



view of life advocated by Kenzo Takada throughout his life on the combination of future design and traditional culture. Fu Shaopeng, Director of the Institute of Urban Renewal and Construction of the China Academy of Building Research, shared how design creates the future and the future changes design from the perspective of

future human living environments. Lv Hua, head of C Future Lab, explained the design power and trends in Shenzhen in the context of the lab's contemporary art and design projects.

SFD signed PBL teaching collaborative enterprise agreements with China Academy of Building Science, K \equiv and C Future Lab to build a talent training system. The school will adopt the PBL (Problem-Based Learning) teaching mode to provide solutions to real problems of enterprises, and enterprises will provide internship positions and project practice opportunities for students of the school.

In September 2021, SFD started to officially enroll full-time and part-

time students for the MFA program, with a total enrollment of 60 students and a three-year duration of study. The program adopts a mode of mobile classroom with the Zhuhai campus as the main campus, supplemented by various teaching bases, enriched teaching venues and practice bases, and gathers top teachers in the field of art and design from China and abroad, aiming to build a leading school of China's art and design education. At the same time, the program offers scholarships and overseas exchange programs, covering more than 50% of the intake. In addition, SFD plans to recruit second-degree undergraduates from society next year, and to start undergraduate enrollment in 2023.



Review of “Future Design Thinking (Beijing)”: Exploring Interdisciplinary Design Education and Innovative Thinking

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On August 7, 2021, School of Future Design(SFD) at Beijing Normal University(BNU) held an event themed on "Future Design Thinking" in the Beijing 798 Bauhaus Style Factory with LI-NING Group and Spain Hispano Suiza Automobile Design.

At the event, Gao Peng shared ideas about future technological aesthetics of art and introduced the interdisciplinary and innovative education model of SFD. He said that in the post-pandemic era, the world is moving towards a new way of living featuring diversity, electronics, new languages, new communicative modes, and experiential sense. Based in the Greater Bay Area, SFD cultivates innovative and well-rounded talents who can face the future with professional literacy,

cutting-edge vision, comprehensive analytical skills, and scientific and humanistic concepts, boosting the construction and development of the Greater Bay Area.

Xu Ping, Distinguished Professor of SFD, analyzed



the current situation and future development trend of design education from the perspective of talent cultivation. Qian Qian, Director of Brand Design of LI-NING Company, introduced how LI-NING created the concept of "China LI-NING" through the combination of art and technology, emphasizing the importance of interdisciplinary education and innovative thinking for design. Guo Yushi, Executive Director of Spain Hispano Suiza Automobile Design, talked about the vitality of industrial design in the new era and discussed what kind of experts are required in Chinese design education.

To enrich teaching and promote the integration of industry-education-research, SFD has appointed Ao

Ciyue, CEO of Spain Hispano Suiza Automobile Design (Beijing) and Qian Qian, Brand Design Director of LI-NING as the PBL teaching enterprise tutors, who will tutor students in real-life projects, complementing the campus teaching.

At the event, SFD and LI-NING built up a strategic partnership and jointly established a "Footwear and Clothing Design Teaching Laboratory," to provide students with the exchange, internship and employment opportunities. Ms. Ao Ciyue, CEO of Spain Hispano Suiza Automobile Design (Beijing), decided to donate an international exchange scholarship to support overseas study and exchange of the students and teachers of SFD.



Joint Construction of the Belt and Road is Supporting Economic Globalization Becoming More Open, Inclusive and Balanced

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China proposed the Belt and Road Initiative in 2013 to inject fresh growth momentum into the global economy and promote sustainable economic development in developing countries. The initiative also aims at achieving synergized regional and global economic growth via more efficient allocation of resources at a regional or global level, mutually beneficial cooperation and common development.

The fundamental reason for China's proposal is to increase the number of infrastructure projects so as to create new job opportunities, boost economic growth, and improve people's living standards. The proposal promotes China's domestic development and that of the world.

The Belt and Road projects have provided an extremely important platform to put into practice the idea

of "building a community with a shared future for mankind," and they set a stellar example in this regard.

As of June 2021, China had signed 206 memorandums of understanding under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative with 140 countries and 32 international organizations. Over 70 percent of the world's sovereign states have signed Belt and Road cooperation agreements with China, which shows that most countries explicitly support the initiative. Some countries, such as France, Spain, the Netherlands and Belgium have signed inter-governmental third-party market cooperation MOUs with China, although they are yet to sign Belt and Road cooperation agreements with China.

Over the past eight years, China has partnered in a wide range of construction projects with relevant

countries after holding extensive consultations, including jointly choosing promising construction projects, properly handling construction-related issues-such as land, taxation, labor, environmental protection equipment, technologies and laws and solving the project financing difficulties.

The Belt and Road infrastructure connectivity has yielded fruitful results. Most importantly, the "six corridors and six channels serving multiple countries and ports" of the initiative have been formed, and a large number of cooperation projects have materialized, in particular, transport and energy facilities that can provide strong material support for further propelling regional economic integration and deeply integrating development. This has given a boost to, and will continue to facilitate, the development of the Regional Comprehensive Economic

Partnership and Eurasian economic integration.

The framework of the Belt and Road Initiative has helped implement a large number of construction projects, resulting in rapid growth of Chinese companies' overseas investments. From 2013 to 2020, Chinese companies' nonfinancial direct investment in the countries along the Belt and Road totaled \$135.1 billion. Research by the World Bank shows that, thanks to the improved transport facilities, inflows of foreign direct investment into low-income countries along the Belt and Road economic corridors is projected to increase 7.6 percent by 2030.

Following the completion of a large number of major transport infrastructure construction projects, transportation costs in many countries have decreased, promoting trade development in these countries, particularly with China.

For instance, following the completion of the Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway, freight transport costs in Kenya have dipped more than 70 percent. The opening of the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railway has also markedly lowered Ethiopia's freight transport costs, while also opening a channel to the sea for Ethiopia by connecting it to Djibouti Port, which will promote the export of Ethiopian goods to the global market.

The number of trips of the China-

Europe Railway Express (CR Express) has witnessed rapid growth over the past few years as rail freight is faster than sea freight and more cost-effective than air freight. Train services have reached 168 cities in 22 European countries now, with a logistics network covering the entire region. Both China and these European cities have gained tangible, concrete benefits from the train services.

Joint construction of the Belt and Road is also conducive to the global cause of poverty alleviation. Improved transport infrastructure has enabled people in poverty-stricken areas to sell their products to the regional or even global markets to gain more benefits. In the meantime, more Belt and Road investment and construction projects will create more job opportunities for the lower-income groups and increase their incomes.

According to a study by the World Bank, the transport infrastructure construction projects under the Belt and Road Initiative alone will help lift 7.6 million people out of extreme poverty and 32 million people out of moderate poverty by 2030.

Furthermore, the Chinese government has included supporting other Belt and Road participating countries' poverty alleviation endeavors into China's Belt and Road construction plans, and has carried out pilot schemes in some impoverished areas in countries such as Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar. Using China's successful experience in targeted poverty alleviation,

strengthening rural infrastructure and providing better public services and technical assistance, the pilot schemes have achieved great results.

The global governance system has been improved and optimized in the wake of smooth implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative. The world is faced with numerous global problems that cannot be solved by one or two countries alone. The construction of more international cooperation platforms and active participation of more countries will help humanity better solve these problems.

As an important part of the Belt and Road Initiative, China set up the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in collaboration with over 100 countries, and the Silk Road Fund to financially support Belt and Road infrastructure construction projects. The establishment of the AIIB and the Silk Road Fund has complemented and improved the global financial and economic governance system.


China's rich experience in poverty alleviation accumulated while eradicating absolute poverty will also be of good reference value to the world and provide strong support for better realizing the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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China is Taking a Significant Step in Tackling Climate Change

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On August 9, 2021, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a special report. It emphasizes that without "immediate, rapid, and large-scale" reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, it will be impossible to contain global warming and avoid frequent and severe climate events in the coming decades.

Many people lament the enormous costs of achieving zero carbon emissions, which the Energy Transition Commission estimates to be between \$1 trillion and \$2 trillion per year. However, fossil fuel subsidies worldwide already account for about 6 percent of the global economy, i.e., more than \$5 trillion. So naturally, simply agreeing to remove these subsidies and switch them to combat global warming will be essential to achieving zero carbon emissions.

But if humanity fails to achieve its zero-carbon goals and irreversible climate change occurs, the world will lose many times more. The insurance group SwissRe estimates that an uncontrolled rise in global



temperatures on Earth will reduce output in the global economy by \$23 trillion, shrinking global GDP by 11-14 percent by 2050.

Although virtually all states signed the Paris Agreement on Climate Change in 2015, there are only timid attempts to do something specific to bring these agreements into practice. For obvious reasons, everyone is waiting for the first particular steps from the major economic powers. In a previous piece on this topic, I highlighted the recent initiatives put forward by the countries of the European Union (EU). Herewith, I would like to focus on

recent initiatives from China. Right now everyone expects what will be done in this direction to start from the most powerful country in the world, the U.S.

After all, it's not for nothing that President Biden recently stated: "This is the decade we must make decisions that will avoid the worst consequences of a climate crisis [...] Good ideas and good intentions are not good enough."

Achieving the world's sustainable development goals cannot be obtained without China, which accounts for more than a quarter of

the world's carbon dioxide emissions and about half of the world's coal consumption. Therefore, the launch of the world's most significant carbon market last month underscores Beijing's attempt to push for the sustainable development of the Chinese economy and take a critical step towards achieving zero carbon emissions by 2060.

Like the EU's Emissions Trading System (ETS), the world's first large-scale carbon trading scheme, established in 2005, the Chinese authorities introduced its own ETS. Remarkably, regulators will use market-based instruments to control emissions of harmful gases. The authors of the legislation have developed a model in which the initial prices for emissions will be modest for enterprises to get used to paying for environmental pollution. In all likelihood, tightening of the rules will follow over time, and emissions of pollutants will rise in price.

"Overly high carbon prices would impose an undue burden on companies, while excessively low prices would reduce incentives for carbon reduction," said Zhao Yingwen, Vice-Minister of Ecology and Environment, before the launch of the carbon market.

"The ETS, as it is currently designed, will have a very marginal impact on [reducing] emissions," said Li Shuo, a policy adviser at Greenpeace China. "A cap-and-trade system without absolute emissions-based trading benchmarks is a convoluted exercise." Li also said it would be desirable for Beijing to set a five-



year 2021-2025 timeline for action to tackle climate change, possibly unveiled later this year.

The legislation developers proposed a model based on a system of restrictions and the ability to trade allocated quotas. Emitters of hazardous substances, such as coal and gas power plants, will receive a certain number of emission quotas up to the set limit. Issuers then either have to pay to exceed quotas or limit them by applying the latest technologies. They can then buy or sell additional emission limits. The goal is to extend in the coming years such limits to construction, oil, and chemicals.

The company's initial emission limit depends on its current power generation and the emission rate from its current operations, which depends on factors such as the type of coal and equipment used, says Brad Crane, general manager of the Carbon Market Institute in Melbourne. It then helps the authorities "look at how many allowances they offer initially, and then restrict that over time," says Crane.

China's national ETS currently covers about 2,162 power generators, each

emitting more than 26,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year. Together, they account for 40 percent of the country's carbon emissions. Experts estimate that the system will cover about 7,500 companies once fully implemented, which will account for 72 percent of China's carbon dioxide emissions by 2025.

China is now well-positioned to take responsibility and lead the fight against climate change. It already has a prominent ally in the face of the EU. Most likely, the U.S. will soon join the circle of partners. It is possible that the upcoming 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties COP26 in Glasgow, which is less than 100 days away, will be a unique opportunity to demonstrate such leadership. Who knows, perhaps the joint work on sustainable development can make our world less tense and more peaceful. We have one Earth, and we need to take care of it only together.

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Teacher and Student Representatives Participated in the 39th "Sound of Coast and Sea" Concert and University Student Art Exhibition

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On the evening of May 25, 2021, the first performance of the 2021 Zhuhai Citizens Art Gala - The 39th "Sound of Coast and Sea" Concert and University Student Art Performance was held in the Zhuhai Grand Theater. It was co-hosted by the Culture, Radio, Film, Television & Public Press Bureau of Zhuhai Municipality, Education Bureau of Zhuhai Municipality, Zhuhai Committee

of the Communist Youth League, and co-sponsored by the Zhuhai Cultural Center and Zhuhai Student Federation. The undergraduate art troupes from various universities performed 14 unique programs through various forms such as dance, vocal music, instrumental music, etc., bringing an audio-visual feast to the audience, interpreting the spirit of the Greater Bay Area, giving back to the citizens of

Zhuhai, and conveying the voice of the coast, as well as paying tribute to the centenary of the founding of the Party.

Two programs from Beijing Normal University, Zhuhai participated in the show. Yu Xiaolei, Vice Chairperson of the University Council, BNU Zhuhai and BNUZ, and the teachers in charge of the Youth League Committee cheered for the cast and crew, and watched the

performance with the students. Among them, the dance *Stay Perseverance* presented by students from the Muduo Jinsheng University Art Troupe and the Youth Aesthetic Education Center of BNU Zhuhai interpreted the epic of the War of Resistance against Japan and extolled the national spirit. The dance is based on a blood-soaked booklet *List of fallen soldiers of the First Army of the Northeast Anti-Japanese Allied Forces* as a clue. From army commanders to ordinary soldiers, more than 30,000 fighters guarded this manual and almost all of them sacrificed. The story extols the awe-inspiring righteousness of the revolutionary martyrs who sacrificed their lives for national independence and the liberation of the people - while one stepped into the breach, another fell. It demonstrates the firm belief in victory under the leadership of the party and promotes the national spirit with patriotism as the core.

Group recitation, *Beloved China*, tells the story of China and demonstrates the strength of China using beautiful narration in the south of China as a gift to our beloved country with a splendid history of seventy years. It



also inspires young students to remain true to our original aspiration and forge ahead while shouldering the great task of national rejuvenation. In the vivid practice of realizing the Chinese Dream, they have put their youthful dreams into full play, and written brilliant chapters in their unremitting efforts for the interests of the people.

The Youth League Committee of the University organized more than 80 students to watch the performance at the venue. As an aesthetic education activity, students responded enthusiastically. They all expressed

that as students of BNU, they should not only pay tribute to the motherland and the centenary of the founding of the Party in the performance, but also practice this kind of awe and love in our study and life, as well as inherit and carry forward the spirit of "pioneering" and "innovating" of the Greater Bay Area youths. They will keep in mind the school motto of "Learn so as to instruct others; Act, to serve as example to all," write a grand chapter in BNU with faith and action, celebrate the centenary of the founding of the Party, and compose the glorious chapters of the prosperous times together.



Exploring the World • Take You to My Home -“Culture, whose culture?” UK Culture Salon Held

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On the afternoon of May 28, 2021, the last culture salon of this semester, "Exploring the World•Take You to My Home"—“Culture, whose culture?”, hosted by the International Office, was held at Li Shen Xuan.



As the guest presenter, Professor Simon Mahony, the Executive Director of the Research Center for Digital Publishing and Digital Humanities of BNU Zhuhai, exhibited a splendid and multivariate culture of London to students and scholars who participated in the event and shared his thinking about culture: "Whose culture?" and "How do we determine our culture?" He not only painted a magnificent and multidimensional picture of British culture for the audience, but also interpreted its rich cultural connotation and integration, through elaborating on the definition of culture, history and heritage, architecture, religion and food.

Firstly, he introduced the concept of "culture" through the School of Athens, a masterpiece by Raphael, and elaborated the definition, types, and origins of culture

based on multiple references. He also put forward the idea of "History as Heritage" and shared his experience of an exploratory trip to the Mogao Grottoes in Dunhuang.

As a native Londoner, Professor Simon Mahony displayed his living experience in London by sharing some photos of world-famous tourist destinations, including the Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, and the London Eye. The audience was deeply impressed by the artistic and humanistic charm of London.

Then, Professor Mahony explained the origin of his surname, Ireland, by demonstrating his research data before he returned to the theme "culture," which inspired the audience to further think about the true meaning of "culture" after having a glance of British culture.

He further analyzed the influence of

colonial culture and immigration on British culture through the British specialty-fish and chips. He also introduced the popular Chinese food he found in the China Town of London.

Lastly, the audience actively involved themselves in discussions over different understandings of "culture" and "whose culture." The salon ended in the sharing of thoughts between the presenter and the audience.

"Exploring the World•Take You to My Home" culture salons have already been held for six times. International students and scholars from Pakistan, Italy, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda and the UK depicted diverse and rich national cultures for the audience, building a platform of intercultural communication for students and teachers of BNU Zhuhai and making great contributions to build an international campus.



Short Term Course “Introduction to Portuguese Language and Culture”: Language, History, and Art

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In order to broaden students' international horizons and expand their multicultural mindedness, Phoenix School of Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai) offered an online course, "Introduction to Portuguese Language and Culture," for all students in the short semester starting from June 28 to July 1. The lectures were given by Dr. Song Haoyan, Director of Undergraduate Programmes and Dr. Guo Mo, Assistant Professor of the University International College (UIC) of the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), with the aim of helping students to master simple Portuguese and understand the connection between the Portuguese language and culture.

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非常感谢	Muito obrigado/obrigada!
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我不知道	Não sei.
我不明白	Não entendo. / Não compreendo.

At the beginning of the course, Dr. Guo Mo led the students into the world of Portuguese culture. Her vivid and humorous lectures helped the students gradually build a basic framework for their understanding of Portuguese history and culture. The students were impressed by the different artistic styles and cultural characteristics of the different periods in the history of Portugal.

At the end of the course, Dr. Song Haoyan taught basic Portuguese and further explained the history and culture of Portugal. Even though it was an online course, the students were enthusiastic while learning the Portuguese and turned on the microphone one after another to read aloud the terms together with the teacher. Afterwards, Dr. Song Haoyan reviewed the history of the development of Portugal based



on the connection between China and Portugal since ancient times, giving the students new perspectives and new reflections on Portuguese culture.

With the careful teaching of the two teachers and the active participation of the students, the course "Introduction to Portuguese Language and Culture" came to a successful conclusion. We hope that the students will take this as a good start to their Portuguese learning and achieve something beneficial for themselves. In the future, Phoenix School will continue to press ahead for the development of international education, cultivate high-level talents with a global perspective as its mission, integrate global resources, cultivate global talents, promote international cooperation, and build a globally influential platform for language learning and cross-cultural communication.

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下次见	Até à próxima!
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BNU Zhuhai Launched the First Summer Overseas Exchange Program: UM Summer Study Program

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On the morning of July 28, 2021, the opening ceremony of the University of Macau summer research activities, the first summer overseas exchange program in Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai), was successfully held in the Central Teaching Building of the University of Macau (UM). Professor Matthew of the University of Macau together with the 12 students from BNU Zhuhai, and other students from all over the country participated in the opening ceremony. The opening



Globalization, began. Professor Barry Lee Reynolds illustrated the links between the development of applied linguistics in teaching and globalization in his three-hour lecture. Firstly, he introduced the concepts of applied linguistics and globalization and then illustrated the relationship between them clearly and concretely from three aspects: globalization and language teaching, English in the world, and English as an international language.

On the day before the opening ceremony, all the students visited UM under the guidance of UM students. They intuitively felt the beautiful and scientific style of the campus, and had a good understanding of the college system and college construction of UM. After lunch, they visited



Macau Communication Museum to learn about the development of communication, especially the development of stamps. In addition, the students also made various kinds of souvenirs with the help of the facilities in the museum.

During the 8-day program, students not only attended English classes with the theme of "Humanities, Society and Science," but also visited famous universities and venues in Macao to carry out different forms of learning and practice.



ceremony was hosted by UM. First, students watched the introduction video of UM to have a better understanding of the University. Then, Professor Matthew on behalf of UM, welcomed all students and teachers, hoped everyone could appreciate the charm of Macau, and wished the project a success.

At 9:00 in the morning, the first course of this project came: the Social Balance of Macau's Tourism

Development and Cultural Heritage Conservation, which was taught by Professor Matthew. He introduced the origin of the name "Macao" to students and analyzed the past and present of Macao from the economic and cultural levels, focusing on the gaming industry and cultural heritage protection in Macao.

At 2:00 p.m., the second course, Linguistic Development and



"Fenghuang Ambassador" Short Videos Released

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The shooting project of "Fenghuang Ambassador," hosted by the International Office, was conducted after elaborate preparations. Elisa, Aikins, Jotham, Stephen and Imran, five Fenghuang Ambassadors, introduced their favorite sports venues and service facilities on campus from the perspective of international students through short videos. In the short videos, the unique

charm of this "Valley University" are exhibited multidimensionally by showcasing the beautiful campus and stories of international student's study and daily life.

The "Fenghuang Ambassador" project appoints international students as International Publicity Ambassadors and International Campus Advisors to showcase the beautiful campus

of BNU Zhuhai and stories of young scholars and students' life in the form of video clips. It aims at displaying BNU Zhuhai as an international university, expanding its international influences, and promoting cross-cultural communication to attract more overseas talents. The project also provides a platform for international students to deeply integrate into the unique culture of BNU Zhuhai.

Li Shen Xuan



Elisa, an international student from Italy, really enjoys the quiet time at the Li Shen Xuan Learning Center and the cafe beside the Lake. In addition to studying in the peaceful and comfortable environment, which is surrounded by the fascinating scenery of lakes and mountains, she also likes to invite friends to have coffee, taste delicious food, and enjoy a relaxing conversation there.

The Library



The lake next to the library and the mid-lake island attract the Tanzanian student, Stephen, emotionally. The library fulfills his wish to immerse in the ocean of knowledge. Having a favorable learning atmosphere and rich collections of books and electronic databases, the library is also equipped with various electronic facilities and rooms for individual study and group and discussion.

The Sports Stadium



Pakistani student Imran is a sports enthusiast who often spends lots of his spare time at the sports stadium. This well-equipped stadium, located in the heart of BNU Zhuhai, provides a variety of indoor courts, sports equipment, and running tracks. Even amid the typical southern weather of strong wind and heavy rain, teachers and students can still participate in daily exercise inside. Full of vigorous spirit of youth and fitness, the physiques of teachers and students are strengthened through sports and exercise, and friendship is enhanced through the spirit of teamwork.

BRS Alumni Wrote Letters of " My Life at BNU Zhuhai"

Authors: Jotham Kihumuro, Stephen Arumasi, Aglago Aikins

The first batch of postgraduates of BRS successfully graduated in July, 2021 and embarked a new journey of life. The outstanding alumni representatives, Jotham, Stephen and Aikins, who expressed great love and gratitude for their beloved university, depicted and shared their study and life experience of BNU Zhuhai in their letters.



Jotham Kihumuro (Uganda)

Life in a new environment, more so in a foreign land, with no other cardinal purpose apart from academics can sometimes be challenging! Upon arrival in Zhuhai, the university was set to be my new home under all conditions and therefore there was an urgent need for me to adjust slowly but surely. The reception I got from the dormitory receptionists and later the teaching staff was one that actually went an extra mile. What a treasure! Given this sort of welcome, I was convinced enough about my

bright future at the campus.

My first day in class was spectacular because how business was run in a purely new setting- one which was quite different from what I was used to during my undergraduate. At this moment, normal academic programming had not yet kicked off as it was a session of orientation. I should say that this is a very important session because it gives a certain time to students on how to conduct themselves, especially in a new environment.

Being a new student in a purely new environment, I had no deep clue on how other university affairs are run. This was the very moment when different things began to unfold before my eyes. One specific academic mode of instruction was that we always had lectures outside the physical classrooms. Given the nature and description of the course unit (Practicum management), we were grouped in several teams of no more than five students and taken off campus on several occasions by our course instructors and the coordinators to visit popular companies around Zhuhai, after which we were obliged to provide periodic assessments of the trips on a weekly basis. As a passionate MBA student, this was my fairest taste because it is always important to integrate theory with practice.

This encounter gave us an opportunity to interact with the Chief Executive Officers of different thriving businesses around the city which we would not have gotten, had we not been admitted to BNU-Belt & Road School. We learned a lot of things from them involving the entire human resource management process. We also got practical lessons on the kind of challenges companies face and the ever-present arm of government in business growth. My take home as a business student was that businesses need people to thrive, and the way employers and clients are handled during the company's lifetime wholly determines the economic destiny of the company. This ought to sink deep in every person's mind, especially those with intentions of bridging the gap between supply and demand, be it employers, employees, or even customers.

I strongly agree that it would be regretful for me to forget making mention of the role of the International Office in my entire life at BNU Zhuhai. This is the fulcrum of every event that is related to better living at the Zhuhai campus of Beijing Normal University. With the help of this office, I have been able to get a deeper meaning of the Chinese culture and the grounded attachment given to festivity through attending physical classes and learning some songs, paying visits to nearby cultural sites, and the most recent being the tai chi lessons - an instrument of healthy living and protection which is widely used not only as a special preserve of the Chinese people, but also for those who desire to have good health and physical fitness beyond the territorial boundaries of China.



Stephen Arumasi (Tanzania)

Hi, my name is Stephen Arumasi. I am a Tanzanian who comes from the eastern part of Africa. I have a bachelor's degree in Information System and Network Engineering and I have worked as a Professional Technical Engineer in Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Telecoms Fields in Tanzania for five years. Now, I am a student at Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai pursuing a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Belt and Road School (BRS). I am going to introduce and share

experiences about my life since I came here in September 2019. It is about my experience of the new culture, environment, and academics which is pleasant, challenging, and impressive as well. All of these have been giving me time to learn, experience, and adapt to life in China.

Firstly, I will start by talking about culture. This is the first time for me to be exposed to Chinese culture as well as other international cultures from both faculty and my fellow students. Here in Zhuhai campus, the most common language is Mandarin (Chinese language). Wherever you go or interact, people are speaking Mandarin, so it gave me a bit of difficult to cope with in the early days because English here is not commonly used in daily life and Chinese people felt shy when they realized I spoke English. During all kinds of interactions from school (university) to the society living around, I faced some challenges, particularly the language barrier because I did not know how to speak Mandarin fluently, though I tried my level best to practice it and use an effective translator to make smooth conversations. But later on, when we started learning Mandarin, particularly HSK Level 1 and 2, it gave me at least a better understanding and familiarization, though I still can't speak fluent Mandarin. Also, I have been participating in some Chinese culture activities including learning and writing Chinese characters in calligraphy classes, which helped me a lot to become familiar with Chinese culture.

I would also like to share the educational experience I got since I came to BNU Zhuhai. I am so impressed by some modules of Belt and Road School, which include practicum management, leadership, the principle of management, information system management, managerial economics, international trade and investment, financial management, data model decisions, development finance, and human resource management. All these modules helped me to figure out different kinds of concepts, ideas, technology, culture, and business. Also, I have participated in visiting some enterprises in Zhuhai from the practicum management module. I gained more understanding and insights about the types of business, challenges and opportunities of different kinds of businesses, market size, and competition according to the Chinese entrepreneurship ecosystem.

Another thing that I appreciate about our school was that it brought highly profiled professors in politics and economics fields such as Professor Kolodko Grzegorz who was the former Deputy Prime Minister of Poland and Professor Zlatko Lagumdžija who was the former Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina. All of these professors taught us about leadership through workshops and basic analysis of economics and entrepreneurship. It was so fascinating to me because it helped me to get more understanding of entrepreneurship, economy, leadership, and political economy.



Aglago Aikins (Ghana)

My life as a student of the Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai has thus far been astonishing. I would say that I have acquired a lot of knowledge and experiences regardless of the short period that I have spent here. The school has several unique features that rank it among the best universities in China and the entire region. First, I think the school has been strategically positioned, near Hong Kong and Macao. The school has also been placed quite far away from the main town of the city which makes its environment very serene and conducive for teaching and learning. BNU Zhuhai has several amazing buildings and advanced teaching and learning materials which

facilitate academic activities. The university has numerous recreational facilities as well, ranging from swimming pools, sports stadium, gymnasiums, track and field, and golf courses among others.

The school has well-structured programs and courses which prepare individual students for the job market. The courses offered by the school are research-based and involve a high degree of critical thinking and application. These courses have changed my thinking, and communication ability, and also the perception from which I see and analyze things. My classes were well organized, and I must say that I enjoyed every bit of time that I have spent in the classroom with my teachers. One of the best parts of my experience here at BNU Zhuhai was the time I spent with my classmates, though it was short. The three to four months we spent together as international students of the Belt and Road School in BNU Zhuhai were remarkable and came with life-changing experiences. This I think has reshaped my way of life and how I relate to people, especially people from different ethnicities. There was never a dull moment with my classmates both in the classroom and dormitory. And even though the emergence of COVID-19 has prevented us from coming together for the rest of the semesters, I am still in contact with them. Also, I have made several wonderful Chinese friends that have positively influenced my life and simplified life for me here at BNU and in China as a whole. I have enjoyed every trip and conference that my school has organized for us. One other thing that I enjoy most in school is the extra-curricular activities. I mostly played football with my classmates and Chinese friends, as well as visited the school's gymnasium and sports stadium. I also have the experience of being coached by the experienced staff of the International Students Office and the Belt and Road School of this prestigious university.

On the contrary, I experienced a few difficulties as a student here at BNU which I consider as the most important part of my growth process. One of such experiences is the challenge of communicating in the Chinese language. As known, learning a new language is difficult but also worthwhile. I must say I found my early days on campus quite frustrating as I could not speak even the basic form of the Chinese language. This has hampered my daily life, especially my relationship with Chinese students and friends. I began to feel more like a part of the Chinese environment and culture when I began to take a basic Chinese course. And since I held this course in high esteem, I took it seriously and made sure I performed very well in its assignments and exams which has enhanced my communication skills in the Chinese language. Aside from this challenge and other petty ones, I think my life at BNU has been a wonderful one.

One important practice of the school is to instill high moral standards in its students. Students of this noble school are quite disciplined and highly tolerant.

Time and tide they say wait for no man, and so soon I am coming to the end of my studies at BNU. It seems like just yesterday, but I must say that my experience here is worthwhile and will go a long way to impact even the people around me wherever I may find myself.

Belt and Road All the Way Makes My Home Country a Better Place

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Imran Khan

A Pakistani student who is studying in the MBA program of BRS at BNU

Background

I came from the high mountain society of Hunza, Gilgit-Baltistan in Pakistan, which is considered one of the world's beautiful destinations, well known for its peaceful community, snow capped mountains, highest peaks, longest glaciers and beautiful lakes. Hunza borders with China in the northeast. The ancient Silk Road, the Karakorum Highway and the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), under the Chinese, One Belt-One Road Initiative, all pass through Hunza, connecting China with Pakistan and the famous Gawadar Sea Port.

My family has about 1000 years of history in Hunza, Pakistan. I was born and raised in a small village called Passu (Hunza), located at 36 27' 38.5" North and 74 53' 40.35" East, where I had my primary and middle school education from the

village school. Later, I moved to the urban centre of Karachi where I completed my secondary school education. I did my graduation and Master in Business from Islamabad, the capital city of Pakistan. After completion of my education, I returned back to my native area Hunza and became engaged with various development organizations to work for the progress of the region. Since childhood, I have felt a connection to the mesmerizing community work and diversity of societies, which is what led me to choose and support my communities voluntarily in various development sectors.

As a keen observer I have seen how a small farming community that was based on subsistence agriculture for centuries, through the work of development institutions, could evolve itself to a highly educated community with diversified livelihood

options. I have also seen the tourism flourishing, vanishing and again improving in the area. Likewise, I observed that with the improvement of infrastructure and access to this once land-locked region, how the communities are influenced by other cultures and communities. I am convinced that the Karakorum Highway (KKH) was a key initiative by China and Pakistan that brought development to Hunza and its surrounding mountain communities. Today, China and Pakistan have initiated another great project – the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) which will bring great opportunities for the development of the region. China's interest and investment, mainly through CPEC, is coming as a major economic opportunity for Pakistan. I trust, as the Karakorum Highway connected the once land-locked Hunza community to the rest of Pakistan

and China, that the CPEC will connect Pakistan to Africa, the Middle East and Europe and bring major growth opportunities for the communities in the country.

While a keen observer of the Chinese economy and its culture, and especially the Chinese Language, I became highly

impressed by the development of China and I wanted to obtain a formal education from China to understand and obtain an in-depth knowledge of the philosophy of Chinese culture, its people, and China's economy through learning and studying in China. I started searching for various universities within China and came across the

Belt and Road School of Beijing Normal University under its Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program (where I am a current student). The Belt and Road School provides me the opportunity to share and discuss my own ideas with Chinese professors, students and international students in the program.

Progress and Impacts on the Pakistan Economy

China has proved that its business approach is one of the best and unique business models in the world through which China was able to lift millions of people out of poverty in a short span of time, and today China has raised itself to be a major world economic power. China's One Belt One Road initiative will change the world and bring major economic opportunities for underdeveloped societies to reach key markets of both the East and West from Central Asia to Africa to Europe.

Pakistan became the third non-communist country and first Muslim one to recognize the People's Republic of China in 1950. Diplomatic relations were established on May 21st, 1951. Over

the years the unique friendship between China and Pakistan has transformed into a strong strategic partnership, developed economic cooperation and people to people contact since then. This strong relationship is based on mutual trust, understanding and common aspirations for peace and progress.

China and Pakistan, through mutual cooperation, have achieved many tangible outcomes such as the establishment of the Karakorum Highway (KKH) which is 1120 kilometers (km) long—also known as the (Old Silk Road)—energy, infrastructure, transportation, ports, thousands of direct and indirect employment opportunities and the development of

the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) under China's One Belt One Road (OBOR) program brings concrete contribution between the development of both countries.

The China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a bilateral contract between China and Pakistan, established on May 22, 2013. It is a collection of infrastructure projects that are under construction throughout Pakistan since 2013. Originally valued at \$47 Billion, the value of CPEC projects is worth \$62 billion as of 2020. The major areas of focus are energy production, special economic zones and motorways expansions, which are under construction and work in progress.

Conclusion

The China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a journey towards economic regionalization in the globalized world. It founded peace, development and a win-win model for both countries. Gawadar port has a huge potential for

trans-shipment. It is going to open up so many avenues, companies, and countries to start trading via Gawadar. It will open the entire region for a great economic boom. We are looking at a very bright future and prospects for CPEC. I strongly

believe that the initiative of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor in particular, and the One Belt One Road (OBOR) as a whole, will bring further positive impacts between the two countries as well as the entire region and world.



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