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Cheng Jianping Paid an Inspection Visit at BNU Zhuhai

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Recently, Cheng Jianping, Chairman of the University Council of BNU, paid an investigatory visit to BNU Zhuhai to comprehensively inspect the construction of the campus. Sun Hongpei, Vice Chairman of the University Council of BNU and Secretary of the Discipline Inspection Commission; Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU and Director of the Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai; Zheng Guomin, Assistant to the President, BNU and Deputy Director of the Administrative Committee of BNU



Zhuhai; Wei Wei, Chairperson of the University Council, BNU Zhuhai and other principals of BNU Zhuhai and responsible principals of relevant units participated in the investigatory visit.

Cheng Jianping visited Leyu College, Huitong College, Center for Cognition and Neuroergonomics at the State Key Laboratory of Cognitive Neuroscience and Learning, classes at Lijiao Building, School of Future Design and student



dormitories to conduct investigation on teaching and research, talent cultivation, student life and campus construction.

In Leyu College, Cheng learned about their education system, education objectives, education mechanism and students' general information, etc., and visited seven functional zones including the College Highlight Displaying Zone, Community Education Zone, Tutor Profile Zone, Second-class Experiencing Zone, Ideal Shaping Education Zone and the College Creative Zone. He also watched a film featuring “Targeted Teacher Training Program” and “the 10th Graduation Anniversary of the first batch of state-funded students of teaching.” He fully affirmed the accomplishment achieved by the College over the past year and stressed the importance of highlighting the characteristics as a normal university and caring for their alumni.

In less than two years since its

establishment, Huitong College has constructed the “543 Education system” - “five dimensions of quality and ability goals, four education plans and three education features” in its exploration. Cheng Jianping and his delegation were attracted by several featured exhibitions and functional zones of Huitong College to listen to reports on the organizational structure of the College, the implementation of the tutorial system, and the measures of featured education. Yu Lihong, Deputy Director of the Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai and Executive Director of Huitong College, displayed students' papers





published in the SCI index under the guidance of assigned teachers since the implementation of the "Learning and Enriching Plan." Cheng Jianping affirmed the College's achievements and had cordial conversations with the students who were self-studying in the College to learn about their study and life. He encouraged the students to follow the academic frontier, make good academic planning, take full advantages of the interdisciplinary integration of the College system, and strive to achieve better results.

At the Center for Cognition and Neuroergonomics at the State Key Laboratory of Cognitive Neuroscience and Learning located in Leyu Building, Cheng Jianping visited the Hardware Research and Development Laboratory, the office area, Neuralphotronics Laboratory, Human-computer Interaction Laboratory and Anechoic Chamber. Cheng listened to the work

report of the Center in the lecture hall. After getting the information of the founding background, main research directions, research team, approved research projects, published papers, and the research plans, Cheng pointed out that as cognitive neuroscience is an interdisciplinary subject, the Center needs to recruit talents of different academic backgrounds, and strengthen the engineering application demonstration, transforming its research into technology and deepen joint research with enterprises, contributing to the development of Guangdong Province and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) .

In Lijiao Building, Cheng Jianping and 48 undergraduates attended the class of the History of Russian National Image given by Prof. Zhang Jianhua from School of History. Before the class, Cheng Jianping talked with Prof. Zhang and learned about the general situation

of the students. After the class, he encouraged the students to study hard, absorb the essence and wisdom from human civilization, and "live up to the times, youth and the ardent expectations of the Party and the people."

The teaching and scientific research venue of School of Future Design (SFD) in Yuanbai Building, featuring the Art Gallery and Lenovo Lab, impressed Cheng significantly. He listened to the work report and plan of SFD, spoke highly of its achievements and put forward suggestions on its future development, expecting that the school will develop a design discipline with the characteristics of BNU.

Cheng Jianping paid a special visit to the student dormitories in Building 3 and 8 of Haihua Garden, and talked with the students of "Zhiyuan Program" and "Targeted Teacher Training Plan" about their university life and future plans. In the conversation, he shared his own study experience with students, giving a better interpretation of "good habits are the beginning of success" and making the students to understand the mission of society and nation they undertook, determine their minds to return to the western regions, their hometown and the places where they are needed after graduation, and reinforce their ideals to be "four-haves" good teachers.



BNU Zhuhai Held the Opening Ceremony of Grade 2021 Students

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On the morning of September 8, 2021, BNU Zhuhai held an opening ceremony to welcome grade 2021 students. Dong Qi, President of BNU, Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU and Director of the Administrative Committee, BNU Zhuhai and other leaders were present at the opening ceremony, which was presided over by Wang Shoujun.



Dong Qi delivered a speech on the topic of "Passing on the Traditions of Revolution, Determined to Become a Talent." On behalf of all teachers, students and staff, he extended a warm welcome and congratulations to the new 2021 students.

In his remarks, President Dong expressed that BNU has always adhered to the original mission of providing education for the rejuvenation of the nation and cultivating talents for the nation, which makes unique and important contributions to our country.

He urged the students that as a participant of the development of BNU



Zhuhai, they should carry forward the great spirit of party building, pass on the traditions of revolution of BNU, and grow up with the determination to achieve a wonderful life at BNU Zhuhai.

Professor Zhu Xiaojian, from School

of Chinese Language and Literature, shared his three thoughts on the fine tradition of BNU, hoping students cherish their college life and become individuals with ideals, beliefs, moral sentiments, solid knowledge and hearts of benevolence.

Yang Wenjing, a 2019 student of Huitong College majoring



in Bioscience, spoke as a representative of the students. She said that as a student of BNU, she would set goals and make plans, try boldly and break through past hindrances, then bravely become better individuals.



Yang Qing, Leyu College

Yang Qing, a 2021 student majoring in Ideological and Political Education of Leyu College, spoke as a representative of undergraduate freshmen. As a freshman of the Excellent Teacher Program of Beijing Normal University, he hoped to contribute to his hometown and serve the motherland



Zeng Biao, a doctoral candidate from Collaborative Innovation Center of Assessment for Basic Education Quality

together with his classmates, aiming at the motto of "Learn, so as to instruct others; Act, to serve as example to all."

Zeng Biao, a doctoral candidate from Collaborative Innovation Center of Assessment for Basic Education Quality, made a speech as the

representative of the new graduate students. He encouraged everyone to shoulder the responsibilities of the times, live up to the mission of youth, and devote their youth to the motherland.

Five International students from Phoenix School also participated in this grand opening ceremony.

In this academic year, 2,930 undergraduate students, graduate students and doctoral students are embarking on a new journey. Adopting anti-epidemic prevention and control measures, BNU Zhuhai held the opening ceremony both online and offline, which was highly appreciated by teachers, students, and the public.

Dong Qi Discussed with the First Batch of "Targeted Teacher Training Plan" Freshmen

Article Source: Leading Group Office | Release date: 2021-09-20

On September 8, 2021, a reception for the first batch of freshmen of "Targeted Teacher Training Plan" was held. Dong Qi, the President of BNU; Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU, the Chairman of the Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai; principals of the Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai, China Institute of Education and Social Development of BNU, President's Office, BNU Zhuhai,



Recruitment Office of Department of Teaching Affairs of BNU Zhuhai, and Leaders Group Office of Beijing Normal University, Zhuhai participated in the reception. The event was hosted by Zheng Guomin, Assistant to the President and Deputy Executive Provost of BNU.

The students who participated in the reception expressed their joy of being new members of BNU, shared their understanding of "Targeted Teacher Training Plan" and their original intentions of applying for the university, and talked about their four-year development plan and their "teacher dreams." During the discussion, the students talked about the good teachers in their growing experience and shared their observations and thoughts of current development of basic education in their hometown. They expressed that they will strive to be a "Four-Haves" teacher, not forget their original intention and contribute to their hometown when they graduate, create opportunities for children to receive high quality education and revitalize their hometown. In addition, students also communicated with their teachers about their expectations in learning and self-improvement after graduation.

Dong Qi listened to students'

discussion carefully and appreciated their determination to carry on with the revolutionary legacy of BNU, take over the baton to serve the country and devote themselves to the cause of education actively. He also introduced the original intention and background of "Targeted Teacher Training Plan" to the students in detail. The Plan is to thoroughly implement the important instructions of General Secretary Xi Jinping, serve the national education development strategy, and train high quality teachers and future educators in basic education for the central and western regions, who have high aspirations, strong intentions and suitable qualities to work in education at all levels.

He put forward four hopes for the students' future university life. First, keep in mind what they have been entrusted with and shoulder the education mission. Dong called on the students to review General Secretary Xi Jinping's important speech on the "Four Haves" of good teachers, establish lofty educational ideals and profound feelings for education, and realize the value of life in the future career development as teachers. Second, make good planning and improve overall quality. Make full use of the four years of studying and living at BNU, pay attention to the combination of learning and application, hone

skills, and comprehensively improve comprehensive abilities. Third, study assiduously and lay a solid professional foundation. Stress on systematic study of professional knowledge, understand the future education targets, master advanced education concepts and education principles. Fourth, switch roles to fit into new groups where students actively participate in university activities with a sense of being contributors, face and solve problems in study and life with a constructive attitude and develop and grow together with BNU Zhuhai.

To implement the Excellent Targeted Teacher Training Plan for Underdeveloped Regions in the Midwest ("Targeted Teacher Training Plan"), released by the Ministry of Education and nine other departments, build high quality primary and secondary school teaching staff, promote the efficient bridging between education poverty alleviation achievements and rural revitalization, guided by the Ministry of Education, BNU launched a "Targeted Teacher Training Plan" this year. The plan is set on enrolling excellent targeted employment students of teaching from 13 central and western provinces, including Anhui, Gansu, Guangxi, Guizhou and Hainan Province. The first batch of 389 freshmen came to BNU Zhuhai for their brand-new university life.

Phoenix Valley Welcomed 2021 International Students

Article source: Phoenix School, Belt and Road School, College of Chinese Language and Culture |
Release date: 2021-09-06

On September 5, 2021, Phoenix Valley welcomed five new international students of Belt and Road School (BRS).

On the early morning of September 5, the directors, teachers and staff of the International Office, Phoenix School and Belt and Road School welcomed the new international students at the registration booth. With the help of staff from the International Office, students completed their registration and received a welcome package from leaders of BNU Zhuhai. They posed for photos together in front of the display board of the Phoenix School with their signatures on it. All international students expressed their excitement of being a new members of BNU Zhuhai.



To help these students get familiar with the campus and adjust to the new life at BNU Zhuhai, Phoenix School elaborately organized a series of orientation activities.

The new students visited the library, International Office, Belt and Road



School, dining halls, sports fields and other facilities on campus. They were quite impressed by the beautiful scenery and adequate facilities of the school. After the campus tour, international students had lunch together at the dining hall. The students thanked BNU Zhuhai for the thoughtful and kind arrangements,



and said that they would strive hard to be the bridge of communication between China and their home countries.

At 6 pm, Phoenix School (PHS) held a welcome event at the Teachers' Club at Wen Hua Garden. Directors, teachers,

staff from International Office, Belt and Road School (BRS), and Chinese Language and Culture College were invited. The event was hosted by Li Zhijun, Deputy Dean of PHS. Chen Xi, Dean of PHS; Guo Kanjun, Director of International Office at BNU Zhuhai; and Zhan Mowen, Assistant to the Dean of BRS and Director of the Teaching Affairs Office, were present. Li Zhijun expressed his thanks on behalf of PHS for great support from International Office and Belt and Road School. In the future cultivation and management of international students, International Office, Belt and Road School and Phoenix School will work together to build a triangular service model of foreign affairs, teaching affairs and student affairs.

In 2021, 73 international students from 23 countries in total were enrolled by BNU Zhuhai, including 13 undergraduate students majoring in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages and 60

postgraduate students of BRS, 44 of whom are MBA students and the other 16 are MPA students.

The International Office, Belt and Road School and Phoenix School worked

together to develop a 'Golden Triangle' service model of foreign affairs, teaching affairs and student affairs. In the orientation, the International Office, BRS and Phoenix School collaborated actively, setting the direction,

discussing with each other, focusing on details, and integrating resources efficiently to make sure of the smooth enrollment of international students and provide them with all-round and considerate services.



Belt and Road School Held the Opening Ceremony for Students of 2021

On the afternoon of September 14, 2021, Belt and Road School (BRS) held the opening ceremony for students of 2021.

Guo Kanjun, Director of International Office of BNU Zhuhai; Li Zhijun, Deputy Dean of Phoenix School; Zhang Kunling, Party Branch Secretary of BR; Zhan Mowen, Assistant to the Dean of BRS and Director of Teaching Affairs Office; Chen Jian, Director of Admission Office of BRS; Zhang Jianchen, Director of Integrated Administrative Office; Yang Caimei, Project Manager of Phoenix School; and new students of 2021 attended the opening ceremony. Other international students who study off-campus also participated in the event online. The opening ceremony was



hosted by Zhan Mowen.

Guo Kanjun, Fan Sha, the representative of young teachers of BRS, and other faculty members of BRS extended the warmest welcome and best wishes to the new students. Despite the impact of COVID-19, they will do their best to help new students to adapt to

the new campus life at BNU Zhuhai.

The representatives of new students expressed their happiness for becoming members of BRS family as well as their love for China and Chinese culture. They also expressed that they had confidence for their study in the new term.

BNU Zhuhai Held the Opening Ceremony for 2021 TCSOL International Undergraduate Students



At 3 pm on September 9, 2021, BNU Zhuhai held the opening ceremony for 2021 international undergraduate students, majoring in Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages (TCSOL). Guo Kanjun, Director of International Office at BNU Zhuhai; Li Zhijun, Deputy Dean of Phoenix School; and Ru Shuyuan, Deputy Dean of Chinese Language and Culture College, as well as teachers and staff from the Office, School and College attended the

opening ceremony. All international undergraduate students from five different countries majoring in TCSOL, attended the ceremony.

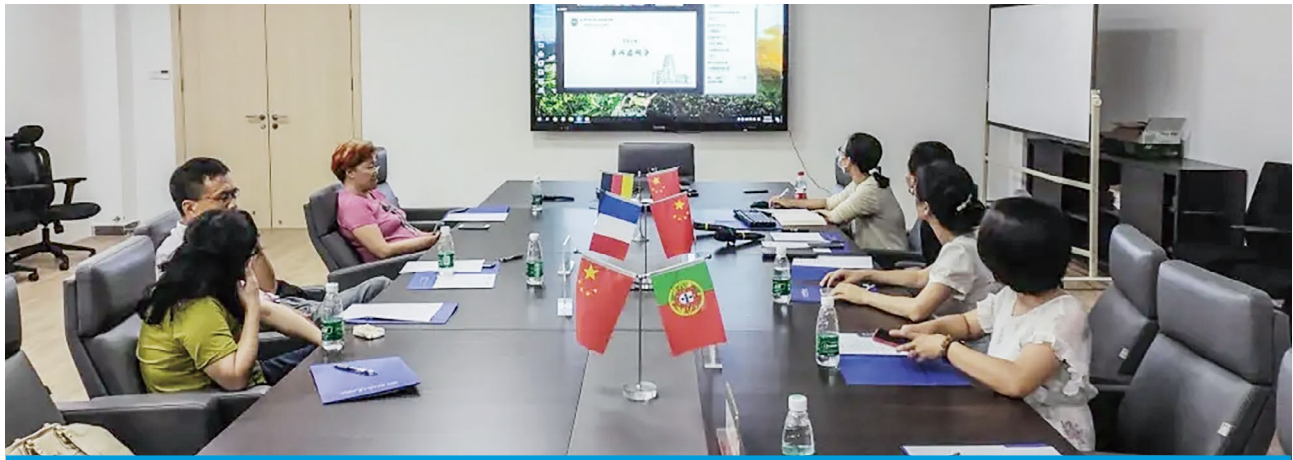
Firstly, Guo Kanjun gave a welcoming speech to the students and introduced the general situation of BNU Zhuhai.

Ru Shuyuan and Li Zhijun, respectively, introduced the management regulations of the Chinese Language

and Culture College and Phoenix School.

Next, Chen Luyao, the representative of teachers, made a speech and extended a warm welcome to the international students. He also encouraged international students to communicate with Chinese students, and to become the ambassador of Chinese culture in their home countries.

This year, BNU enrolled international undergraduate TCSOL students for the first time, attracting many excellent students to apply. One of the very outstanding students, Li Xingsheng, who won the first prize in "Chinese Bridge-Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students" in Thailand, spoke on behalf of the international students of TCSOL. He encouraged his fellow students to work hard and make progress together. The opening ceremony ended with applause.



The Unveiling Ceremony of Beijing Normal University School of Future Design and the International Frontier Forum on Design Education Held

Article source: School of Future Design | Release date: 2021-12-06

On December 6, 2021, the Unveiling Ceremony of Beijing Normal University School of Future Design and the International Frontier Forum on Design Education was successfully held at Zhuhai. Sun Hongpei, Vice Chairman of the University Council of Beijing Normal University (BNU); Wang Shoujun, Vice President of Beijing Normal University and Director of the Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai; Zheng Guomin, Assistant to the BNU President and Provost of BNU Zhuhai and other officials attended the ceremony.

At the ceremony, Wang Shoujun read out the approval of the establishment of the School of Future Design and gave opening remarks. Wang Shoujun introduced the significance of establishing the School of Future Design in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area from the strategic perspective of the university. He stated the establishment of the school was a crucial initiative of Beijing Normal University to focus on the frontier of design discipline development, accelerate the interdisciplinary emergence, and serve national



strategic demands as well as local economic and social development. He expressed his expectations and hoped the School of Future Design could give full play to the advantages of the Greater Bay Area, innovate talent training mode and cultivate high-level innovative design talents.



Sun Hongpei, Vice Chairman of the University Council of Beijing Normal University awarding the Appointment Certificate to Gao Peng, Dean of the School of Future Design.



Sun Hongpei, Vice Chairman of the University Council of Beijing Normal University announcing the appointment of the Dean of the School of Future Design

Gao Peng, Dean of the School of Future Design (SFD) introduced the construction and development of the school. He stated that grounded at the cross-disciplinary research in arts, technology and education, SFD covers three research directions - Design and Future Production and Lifestyle, Art and Technology, and Design and Education. By gathering a group of excellent scholars and experts in the design industry, SFD aims to cultivate students into leading design professionals with innovative design



Remarks by Gao Peng, Dean of the School of Future Design

thinking and the courage to face the challenges of the future.

Zheng Guomin, Assistant to the BNU President and Provost of BNU Zhuhai, announced the member list of SFD First Academic Committee, appointing Tan Ping as the Chair of the Academic Committee and Wang Min,



Zheng Guomin, Assistant to the BNU President and Provost of BNU Zhuhai, announcing the member list of SFD First Academic Committee

Xu Ping, Tony Brown, Li Qi and Miriam Mirolla as members of the Academic Committee.

Wang Min, SFD Academic Committee member said, "Beijing Normal University is a leading university of national education with impressive achievements. In this beautiful campus at Zhuhai, the School of Future Design will explore not only designs for the future but also design education practices facing the future. We believe that the School of Future Design will have a great impact on



Speech by Wang Min, Member of the SFD Academic Committee

China's education and contribute to the development of national education."

Royal College of Art, UK; Politecnico di Milano, Italy; and University for the Creative Arts, UK extended their congratulations to the School of Future Design online and expected to establish deep and broad international cooperation with Beijing Normal University School of Future Design.

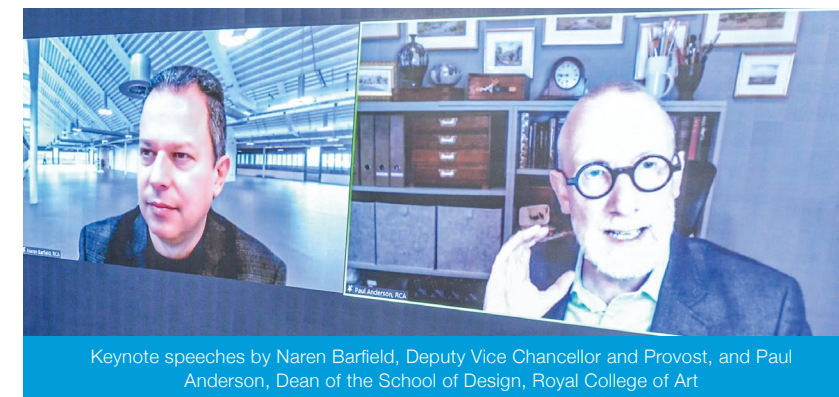
At the end of the ceremony, a piece of good news was released



Appointment certificates awarded to Wang Min, Xu Ping and Tony Brown, members of the SFD Academic Committee by university leaders

by the SFD: in early December, a cooperation agreement was signed by Beijing Normal University School of Future Design and Beijing National Sportswear Ltd. Company aiming to build a Joint Design Laboratory. "Beijing Normal University-TEAM CHINA" co-branded clothing accessories will be released during the 120th anniversary celebration of Beijing Normal University, boosting national brand development with good China's stories.

The International Frontier Forum on Design Education, jointly organized by Beijing Normal University School of Future Design and Royal College of Art, UK kicked off after the unveiling ceremony, lasting for five days. Naren Barfield, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost; Paul Anderson, Dean of the School of Design, Royal College of Art; Gao Peng, Dean of the School of Future Design; and Wang Min, Xu Ping and Tony Brown, members of the SFD Academic Committee made keynote speeches on "What is the future for



Keynote speeches by Naren Barfield, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost, and Paul Anderson, Dean of the School of Design, Royal College of Art



Keynote speeches by Wang Min, Xu Ping, Tony Brown, members of the academic committee of BNU School of Future Design and Gao Peng, Dean of the School of Future Design



Guests from over 30 universities and colleges attended the ceremony and the forum

Design School?" at the forum. Beijing Normal University School of Future Design hopes to strengthen the connections and exchanges between experts and scholars on design education through a series of academic activities with international influence and contribute to the development of China's design education. Leaders and guests from sister universities including Central Academy of Fine Arts, China Academy of Arts and Tongji University as well as representatives from enterprises attended the forum.

Beijing Normal University School of Future Design Welcomed New Graduate Students

In September 2021, 23 graduate students - the first cohort of MFA Program - started their study at the School of Future Design(SFD) , Beijing Normal University(BNU) of Beijing Normal University, embracing a new journey of art and design with a vision of the future.

On the morning of September 11, the opening ceremony of the 2021 graduate students of the SFD of BNU was held in the Art Museum of Yuanbai Building. Wang Shoujun, Standing Committee Member of the Party Committee and Vice President of Beijing Normal University, Director of the Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai; NingShaolin, Deputy Director of the Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai; and Gao Peng, Head of the SFD, attended the ceremony. Tan Ping, the director of the Academic Committee of Future Design Institute, and members Wang Min, Xu Ping, Tony Brown, and Li Qi attended the ceremony online.

At the beginning of the ceremony, Mr. Wang Shoujun delivered a speech. He began by welcoming and congratulating the first class of the SFD. He said, "Beijing Normal University is a school with a long history and will be celebrating its 120th birthday in 2022. BNU aims to become a comprehensive, research-oriented, world-class university with Chinese characteristics and leading teacher education. The four definitions before first-class university represent the

positioning, level, characteristics, and nature of BNU's operation. BNU will build a world-class university in three steps: in the first step, by 2022, when BNU turns 120 years old, a number of disciplines will become world-class disciplines; in the second step, by 2035, BNU will become a world-class university; and in the third step, in 2050, BNU will become the best of the world-class universities."

Mr. Wang Shoujun said that the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area is the most economically dynamic region in China, the most open region, and the region with the most developmental potential among several major bay areas in the world. The construction of the Greater Bay Area and the Belt and Road urgently needs a large number of cross-compound and comprehensive development of high-end professional talents, including creative design talents. Both internationally and domestically, design will play an important role. BNU holds design disciplines with its own advantages and specialties. BNU has many advantageous disciplines, such as literature, history and philosophy, psychology, education, etc. These disciplines can be integrated with the design discipline and together become an important support for the university. However, this is not enough; the university also needs good students and first-class educators. Only when the above points are met can BNU

develop a high level and distinctive design discipline.

The road of study is long and winding, and Mr. Wang Shoujun sends his words to the students: "Great learning makes a teacher; moral integrity makes a model. This is the requirement for all the people of BNU. I hope students can learn something, achieve something, and utilize what they have learned. Not only do they have the ability to stand alone and improve their personality, but they can also promote the social welfare and become 'Phoenix I' students in the Phoenix Valley."

Next, were the speeches by professors of the Academic Committee, Tan Ping is the Chairperson of the Experimental Art Committee of China Artists Association and Director of National Research Center of Contemporary Arts. He served as the Associate Dean of School of Design at Central Academy of Fine Arts and the Vice President of Central Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA).

Gao Peng, head of SFD, BNU, delivered a speech and briefly introduced the current faculty of the school.

At the end of the ceremony, students put on school emblems for each other to officially start the journey of "Learn, so as to instruct others; Act, to serve as example to all." The opening ceremony of the 2021 graduate students of SFD, BNU came to a successful end.

BNU School of National Safety and Emergency Management Established

Article source: School of National Safety and Emergency Management | Release date: 2021-04-13

On April 13, 2021, the School of National Safety and Emergency Management of Beijing Normal University (BNU) was officially established.

BNU is one of the earliest universities to carry out comprehensive research on natural disasters in China. In 2006, a master's degree program in Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Engineering and Protection Engineering was approved to be established. In the same year, the Academy of Disaster Reduction and Emergency Management was jointly established

by the Ministry of Civil Affairs and the Ministry of Education. In 2016, the first-level discipline of master's degree authorization of "Safety Science and Engineering" (the master's degree of "Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Engineering and Protection Engineering" was canceled); In 2019, the Academy of National Security and Development Strategy of Beijing Normal University was founded, and the Academy of Disaster Reduction and Emergency Management was converted to be co-established by the Ministry of Emergency Management

and the Ministry of Education.

According to the "One University, Two Campuses "development strategy of BNU, the School has carried out all-round construction of teaching base and experimental practice facilities on Zhuhai Campus and established a key construction research center and the application consultation window in Beijing campus. All constructions have been carried out as expected. The School will strive to build Emergency Technology and National Safety into first-class major and discipline at the national level within a decade.



Phoenix School Held Launching Ceremony of French Village of Phoenix Language Village

Article source: Phoenix School | Release date: 2021-11-03

On October 30, 2021, the launching ceremony of French Village, the first project of Phoenix Language Village, was held in Nanxi Garden by Phoenix School of Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai). Dedicated to creating a physical space featuring French characteristics and integrating French learning and China-France cultural exchange, Phoenix School provides a visualized and immersive cultural experience to help expand students' international horizon and cultivate their global competence.

Ning Shaolin, Deputy Director of the Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai and Vice President of Beijing Normal University, Zhuhai (BNUZ); Wang Xingang, Principal of Jinfeng Primary School and Jinding Middle School; Andrew Vander Meulen, foreign Principal of Zhuhai International School; and Yin Jie, Chinese Principal of Zhuhai International School, together with other guests including leaders from all administrative departments, schools and colleges, representatives of teachers



and students, attended the ceremony.

Ning Shaolin extended his warm congratulations on the establishment of French Village. He noted that Phoenix Language Village serves as a platform for language learning and cultural exchanges between Chinese and international teachers and students, marking the first step of Phoenix School in deepening the cultivation of the multilingual cultural platform on campus. He looked forward to the further construction and new development of Phoenix Language Village, which would provide strong backup in the cultivation of international talents on BNU Zhuhai campus.



Guo Kanjun, Director of International Office of BNU Zhuhai, delivered her congratulations in French and pointed out that the training of international talents was inseparable from an international language environment. Thus, the establishment of French Village would not only expand students' global vision, intercultural

awareness and communication skills, but also contribute to the cultivation of future teachers with global competence.



Sun Bo, Vice Provost of BNU Zhuhai and Deputy Dean of College of Education for the Future, pointed out that serving as a second classroom for extracurricular activities, Phoenix Language Village will provide complementary "cultivation-oriented education" for the "professional education" of the first classroom, jointly offering high-quality resources to the development of BNU Zhuhai campus, and the building of a national center for the training of excellent teachers, bearing far-reaching significance.

Wang Xingang noted that the launching of Phoenix Language Village would help build a bridge connecting universities, secondary and primary schools. He also hoped that the cooperation among universities, secondary and primary schools will be enhanced by promoting the construction of language-based



optional courses, thus enabling secondary and primary schools to be the bases for cultivating international talents.

Chen Xi, Director of International



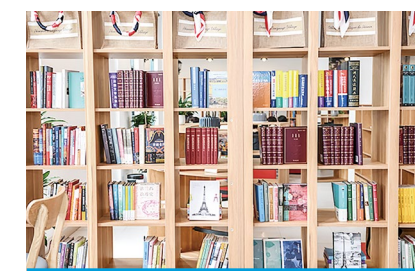
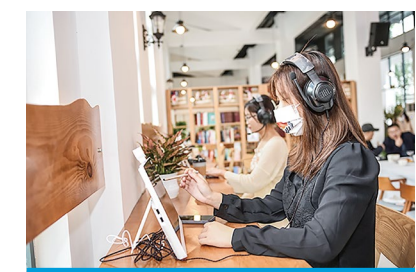
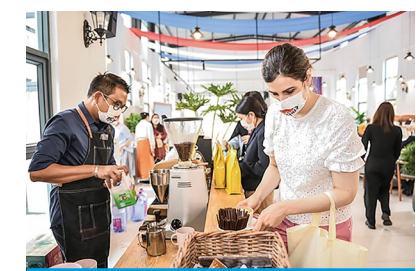
Education Affairs of BNU Zhuhai and Dean of Phoenix School, made the final speech. She expressed her gratitude to all the units that had been supporting the construction of Phoenix Language Village and pointed out that French village is considered to be a pilot ground exemplifying the school's construction principle "high standard, new mechanism, and internationalization." The village will provide an open platform for teachers and students to learn different languages and share cultures and arts to promote the internationalization of BNU Zhuhai.

Afterwards, the guests visited functional areas of the venue and experienced featured activities of French Village, including audio-visual learning, book reading, French salon, coffee-making demonstration, French film screenings, etc. With melodious French music, mellow coffee aroma

and authentic French desserts, French Village officially opened in the cordial conversations of guests.

With the mission of promoting the development of international education on campus and cultivating high-level talents with a global perspective, Phoenix School strives to build Phoenix Language Village at BNU Zhuhai. French Village is the first language village established in the series of Phoenix Language Village project, which will also include the establishment of English, French,

and foods. The construction of the village will be beneficial to promoting the multiculturalism on campus and building a platform of international influence for language learning and cultural transmission.



German, Portuguese, Spanish, Japanese and Arabic units. The village integrates all-round and multi-age teaching, development of ability, guidance for further studies, and cultural exchange, providing teachers and students with a place to achieve a better understanding of diverse cultures, histories, customs, art



BNU School of Future Design Established Strategic Partnership with POLI.Design

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On Nov 15, 2021, the signing ceremony for the establishment of a strategic partnership between the School of Future Design (SFD) of Beijing Normal University (BNU) and POLI.design, founded by Politecnico di Milano, was successfully held online.

Following the principle of mutual benefits, win-win cooperation and mutual development, the two parties established collaboration in areas including a Future Design Innovation Center in China, which aims to provide consultancy and training to executives of design in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) and a specialized master program in Furniture Design. By combining the resources and strengths of China and Italy, both sides will boost the development of innovation and design in the GBA.

Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU, noted that Politecnico di Milano is one of the world's leading universities in the field of creative design. The cooperation between BNU School of Future Design and POLI.design will



Group photo at the Signing Ceremony
Left to right: Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs of BNU

Left to right: Ms. Zhao Jianying;
Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs of BNU Zhuhai;
Wang Shoujun, Vice President of Beijing Normal University;
Gao Peng, Dean of BNU School of Future Design;
Guo Kanjun, Director of International Office of BNU Zhuhai;
and Gong Chengzhao, representative of POLI.design in China.

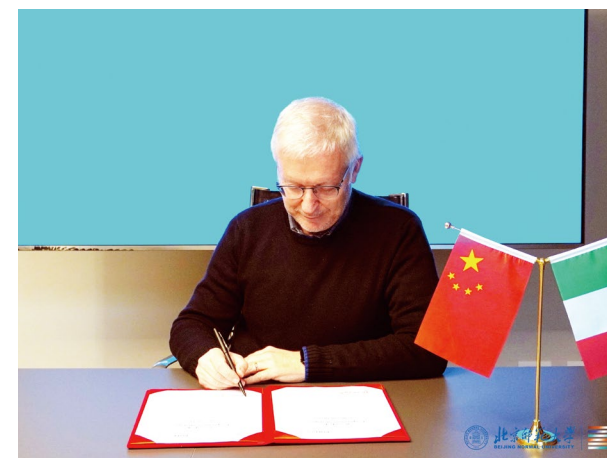
greatly enhance the innovation and development of the GBA.

Francesco Zurlo, President of POLI.design, expressed that it is an honor to

become a strategic partner with SFD, and he hoped that both sides can benefit from future talent cultivation, course sharing, joint research and project cooperation.



Left to right: Francesco Zurlo, President of POLI.design, and Li Ming, Area Manager in China of POLI.design of Politecnico di Milano.



Francesco Zurlo signed the collaborative agreement on behalf of POLI.design of Politecnico di Milano.

The agreement on strategic cooperation was signed by Gao Peng, Dean of BNU School of Future Design, and Francesco Zurlo, which was witnessed by Wang Shoujun, Vice President of Beijing Normal University; Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs of BNU Zhuhai;



Gao Peng signed the collaborative agreement on behalf of BNU, witnessed by Wang Shoujun and Chen Xi.



Group photo at BNU Zhuhai
Left to right: Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs of BNU Zhuhai; Gao Peng, Dean of BNU School of Future Design; Francesco Zurlo, President of POLI.design; Li Ming, Area Manager in China of POLI.design of Politecnico di Milano; Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU; and Guo Kanjun, Director of International Office of BNU Zhuhai.

and Li Ming, Area Manager in China of POLI.design of Politecnico di Milano. Other guests who attended the signing ceremony included Guo Kanjun, Director of International Office of BNU Zhuhai; Gong Chengzhao, representative of POLI.design in China; and Ms. Zhao Jianying.

About POLI.design of Politecnico di Milano

Politecnico di Milano is a renowned European university located in Italy, the international design center. POLI.design has a global reputation in the design field for its furniture design, interior design, landscape design and fashion design. In 2021 QS World University Ranking, Politecnico ranks first in Italy and fifth in the world for its art and design program. Politecnico promotes a constant reflection on its mission, its role, and its contribution to society with the ambition of pursuing the social, economic and environmental sustainability of its activities.

Delegation of Macau University of Science and Technology Visited BNU Zhuhai and Signed the Cooperation Agreement

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On the afternoon of December 17, 2021, Vice President Tang Jiale and Vice President Jiang Zhihong of Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) visited BNU Zhuhai and signed a cooperation agreement. The guests attending the signing ceremony were Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU and Director of Administrative Committee, BNU Zhuhai; Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs of BNU Zhuhai, Director of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center, etc.

Wang Shoujun welcomed Tang Jiale and his delegation and introduced the history, discipline layout and future development of BNU Zhuhai. He pointed out that BNU Zhuhai, based in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), adheres to the principle of "High Standards, New Mechanisms and Internationalization" to explore a new path for the substantive development of higher education. BNU Zhuhai and MUST are both



members of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance. They have a foundation for early cooperation in student training, joint scientific research, cultural exchanges, laboratory sharing and other aspects. In the future, BNU Zhuhai will carry out cooperation with MUST in more dimensions and at deeper levels to promote the improvement of the educational level of both sides and jointly contribute to the development of the Greater Bay Area. The educational advantages of the two universities will be leveraged to jointly promote the integrated

development of Zhuhai-Macao higher education and promote international technological innovation in the GBA.

Tang Jiale pointed out that in the future, MUST will continue to strengthen and expand exchanges and cooperation with universities in the Greater Bay Area. It will integrate existing resources, reorganize engineering disciplines, focus on the development of interdisciplinary fields such as engineering, health, humanities and arts, and at the same time, promote the transformation of industry-university-research and accelerate the



industrial upgrading to match with the blue print of Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. He expressed the hope that through this cooperation, MUST and BNU can complement each other in resources and strengthen cooperation and

mutual development in humanities, historical studies, health, financial technology and other fields in the future.

Jiang Zhihong said that in response to the call of the Macao SAR

government, MUST has actively strengthened the transformation of achievements. At present, the university has implemented many achievements in the fields of traditional Chinese medicine, artificial intelligence, new materials and so on. In the future, they hope to have in-depth exchanges with BNU in the interdisciplinary fields.

After the meeting, the two sides signed a cooperation agreement. Following that, the guests attended the Jingshi Phoenix Forum (2021) and communicated with leaders of the Advanced Institute of Natural Sciences, the Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, and the School of Future Design to discuss specific cooperation content.



Delegation of Zhuhai Foreign Affairs Office Visited BNU Zhuhai

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On November 15, 2021, in order to thoroughly implement Xi Jinping's thought on diplomacy of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era and promote high-quality joint construction of "Belt and Road," Zhang Ting, Deputy Director of Zhuhai Foreign Affairs Office, and his team came to BNU Zhuhai for investigation and instruction to learn about work related to international students. Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs of BNU Zhuhai, and some other staff had a talk with the guests.

Chen Xi extended her gratitude towards the Zhuhai Foreign Affairs Office for their supportive assistance in constructing BNU Zhuhai and the transformation of BNUZ. She said that internationalization has always been an integrated part of constructing BNU into a "comprehensive, research-oriented, world class university with Chinese characteristics and leading teacher education." She hoped to cultivate international students who understand and love BNU Zhuhai as well as China, and carry out educational exchange and collaboration through strengthening cooperation between the government and the school. Then, Guo Kanjun, Director of the International Office at BNU Zhuhai gave a detailed report on the enrollment, cultivation, management and service of international students at BNU Zhuhai. She said that cultivating outstanding international students who have both top-notch

professional qualities and the ability to communicate with China and the world is the university's consistent principles of international talent cultivation. Meanwhile, BNU Zhuhai will make continuous efforts to build a people-to-people bridge between China and the world and to promote the construction of a human community with a shared future.

At the meeting, Zhang Ting reviewed the cooperation foundation between Zhuhai Foreign Affairs Office and BNU Zhuhai, and hoped to take this chance to explore further opportunities for cooperation between the two sides in various aspects such as carrying out

international education programmes, offering services for foreigners in Zhuhai, and promoting construction of Zhuhai special international zone. He said Zhuhai Foreign Affairs Office will continue to support the development and construction of the Zhuhai Campus and will continue to work together with the university for the long-term development of Zhuhai.

Liu Lanmin, Director of Undergraduate Department of Chinese Language and Culture College; Zhan Mowen, Assistant to the Dean of Belt and Road School and Director of the Teaching Affairs Office; and relevant staff attended the meeting.



Zhuhai Foreign Affairs Office :

Zhuhai Foreign Affairs Office is mainly responsible for organizing and receiving important foreign visitors and foreign diplomats engaged in official affairs in China; undertaking foreign exchanges of the municipal leaders; coordinating and participating in major foreign-related affairs in Zhuhai; and providing relevant services for foreigners in Zhuhai.

Deng Weiqiang, Vice President of Patriotic Education General Association of Macao Visited BNU Zhuhai

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On October 28, 2021, Dr. Deng Weiqiang, Vice President of Patriotic Education General Association of Macao and Director of the Doctoral Think Tank Committee, visited BNU Zhuhai to discuss cooperation matters. Zhang Xianbin, Vice Chairperson of the University Council, BNU Zhuhai, and Chen Xi, Director of the International Education Affairs of BNU Zhuhai met the guests in A305, Muduo Building. Heads of relevant departments of BNU Zhuhai also participated in the talk.

Chen Xi welcomed Deng Weiqiang's arrival. Guo Kanjun, Director of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs briefly introduced BNU Zhuhai from the aspects of its history, construction, talent cultivation,

scientific research and social services. She emphasized the efforts BNU makes to help the development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

Deng Weiqiang introduced that the Doctoral Think Tank Committee of Patriotic Education General Association of Macao, founded in 2016, is a comprehensive and high-end think tank in the interdisciplinary field with doctors (and post-doctors) from home and abroad as its main members. Under the leadership of its academic guidance unit (the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences) its mission is to serve Macao and the Chinese mainland with high-end wisdom.

The attendees of BNU Zhuhai

introduced each unit respectively and the current cooperation results with Macao, and also expressed the hope to further expand exchanges and cooperation with Macao in various fields through multiple channels.

The meeting was concluded with a speech by Zhang Xianbin. He said that the Patriotic Education General Association of Macao represented people from Macao's government, business, and academic circles who love China and Macao. He hoped that the two sides could complement each other, share resources and coordinate accurately, so as to jointly help BNU Zhuhai serve the construction of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and Guangdong-Macao In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin.



Delegation of University of Macau Visited BNU Zhuhai

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On November 25, 2021, a delegation of 3 members, including Acting Director of the Global Affairs Department of the University of Macau (UM), and Li Mingyuan, Vice President of Institute of Chinese Medical Sciences visited BNU Zhuhai. Guo Kanjun, Director of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs; Liu Jinglin, Vice Director of the Advanced Institute of Natural Sciences; and Qiu Yue, Vice Director of the Office of Hong Kong,



Macao and Taiwan Affairs, met with the guests. Both sides had an in-depth discussion.

Guo Kanjun introduced the construction, development plan, and talent promotion features of BNU Zhuhai. BNU Zhuhai is an important part of Beijing Normal University's efforts to build itself into a comprehensive, research-oriented and world-class university with Chinese characteristics and leading

teacher education. It is a southern campus of the same level as Beijing Campus, built in accordance with the university's development strategy of "One University, Two Campuses" and the principle of "High Standard, New Mechanism and Internationalization". BNU Zhuhai will give full play to the strengths of BNU in disciplines and specialties, and take complementary advantage of its unique geographical position of being adjacent to Hong Kong and Macao to serve the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

Guo Kanjun said that the high-level cooperation between Zhuhai-Macao education is one of the development priorities of the university's strategic plan. BNU Zhuhai values the

achievements of collaboration with UM and hopes to further deepen the partnership between the two universities through mutual visits between teachers and students, scientific research cooperation, and cultural exchanges.

Wang Ruibing said that UM and BNU have been carrying out various exchanges and interchange in recent years. He hoped that the two sides could combine their discipline superiority, education experience, and the shared geographical advantage of being in the GBA, and strengthen exchanges and cooperation in the aspects of education and scientific research, so as to promote the depth of synergy and development of Zhuhai and Macao.



Professor Zhou Jian of BNU Zhuhai Awarded the 2021 Major Project of the National Social Science Fund of China

Article source: Center for Linguistic Sciences, Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences | Release date: 2021-12-07

On December 6, 2021, the National Office for Philosophy and Social Sciences announced the list of major projects of the National Social Science Fund of China for the year 2021. The project of Professor Zhou Jian from the Center for Linguistic Sciences of the Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences was on the final list.

The project is titled "Research on the Construction and Theoretical Innovation of Chinese Lexicography in the Context of East-West Communication," and Professor Zhou

Jian is the chief expert. The project aims to summarize the pros and cons of traditional Chinese language research, analyze the influence of Western language theories on Chinese language research since modern times, and develop an innovative path of Chinese characteristics in the construction of Chinese lexicography theory. Guided by the rationale of tradition inheritance, learning from the West, and independent innovation, the project aims to establish a lexical theory that is consistent with the characteristics of Chinese vocabulary through the study of Chinese lexical

research materials, and to improve the discipline system of Chinese linguistics. At the same time, the findings of the project can serve the teaching of Chinese vocabulary, and have important practical significance and social application value in the fields of language acquisition, natural language information processing, machine translation, and artificial intelligence, etc. It is also important for enhancing the voice of Chinese vocabulary research in international lexicographic theories and strengthening the language confidence of Chinese people.



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2021 Frontier Forum on Interdisciplinary Science and Technology Held Successfully

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From November 23 to 25, 2021, the Frontier Forum on Interdisciplinary Science and Technology was held at BNU Zhuhai. The Forum was jointly sponsored by Zhuhai Science and Technology Innovation Bureau and co-sponsored by the Advanced Institute of Natural Science (AINS); BNU, the Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, BNU; the International Office and the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of BNU Zhuhai. The Interdisciplinary Frontier Forum set up a main forum, 13 sub-forums, postdoctoral academic salons and poster exhibitions to promote the interdisciplinary integration and application of natural sciences, humanities and social sciences in a way that combines online and offline formats. The Innovation magazine provided academic support for the Forum.



At the opening ceremony, held on the morning of 24 November, Wei Wei, Chairperson of the University Council, BNU Zhuhai; Tian Hua, Deputy Director of Zhuhai Science and Technology Innovation Bureau; Jiang Zhihong, Vice President of Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST); and Guo Aike, chairman of the forum and academican of the Chinese Academy of Sciences gave opening comments. Six Academicians of Chinese Academy of Sciences and

Chinese Academy of Engineering, including Dai Yangjiu, Fang Weihai, Guo Aike, He Hong, Ouyang Xiaoping, Tang Tao, dozens of Distinguished Young Scholars, and more than 10 experts and scholars from more than ten disciplines gathered to listen to the keynote reports of 10 experts in natural sciences, humanities and social sciences.



The opening ceremony was jointly presided over by Liu Jingling, Vice President of AINS; Di Zengru, Director of the Academic Committee of AINS; and Liu Wenbin, Director of the Evaluation and Research Center of BNU.

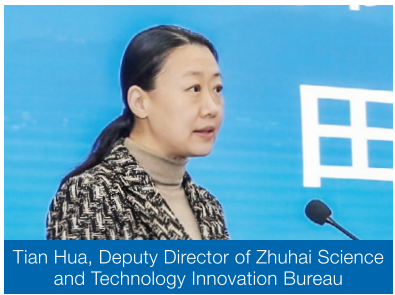


He Hong, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering; Dai Yongjiu and Fang Weihai, Academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences; Gao Bingzhong, a Yangtze River Scholar; Jiang Zhihong, Mak Bihan, Zhang Changsheng, and Wang Zuoren, winners of the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars; Luo Rend, Academician of Australian Academy of the Humanities; and Tang Yong of South China Normal University, made keynote reports, respectively.



Wei Wei said that the BNU Zhuhai current interdisciplinary integration is the trend of the times, which has attracted attention worldwide, but opportunities and challenges coexist. The Interdisciplinary Frontier Forum of BNU Zhuhai conforms to the trend of the times, faces to the future, and promotes the construction of cross-research platforms and the cultivation of cross-composite innovative talents from the perspective of foresight so as to serve the national strategic needs with the integration of disciplines. BNU Zhuhai will rely on the discipline advantages of BNU, make full use of the unique advantages and innovative atmosphere adjacent to Hong Kong and Macao, face the frontier of disciplines, carry out original, visionary, interdisciplinary scientific research, strive to speed up the pace of construction, and gradually develop into a first-class research and industrial incubation base with international competitiveness so as

to make positive contributions to the economic and social development of Zhuhai and Guangdong Province.



Tian Hua pointed out that as an important node city of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), the development of Zhuhai needs talent and intellectual support. Zhuhai will continue to optimize and improve the scientific and technological innovation policy system, issue various supporting policies, create a good policy environment for innovation and development, and provide institutional guarantees. She welcomes all experts and scholars to stay in Zhuhai to realize the co-construction of the city and multi-disciplinary industry, university and research.



Jiang Zhihong said that interdisciplinary disciplines are not only a general trend of scientific research, but also the source and driving force of a new discipline, new technology and new products. Interdisciplinary disciplines are very important to the development of universities and the GBA, and MUST

is also actively promoting relevant research. It is hoped that MUST and BNU will jointly hold a frontier forum on interdisciplinary disciplines in the future.

Guo Aike believes that the forum has adapted to the development trend of the history of science. We are in the era of great development—intersection and integration of contemporary science and technology, and material science,



information science and intelligent science are illuminating each other. The essence of science is to explore the way from the creation of the universe to the derivation of intelligence, from creating something out of nothing to three lives and all things of creation. Therefore, interdisciplinary sciences of today are to advance the micro and macro approaches in a deep and broad environment.

The Interdisciplinary Frontier Forum of BNU will be held annually to follow the path of "interdisciplinary and integrated development." Through scientific research and scientific and technological innovation, based on the international frontier and serving Zhuhai along with radiating the GBA, it aims to jointly build an open and cooperative platform for academic innovation, explore new ways to solve global problems, and meet the innovation strategy challenges of the time.

2021 BNU Phoenix Forum Held at BNU Zhuhai

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On December 17, 2021, the 2021 BNU Phoenix Forum themed with "Global Symbiosis: Education for the Future," was held at BNU Zhuhai. Under the guidance of the Department of International Cooperation and Exchange (Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs) of the Ministry of Education, the forum was organized by Phoenix School of BNU. Representatives from the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region; Guangdong Education Association for International Exchange; Zhuhai National Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone Administrative Committee; Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Primary and Secondary School Principals' Association; and kindergartens, primary and secondary schools in the Greater Bay Area, as well as representatives and guests from more than 10 universities attended the forum. The forum was focused on the topic of "Building a Global Talent Center and Innovation Highland in Guangdong-Hong Kong-

Macao Greater Bay Area."

In the morning of December 17th, Xu Yongji, Deputy Director of the Department of International Cooperation and Exchange and Executive Deputy Director of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs, Ministry of Education; Yu Yougen, Deputy Secretary General of the China Education Association for International Exchange; and Li Jinjun, Director of Exchange and Cooperation Department of Department of Education of Guangdong Province, delivered video addresses at the opening ceremony. Zheng Hongguang, Vice President of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Primary and Secondary School Principals' Association and Director of the Chinese Educators Association of Macau; Lin Zhijun, Vice President of Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), and Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU and Director of the Administrative

Committee of BNU Zhuhai, attended the opening ceremony and delivered speeches. The opening ceremony was hosted by Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs of BNU Zhuhai and Dean of Phoenix School. In his speech, Xu Yongji noted that the Ministry of Education attached great importance to, and showed



great support to, the development of education cooperation in the Greater Bay Area. With its focus on "Building a Global Talent Center and Innovation Highland in Guangdong-Hong Kong-

Macao Greater Bay Area," the forum was highly relevant to two key factors of the current national development strategy: talent and innovation. In this regard, Xu Yongji put forward three suggestions: firstly, cultivate top-notch innovative talent that meets the needs of national development while enhancing the national identity and national pride of young people in Hong Kong and Macao. Secondly, shoulder the responsibility by strengthening collaborative innovation. Thirdly, seize the opportunity and stay committed to the opening-up and cooperation. In closing, he hoped that Beijing Normal University would give full play to its discipline strengths and advantages of "One University, Two Campuses" to make greater contributions to the building of the Greater Bay Area into a high-level talent and innovation highland.

Yu Yougen pointed out that the Greater Bay Area, as one of China's most vibrant economic regions with the highest level of opening-up, had taken on great strategic importance to the overall national development. Higher



education shouldered the important task of training and reserving talent for the international first-class bay area and world-class city cluster. The Association would work with various educational institutions at all levels in the Greater Bay Area to make new and

greater contributions with the aim of promoting the collaborative development of education, and to create a prominent area for education opening up to the world in the new era.



Li Jinjun said in his address that it was vital for BNU Zhuhai to fully leverage the strengths of the Greater Bay Area to pool talent, and to speed up the establishment of its competitive advantages in human resources so as to provide talent guarantees, and scientific and technological innovation support to the development of the Greater Bay Area. The Department of Education of Guangdong Province has shown great support to BNU Zhuhai to give full play to its advantages of educational resources, double the efforts of cooperation and exchanges with universities in Hong Kong and Macao to realize the overall improvement of education and talent training quality in the Greater Bay Area, as well as build a high-level talent eminent locale.

Zheng Hongguang stated that BNU is the top university for the training of excellent teachers in China, where many heads and outstanding teachers of Macao's basic education institutes graduated from. In the first year since its establishment, Phoenix School has been actively developing featured professional courses

while vigorously carrying out special high-quality international education projects. The School has been significant in giving full play to the leading role of BNU in the



high-quality development of basic education and serving the education of the Greater Bay Area in a deeper and broader scope.



Lin Zhijun introduced the efforts made by MUST in deepening the innovation cooperation among the Greater Bay Area, building a regional collaborative innovation community with open and integrated development, and responding to the national development strategy for the construction of the Greater Bay Area. He pointed out that in the 21 years since its establishment, MUST had made great strides in various fields which have been well recognized by the community. MUST will continue to actively carry out cooperation in science and technology innovation in order to better integrate into the overall development of the Greater Bay Area.



Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU

According to Wang Shoujun, it has always been the mission of BNU to promote educational exchanges and cooperation in the new era. Guided by the development strategy of "One University, Two Campuses," BNU Zhuhai has adhered to the principle of "High Standard, New Mechanism and Internationalization" to explore new paths for higher education development by leveraging the platforms of the Greater Bay Area. In recent years, BNU Zhuhai has established Phoenix School and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center, actively strengthened scientific research cooperation with universities in the Greater Bay Area, and also participated in the development of the Guangdong-

Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance to provide a platform for the cooperation of disciplines and specialties among universities in the Greater Bay Area. Educational exchanges and cooperation needed to be underpinned by high-level professionals and educational innovation. BNU Zhuhai will fully leverage its advantages in education and promote the organic connection of the education chain, talent chain and innovation chain so that the fundamental, holistic and pioneering role of education can be fully unleashed in the process of modernization.

After the opening ceremony, Prof. Yu Shiyong, President of the Guangzhou Nanfang College; Prof. Chao Qiuling, Chairperson of the University Council and Vice President of the Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University; Prof. Chen Hongjie, Graduate School of Education, Peking University; Prof. Li Shengbing, Dean of School of Education, and Executive Director of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao

Greater Bay Area, SCNU; Prof. Wang Xiumei, College for Criminal Law Science and Law School, BNU; Prof. Mark Ginsberg, Provost and Executive Vice President of George Mason University (online); and Prof. Hong Chengwen, Executive Vice President of the National Institute for Educational Testing and Research at BNU, delivered keynote speeches for the forum.

The roundtable of the forum was held in the afternoon. Experts and scholars from the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of Zhuhai; Guangdong Education Association for International Exchange; Zhuhai National Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone Administrative Committee; primary and secondary schools and kindergartens in the Greater Bay Area; as well as more than 10 universities, conducted in-depth discussions concerning the issues of "Global Symbiosis: Education for the Future" and "Building a Global Talent Center and Innovation Highland in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area"



The 3rd Jing Shi Belt and Road Forum Held at BNU Zhuhai

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The 3rd Jing Shi Belt and Road Forum organized by Belt and Road School of BNU, and supported by the Xinhua Institute, was held at BNU Zhuhai on December 18, 2021.

The Forum took "Advancing High-Quality Belt and Road Cooperation: Promoting the Development of Guangdong-Macao In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin" as the theme. Nearly 100 renowned experts, scholars, and entrepreneurs across the nation attended the forum.

Wang Shoujun, Vice President and Member of the Standing Committee of the Beijing Normal University (BNU) Party Committee and Dean of Belt and Road School (BRS) addressed the opening ceremony. He pointed out that BRS has cultivated batches of outstanding talents who know and are friendly to China. In recent years, BRS has made a number of marked theoretical achievements and supported the central government

and relevant departments in decision-making. Besides, BRS has carried out cultural exchanges to actively promote "the Spread of Excellent Chinese Culture," which has contributed to a common aspiration and broadened cooperation among the Belt and Road countries.



Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU

Wang Shoujun emphasized that BNU is willing to give full play to its social service function, build a university-enterprise cooperation platform, and jointly explore modes and ways of the cooperation to support enterprises for participating in the Belt and Road Initiative by cultivating needed talents.

Yang Liu, Deputy Director of the Think Tank Office of Xinhua Institute, put forward three proposals on the Belt and Road construction in the opening speech: first, strengthen Think Tank research to promote the high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative; second, improve publicity to tell vivid stories about the Belt and Road; and third, deepen people-to-people exchanges along the Belt and Road.

Three Distinguished Professors of BRS: Zlatko Lagumdžija, former Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Djoomart Otorbaev, former Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan; Grzegorz W. Kolodko, former Deputy Premier and Minister of finance of Poland; and one special guest: Hermann Simon, Honorary President of Hermann Simon Business School and founder of the concept of "Hidden Champions," congratulated the forum and delivered addresses online.

After the opening ceremony, nine experts and scholars from the government, renowned universities and research institutes made keynote speeches respectively, offering opinions and suggestions from multiple aspects on key issues of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Jiang Yaoping, former Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce, reviewed the



Zlatko Lagumdžija, former Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina (upper left); Džoomart Otorbaev, former Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan (upper right); Grzegorz W. Kolodko, former Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance of Poland (lower left); Hermann Simon, Honorary President of Hermann Simon Business School and founder of the concept of "Hidden Champions" (lower right).

achievements of China-ASEAN trade in the past 30 years in his speech. He mentioned that in 2020, the total bilateral trade between China and ASEAN accounted for 14.7% of China's total foreign trade. ASEAN surpassed the European Union to become China's



Jiang Yaoping, former Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce

largest trading partner for the first time. Jiang Yaoping believes that this is the achievement due to China upholding the principles of "extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits," and a proof of China's excellent strategic vision and determination.

Zhao Ai, Vice-chairman and Secretary General of China Society of Economic Reform, elaborated his views on how entrepreneurs can participate in the Belt and Road Initiative and the construction of Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone

in Hengqin. Zhao Ai believes that as enterprises participate in the Belt and Road Initiative, they must make firm and good moves by paying attention to financial issues, avoiding risks, and fulfilling social responsibilities. He pointed out that the construction



Zhao Ai, Vice-chairman and Secretary General of China Society of Economic Reform

of Guangdong-Macao In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin has provided Macao with room for significant economic growth, better integrated Macao into China's overall development, better promoted the construction of the Greater Bay Area, and reflected the "One Country, Two Systems" principle.

On the afternoon of December 18, three seminars focusing on "New Situation and New Task for High-quality Belt and Road Initiative," "Belt and Road Initiative and the development of Guangdong-

Macao In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin," and "Specialized, Refined, Differentiated, and Innovative SMEs and Enterprises 'Going out' in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative" had been conducted.

Prof. Hu Biliang, Executive Dean of BRS, said that under the current new situation, the Belt and Road initiative shall undertake new missions: first, firmly support the protection of people's



Prof. Hu Biliang, Executive Dean of BRS

lives and health; second, effectively support a good response to climate change and a green transformation; third, provide new instruments for upholding multilateralism and further promoting economic globalization; and fourth, provide new opportunities for global poverty reduction.

At the forum, BRS shared its research findings on the measurement and evaluation of comprehensive development levels of the Belt and Road countries. Dr. Zhang Kunling, from BRS, gave a detailed introduction to the overall characteristics and main issues of the Belt and Road countries at the current developmental stages, and pointed out that the Belt and Road Initiative will focus on energy cooperation, industrial cooperation and green development cooperation in the future.

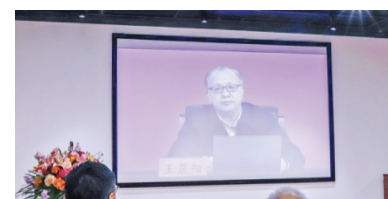
The three seminars were hosted by Associate Prof. Liu Qian, Vice Dean of BRS; Wan Zhe, Research Fellow of BRS; and Lin Huichun, Director of the Training Department of BRS, respectively.

The First Beijing Normal University Intangible Cultural Heritage Annual Forum Successfully Held at BNU Zhuhai

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On December 11, 2021, the first Beijing Normal University Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Annual Forum, "The Chinese Practices of ICH Preservation - A Reassessment and Prospect," was opened at BNU Zhuhai. The forum was hosted by the Research and Development Center for Intangible Cultural Heritage of Beijing Normal University (BNU ICH Center). The forum aimed to review the practice of ICH protection in China over the past 20 years and discuss in depth the major issues of ICH protection, conservation, inheritance, popularization, promotion, and revitalization, to provide valuable references for the development of ICH in China.

More than 70 experts and scholars attended the forum online or offline,



Wang Chenyang, Director of the Department of Intangible Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture and Tourism



including Wang Chenyang, Director of the Department of Intangible Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Culture and Tourism; Wang Fuzhou, Director of the China Intangible Cultural Heritage Protection Center; Liu Kuili, honorary member of the Chinese Academy

of Social Sciences and honorary president of the Chinese Folklore Society; Ma Guoqing, Vice President of the Minzu University of China; and Prof. Zhou Daming, School of Sociology & Anthropology at Sun Yat-sen University, etc.

Zhang Mingyuan, Executive Director of BNU ICH Center, hosted the unveiling ceremony. Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU and Director of the Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai, delivered a welcome speech. He pointed out that the Party and the government highly value conserving China's intangible cultural



Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU

heritage, and it is the responsibility and opportunity of universities to participate in its preservation. BNU has the disciplinary advantage of folklore, and the Research and Development Center for Intangible Cultural Heritage plays its role at the right time. An Deming, Vice Director of the Institute of Literature, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and Song Junhua, Director of the Chinese Intangible Cultural Heritage Research Center at Sun Yat-sen University, also delivered speeches.

Prof. Gao Bingzhong, Director of the Academic Committee of the Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences of BNU; Prof. Zhou Daming, School of Sociology and Anthropology at Sun Yat-sen University; Prof. Seyin, the Research and Development Center for Intangible Cultural Heritage at BNU; Zhao Haiwei, Director of Zhuhai Intangible Cultural Heritage Protection Center; and Wang Jian, Vice President of Zhuhai Education Research Institute, inaugurated the BNU Zhuhai Human Intangible Cultural Heritage Research and Development Base, a key research base for humanities and social



Prof. Gao Bingzhong



Prof. Seyin

sciences of universities in Guangdong Province.

The forum consisted of ten keynote speeches and four parallel sessions. Prof. Seyin and Prof. Chen Huawen hosted the keynote speeches. Ten renowned scholars in the ICH field, including Wang Chenyang, Wang Fuzhou, Zhou Daming, Ma Guoqing, Zhang Mingyuan, Yang Lihui, Wang Xiaokui, Liu Xiaochun, Xiao Fang, and Gao Bingzhong, presented their



Prof. Zhou Daming



Prof. Zhang Mingyuan

theoretical exploration, case analysis, and summaries on practice on ICH protection from multiple perspectives. More than 50 scholars presented their research in parallel sessions on various ICH-related issues.

The forum closed in the morning of December 12th with a speech entitled, "Theoretical Care for Protecting Intangible Cultural Heritage" delivered by Liu Kuili. Prof. Seyin gave the concluding speech of the forum.



The “Language and Culture” Project Completed at BNU Zhuhai

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Between December 19 and 24, 2021, the “Language and Culture” project between the Beijing Normal University (BNU) and the University of Macau (UM) was successfully completed at Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai). This project, which lasted for 6 days, was funded by the Exchange Program of the Ministry of Education (MOE) for primary, secondary and university teachers and students in Hong Kong and Macau (Ten Thousand Talents Program) and was hosted by the Center for Linguistic Sciences (CLS) of BNU. A total of 16 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students and an assistant professor from the Faculty of Education, UM were invited to visit BNU Zhuhai. The project was featured by the theme of “Language and Culture,” giving full play to the geographical advantages of BNU Zhuhai and UM in the Greater Bay Area and making full use of the strengths of teacher education disciplines of the two universities along with the abundant languages education resources to promote in-



depth communication between the two universities.

The opening ceremony of the project, held on December 19, was presided over by Dr. Qiu Yue, Deputy Director of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs, BNU Zhuhai. Wei Wei, Vice-Chairperson of the Macao-Zhuhai Talent Development Promotion Association, and Chairperson of the

University Council, BNU Zhuhai; Dr. Gong Yang, Faculty of Education, UM; members of the project team of CLS; and visiting students from the University of Macau attended the event. Wei Wei delivered a welcome speech for the ceremony on behalf of BNU Zhuhai. She pointed out that BNU and UM had a long, friendly and cooperative relationship and she hoped this project would strengthen



teachers' and students' identities as co-builders of the culture in the Greater Bay Area.

During the visit, the teacher and students from the Faculty of Education of UM attended academic lectures and held discussions with professors and doctoral students of CLS, centered around the theme of "language and culture." Prof. Randy LaPolla delivered a lecture on language and culture, explaining the relationship between language and culture through a series of interesting examples. Prof. Zhou Jian from CLS gave a talk on the topic of the language in Macau from both historical and contemporary perspectives. Members of the Greater-Bay-Area Multilingual Resources Database project introduced the project to the students and invited them to participate in the construction of the phonetic database. Members of the Putonghua Materials Development project introduced the design and rationale of a series of culture-based

Putonghua textbooks developed for primary students in Macau and shared their experience of Putonghua testing.

Apart from academic study, students from the Faculty of Education of UM also participated in a series of cultural experience activities, including appreciating porcelain exhibitions and shadow plays at the Center for Intangible Cultural Heritage at BNU Zhuhai and visiting Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, Kingsoft Corporation Limited,



Huitong Ancient Village and Jinfeng Primary School. Through these visits, students had a better understanding of the culture of Zhuhai as well as the development of the Greater Bay Area.

The closing ceremony of the project was held on December 24. Students demonstrated what they had learned during the visit through self-made videos and shared their feelings and thoughts with the audience. Prof. Fu Ailan, Director of CLS, Chief Designer of the project, spoke highly of the students' articulation, critical thinking skills and cooperation skills. She hoped that this project would strengthen students' bonds with our country and enhance their cultural confidence. She said that the project is a commencement for cooperation and hoped to strengthen future cooperation and explore the basic education resources of the Greater Bay Area with the Faculty of Education of UM. Dr. Gong Yang from UM expressed gratitude to BNU Zhuhai and pointed out that this project had broadened students' horizons and helped them understand the role of Macao from the perspective of the national plan. Finally, Prof. Fu Ailan, Prof. Randy LaPolla and Dr. Gong Yang awarded certificates of Completion of Study to the students, and the 6-day visit ended successfully.

"Construction, Annotation, and Analysis of the Multilingual Phonetic Database of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area" Project Completed

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Between December 18 and 28, 2021, the online training program "Construction, Annotation, and Analysis of the Multilingual Phonetic Database of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA)" was completed successfully at BNU Zhuhai. This project was funded by the Exchange Program of the Ministry of Education (MOE) for primary, secondary, and university teachers and students in Hong Kong and Macao (Ten Thousand Talents Program), and was hosted by the Center for Linguistic Sciences (CLS) of BNU Zhuhai. The purpose of the project is to provide opportunities for mainland and Hong Kong university students who are interested in experimental phonetics to learn the basic skills of the construction, annotation, and analysis of phonetic databases through a two-week training and practice course, which is expected to promote the development of the multilingual phonetic database of the GBA

The project was intended to be a training course on campus but shifted to an online training mode due to the pandemic. To ensure the quality of the training course, CLS invited Prof. Ran Qibin and Ms. Liang Yuzhu from Nankai University (NKU), and



Prof. Jia Yuan and Dr. Long Congjun, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) to be the tutors of the course. In total, 11 undergraduate and postgraduate students from the Education University of Hong Kong (EDUHK) and 9 postgraduate students from CASS attended the course. During the 11-day training, the six tutors demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility and patience, and the students showed a high level of curiosity and diligence. Both tutors and students overcame all kinds of difficulties and completed the training course for collection, annotation, and analysis of Putonghua, Cantonese, and English phonetic data with high quality. This has accumulated experience for the smooth implementation of future online projects of the Ten Thousand Talents Program.

The closing ceremony of the project

was presided over by Prof. Fu Ailan from CLS on the morning of December 28. Five students reported their study outcomes and learning experience. Three tutors shared their thoughts about the course and showed appreciation of the diligence of the students. Dr. Cheung Linhong, on behalf of the EDUHK, gave full recognition for the outcome of the project, emphasized the academic, educational and social values of the project, and expressed hopes of further cooperation in the future. Prof. Huang Xing, on behalf of CLS, expressed gratitude for the contributions of both the tutors and students, and he looked forward to the involvement of more teachers and students in the development of language resources in the Greater Bay Area. In the end, Prof. Fu Ailan issued certificates of Completion of Study to the students and gave congratulations to them.

Consultation Between Chinese and Foreign Scholars Promotes Globalization Development -Inauguration Ceremony of the Research Institute for Globalization and Cultural Development Strategies of Beijing Normal University Held

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The Research Institute for Globalization and Cultural Development Strategies of BNU was inaugurated at BNU Zhuhai on December 18, 2021. Against the background of unprecedented changes and new-round globalization, the Institute aims to facilitate the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation. Taking cultural development strategies as the entry point, the Institute features systematic and cross-disciplinary thinking. Staffed with world-class scholars, the Institute is committed to putting forward new concepts, establishing new paradigms, and forming new wisdom, so as to build a world-renowned globalization research institute and cultural development strategy research think tank with Chinese characteristics.

Currently, we are encountering

unprecedented changes and a pandemic in a complex international situation. As the globalization presents a reversal trend, the development direction of it is confusing. "How should we view anti-globalization?", "What kind of globalization do we need?", "What happened to the world?", "And what should we do?" In order to answer the above questions, the Institute held a two-day International Symposium on the Present and Future of Globalization.

On the morning of December 18, Wei Wei, Chairperson of the University Council, BNU Zhuhai, delivered a speech at the Inauguration Ceremony and put forward the expectations for the future development of the Institute. First of all, the Institute should strive to be a first-class institute. It should unite and bring together the top experts and

scholars in the field of globalization research and cultural development strategy worldwide to generate world-class achievements with Chinese characteristics, Chinese style, and Chinese manner. In addition, a high-level think tank should be established. Rooted in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), the Institute should seize the major opportunity of the area's construction, and achieve development and progress in the process of actively serving the Greater Bay Area construction. Moreover, the new mechanism should be brought forth. Zhuhai is the pioneer of reform and opening up and the greatest advantage of BNU Zhuhai is the new mechanism. The Institute should make full use of the policies of BNU Zhuhai, carry out the work creatively, and explore new and

better scientific research systems and mechanisms.

Zhu Yongxin, Member and Deputy Secretary General of the Standing Committee of the CPPCC National Committee, and Vice Chairman of the Central Committee of China Association for Promoting Democracy (CAPD); Bai Chunli, Chairman of ANSO, former President and academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CASS); Zheng Xinmiao, former Vice Minister of Ministry of Culture and former Director of the Palace Museum; Fang Jun, Deputy Secretary General of CASS, and Editor in Chief of Social Sciences in China Press (SSCP); and Gu Qing, Secretary of the Party Committee and Executive Director of the Commercial Press (CP) all delivered speeches to extend congratulations.

Anthony Giddens, British social theorist and sociologist, former President of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and lifelong

professor of Cambridge University; Roland Robertson, British sociologist and globalization theorist, professor emeritus of University of Aberdeen; Helwig Schmidt-Glintzer, professor of University of Gottingen and Director of China Center of Tuebingen University; John Boswell Cobb, Jr., founder of Institute for Postmodern Development of China, and academician of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; Mike Hill, professor of University at Albany, State University of New York; and other world-renowned scholars sent congratulatory letters or videos to share their latest views on globalization.

More than 50 academic experts and scholars from universities and scientific research institutions at home and abroad participated in the two-day symposium. Chinese and foreign scholars expressed their desire to promote the study on globalization. They generally believe that globalization has encountered practical difficulties. The contradictions between

globalization and anti-globalization, globalization and localization, and the unbalanced development of globalization are the main bottlenecks impeding globalization currently. However, the trend of globalization is irresistible. The international community should strengthen cooperation and take positive and feasible measures to constantly break through existing obstacles, promoting globalization in a good direction.

It was mentioned that the Institute is organizing world-class scholars to compile the Chinese version of the Globalization Dictionary and established an international editorial committee to edit and publish The Study of Globalization. At the same time, the Institute will pool academic strength, actively participate in the research and decision-making consultation on the construction of the Greater Bay Area and promote the construction of the area to integrate with the development of globalization in an all-round way.



The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Computing and Communication Alliance Approved for Construction

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On November 22, 2021, the 2021 Annual Conference of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance and University Presidents Forum was held in Sun Yat-sen University. The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Computing and Communication Major Alliance, initiated by Beijing Normal University (BNU), Sun Yat-sen University and nearly 10 other universities, has been approved by the Council. Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs and Director of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center of BNU Zhuhai, and Guo Kanjun, Director of Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of BNU Zhuhai attended the annual meeting on behalf of the university.

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Computing and Communication Alliance is a professional alliance established under the framework of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance. The leading units include Beijing Normal University, City University of Hong Kong, University of Macau, Sun Yat-sen University, Shenzhen University, Jinan University, South China



University of Technology, South China Normal University and Guangzhou University. The Alliance aims to enhance the level of scientific research and social service capacity in the field of computing and communication in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA), committing to build a high-end platform for talent gathering, resource sharing, scientific research and innovation, social service and decision-making consultation, deepening scientific exchanges and collaborative research in the field of computing and communication. It will also cultivate high-level

computing and communication talents, promote innovative development of social sciences, and support the development of the GBA.

The annual conference was held on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the founding of the Alliance. With the theme of "Making Efforts Together, Starting a New Course," more than 200 people participated in the conference online and offline, including presidents of 41 member universities, principals of departments, functional departments and representatives of 37 professional alliances.

The Engineering Research Center of Groundwater Pollution Control and Remediation of the Ministry of Education Unveiled and the Annual Technical Committee Meeting and Water Safety Technology Forum Successfully Held at BNU Zhuhai

Article source: Center for Water Research/Institute for Water Security, Advanced Institute of Natural Sciences | Release date: 2021-12-15

During December 10-12, 2021, the Engineering Research Center of Groundwater Pollution Control and Remediation of the Ministry of Education ("Center" hereinafter) was unveiled and the 2021 Center Technical Committee and Water Safety Technology and Management Forum was held at BNU Zhuhai. The forum, which was both online and offline, included four units: the opening ceremony, the annual meeting of the Center committee, the keynote and the young scholar symposium. Prof. Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU, all members of the Center Technical Committee; Prof. Hongguang Cheng, Dean of College of Water Sciences (CWS); Prof. Teng Yanguo, Secretary of the Party Committee of CWS; Prof. Wang Guoqiang, Vice Dean of CWS;

Prof. Liu Jingling, the Vice Dean of Advanced Institute of Natural Sciences (AINS); and Prof. Wang Shengrui, Director of the Center for Water Science Research presented at the forum. In addition, 60 teachers and students and more than 300 domestic and foreign peer scholars attended the forum. The forum was co-hosted by Prof. Lin Xueyu, the academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Director of the Technical Committee of the Center; Prof. Wang Jinsheng, the Director of the Center; and Prof. Zuo Rui, the Deputy Director of the Science and Technology Division and Executive Director of the Center.

Wang Shoujun and Tian Tingshan, Vice Director of the Center Technical Committee co-unveiled

the Engineering Research Center of Groundwater Pollution Control and Remediation of the Ministry of Education. Wang pointed out in his speech that the Center should make full use of BNU Zhuhai's advantages of "New mechanism, High standard and Internationalization," seize the opportunity of the rapid development of the GBA to develop itself comprehensively and better serve the "Double First-class" and "One University, Two Campuses" development strategies of BNU.

Academician Li Xueyu fully affirmed the accomplishment of the Center in her speech, and analyzed the current situation, opportunities and challenges in the field of soil and groundwater pollution control and remediation and

put forward expectations for the future development of the Center. Wang Jinsheng made a summary report and gave a detailed introduction about the future development plan of the Center. The members of the Technical Committee listened carefully to the report and offered valuable suggestions for the development of the Center based on the current national strategic needs. Cheng Hongguang from CWS congratulated the development of the Center on behalf of the College and hoped that the Center could seize the strategic opportunities of the GBA to achieve greater results.

The forum invited 22 experts to make feature presentations and relevant topics were lively discussed. Those experts included Prof. Zheng Chunmiao from Southern University of Science and Technology; Research Fellow Sun Jichao from Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences; Prof. Sun Xiaosi, Jilin University, Research Fellow Wang Yeyao from China



National Environmental Monitoring Center; Prof. Huang Haoyong from the National University of Singapore; and Prof. Wang Shanquan from Sun Yat-sen University, etc.

The successful hosting of this forum effectively promoted the mutual understanding and academic communication of the experts in the field of groundwater science and technology. It also boosted the academic atmosphere of the Center,

as well as advanced the construction and development of the Center. The forum is expected to enhance the innovation capacity and applied engineering prospects in the field of groundwater science and technology. Aiming to serve the national strategy of "the Belt and Road Initiative" and "the Greater Bay Area" this forum is one of important measures to fully implement BNU's "Double First-Class" construction and strategic deployment of "One University, Two Campuses."



Dr. Chen Zucheng of Gravitational Wave and Cosmology Laboratory of BNU Received IOP 'China Top Cited Paper Award 2021'

Article source: Gravitational Wave and Cosmology Laboratory, Advanced Institute of Natural Sciences | Release date: 2021-10-18

Recently, the Institute of Physics (IOP) has announced the China Top Cited Paper Award 2021. The paper titled "Merger Rate Distribution of Primordial Black Hole Binaries," published in The Astrophysical Journal by Chen Zucheng, the postdoctoral fellow of Gravitational Wave and Cosmology Laboratory of Beijing Normal University was selected for the prize. Huang Qingguo, a researcher of the Institute of Theoretical Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, was the co-writer of the paper.

In Dr. Chen's study, they calculated, for the first time, the merger rate distribution for the primordial black hole (PBH) binaries with a general mass function by taking into account the effects of the torques of all PBHs and linear density perturbations on the evolution of PBH binaries, thus helping people understand how the black hole binaries detected by LIGO - Virgo collaborations are formed and evolved.

Founded in 1874, IOP is one of the oldest academic societies in the world. Its publishing house has published more than 90 academic journals covering Astronomy and Astrophysics, Physics, Materials, Biosciences, Environmental Sciences, Mathematical Sciences and many other fields. The IOP China Top Cited Paper Award is awarded to those whose papers are in the top one percent of the most-cited articles published in IOP journals in the last three years (2018-2020) from China. Check the link for 19 winners in Astronomy and Astrophysics.



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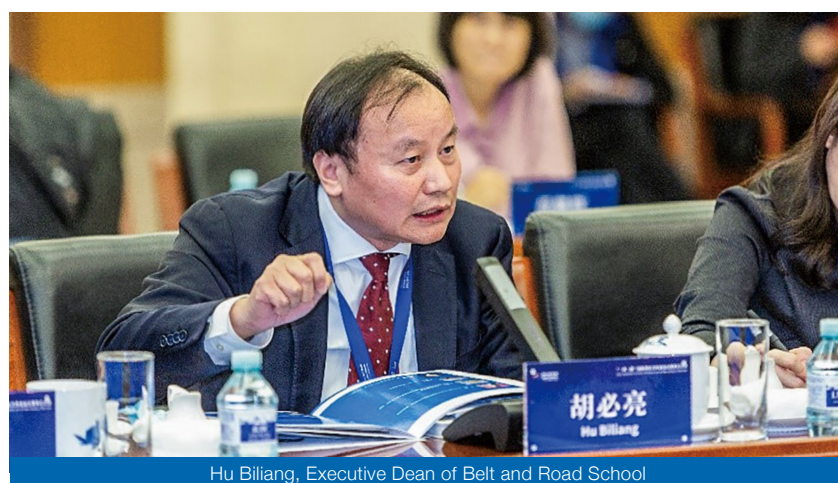
Prof. Hu Biliang from BNU Attended the 2021 Belt and Road Studies Network Council Meeting and Delivered a Speech

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The 2021 Belt and Road Studies Network Council Meeting was held on December 2, 2021 in a combination of online and offline methods. Hu Biliang, Executive Dean of Belt and Road School attended the meeting and delivered a speech as a council member.

The meeting summarized the council's work since the last council meeting, planned and discussed work in the next stage, elected a new president and council members of some governing bodies, and confirmed the name change of some governing bodies.

He Ping, the newly elected president and president of Xinhua News Agency, delivered a speech. He said that President Xi Jinping delivered an important speech at the 3rd Symposium on the Belt and Road Initiative recently, which demonstrated China's determination and confidence in unswervingly expanding the high-level opening up and China's responsible efforts in carrying forward the common values of all mankind and promoting a community with a shared future for mankind through the Belt and Road initiative. He pointed out that as an



Hu Biliang, Executive Dean of Belt and Road School

important force, think tanks shall play a greater role in pooling wisdom and building synergy by promoting the high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, telling vivid stories of the Belt and Road, and accelerating people-to-people exchanges along the Belt and Road.

Hu Biliang shared his experience of studying President Xi Jinping's important speech at the 3rd Symposium on the Belt and Road Initiative and introduced the major achievements of Beijing Normal University (BNU) and Belt and

Road School of BNU on the Belt and Road think tank development to representatives of Chinese and foreign think tanks. Hu Biliang also put forward specific views on the council's work in the next stage. The meeting was hosted by Fu Hua, Editor-in-Chief of Xinhua News Agency.

The Belt and Road Studies Network was co-established by Xinhua News Agency and 15 Chinese and foreign think tanks in April 2019. Belt and Road School of Beijing Normal University was one of the establishers.

Prof. Yang Saini of School of National Safety and Emergency Management Participated in the 1st BFA Global Economic Development and Security Forum

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On October 18 to 20, 2021, the 1st Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Global Economic Development and Security Forum (GEDS) was held in Changsha International Conference Center. Nearly 1,000 people, including government officials at ministerial level from home and abroad, representatives of international organizations, diplomatic envoys to China, representatives of well-known enterprises, experts and scholars, gathered here to contribute their wisdom to global economic recovery and sustainable development.

Invited by the organizing committee, Prof. Yang Saini from School of National Safety and Emergency Management of BNU attended the forum and participated in the parallel forum on the morning of October 19. Together with guests at home and abroad, she gave her opinions and suggestions on the theme of "Emergency Management in a Risk Society".

At the sub-forum on the same day, guests had full discussions on how to

promote the emergency management system and capacity building, how to effectively respond to various major disasters, how to strengthen exchanges and cooperation in emergency management, respond to regional and global major risks and other topics. Prof. Yang started her speech from introducing the theme

of 2021 International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction and the goal of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. She pointed out that it is of great significance to strengthen international and regional exchanges and cooperation for preventing and resolving the risks of major global disasters, and the successful

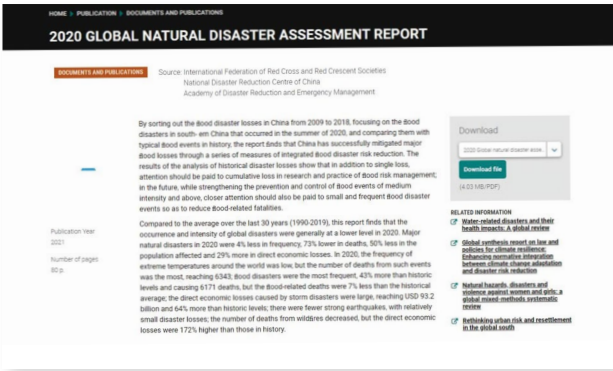


2020 Global Natural Disaster Assessment Report Officially Published on Prevention Web

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Recently, the 2020 Global Natural Disaster Assessment report (English version) was officially published on the Prevention Web of United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction. It was jointly compiled by Academy of Disaster Reduction and Emergency Management (ADREM), Ministry of Emergency Management- Ministry of Education, National Disaster Reduction Center of China, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The assessment report includes a general report and special ones. The former contains an overview, characteristics and patterns of global natural disasters in 2020 as well as comparison of natural disasters between China and the rest of the world in 2020; the latter, however, focuses on natural disasters in China in 2020, new findings through statistical analysis of floods globally and cases of floods in China in 2020. Compared to the yearly average over the last 30 years (1990-2019), this report finds that the occurrence and intensity of global disasters were generally at a lower level in 2020. Major natural disasters in 2020 were 4% less in frequency, 73% lower in deaths, 50% less in the population affected and 29% more in direct economic losses. In 2020, the frequency of extreme temperatures around the world was low, but the number of deaths from such events was the most, reaching 6343. Flood disasters were the most frequent, 43% more than historic levels and causing 6171 deaths, but the flood-related deaths were 7% less than the historical average; the direct economic losses caused by storm disasters were large, reaching USD 93.2 billion and 64% more than historic levels; there were fewer strong earthquakes, with relatively small disaster losses; the number of deaths from wildfires decreased, but the direct economic losses were 172% higher than those in history.



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Compilation of the assessment report is organized by Dr. Yang Saini from School of National Safety and Emergency Management, BNU, ADREM and the State Key Laboratory of Earth Surface Processes and Ecology Resources. It is also fully supported by relative industry, international organizations, China's social organizations, universities and institutes to assess to Global Disaster Database (Chinese version) and disaster data collected from home and abroad and from certain insurance companies.

The report will play a role in improving China's disaster risk management system, providing authoritative data on global natural disasters for the world and contributing to the international disaster prevention and reduction.

2020 Global Natural Disaster Assessment report (English version) can be found on <https://www.preventionweb.net/publication/2020-global-natural-disaster-assessment-report>.

Chinese version of the report can be downloaded on www.gddat.cn.



practice of China and Mongolia's cooperation on disasters prevention and control has proved that science and technology applied in disasters prevention and control have already become the efficient measure of international cooperation.

Professor Yang emphasized the fundamental role of disaster data sharing in strengthening international cooperation on scientific and technological disaster reduction, and pointed out that training and exporting of emergency management technology for young scholars and practitioners

from developing countries would be an effective way to sustainably support the national emergency management capacity building of countries along the Belt and Road.

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Boao Forum for Asia, this Forum is established as an alternative platform for international political and business dialogue. With the theme of "Economic Security and Sustainable Development in the Context of Profound Changes," the Forum consists of a main forum, 24 sub- forums and exhibitions.

As the first international forum focused on economic development and non-traditional security issues, GEDS is designed to establish a global platform to lead discussion of the frontier and hot issues, seek international consensus and provide more suggestions and solutions to promote joint actions and efforts to cope with global challenges together in a more pragmatic way. It will serve for sustainable development of Asian and global economy, promote peace, prosperity, stability, and play a positive role in building a community with a shared future for mankind.



Lang Ping Made a Speech at BNU: Because I Love It! The Sixth “World Champion Lecture” Held at BNU Zhuhai

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After the Tokyo Olympics ended, Lang Ping officially announced her resignation as head coach of the Chinese women's volleyball team. On the afternoon of October 15, 2021, she appeared at BNU Zhuhai as a teacher and brought a wonderful high-level volleyball class to the students.

Lang Ping, former head coach of Chinese women's volleyball team, President of China Volleyball college and vice president of China Volleyball Association, retired in 1986 after winning three consecutive world championships, and was admitted to Beijing Normal University (BNU) in the same year to study English in the Department of Foreign Languages. After graduation she went abroad for many years. In 2013, she coached the Chinese women's volleyball team again.

In the face of students who have

just entered university and are still atypical in skills, Lang Ping showed her patience. While explaining the essentials of volleyball movements in detail, she demonstrated in person the correct receiving and running skills for the students. She also taught the students "volleyball mental skills" - how to unite and cooperate, adjust tactics, make good use of ingenuity and deal with mistakes.

Lang Ping encouraged the students and said: "No matter what your current level is, you can always play well. I hope everyone can enjoy playing volleyball on the court."

This volleyball class is a professional class for the high-level women's volleyball team of BNU. Although it is not a public class for all undergraduates, a large number of

students came to the stadium to watch and orderly stand outside to take a group photo with Lang Ping, making this class a "public class."

Lang Ping has also prepared a wonderful open course of general education for undergraduates in Zhuhai Campus. On the morning of October 16, the sixth session of the "World Champion Forum" - undergraduate general education course, planned and sponsored by the Academic Affairs Department of BNU and Lang Ping Sports Culture and Policy Research Center, and co-organized by the College of Education for the Future and Leyu College, opened in the International Exchange Center. There were separate classes in Liyun Building, with a total of more than 1200 people who attended.



BNU Zhuhai Held a Reception for International Scholars and Students

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To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China, to help international scholars and students learn about the history of CPC, new China's construction, and reform and opening up, particularly the latest development of the national strategy of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the Guangdong-Macao In-depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, and to promote their mutual understanding and friendly exchanges, on the afternoon of September 18, 2021, International Office organized a reception for international scholars and students. Guo Kanjun, the



guests participated in the event.

At the beginning of the event, the host Yang Xue, showed a short film



Dr. Christoph Stahl, a German scholar

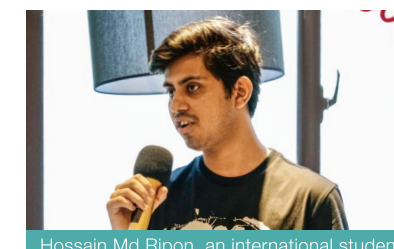
Director of International Office at BNU Zhuhai, and Qiu Yue, the Director of Office of International Exchange and Cooperation of BNUZ attended the event. More than 40 international experts, international students and



Prof. Randy Lapolla, an American expert

called Red Star Over China. From a documentary perspective and through the eyes of foreigners, it bears witness to the great changes and reforms that have taken place in China's society since the founding of

the Communist Party of China 100 years ago. From "to stand up and to survive" to "reform and opening up, Shenzhen speed," and then to "poverty



Hossain Md Ripon, an international student from Bangladesh

alleviation and rural revitalization," the Chinese Communist Party has experienced century-long hardship to lead the nation to head towards the national rejuvenation and prosperity within 100 years.



Imran Khan, a Pakistani student

Later, four international experts and students sincerely shared their personal feelings on China's development. German scholar Dr. Christoph Stahl used photographs taken by himself to present the dramatic changes that have taken place in China in just one decade: the construction of cities and the transformation of communities. American expert Prof. Randy Lapolla, who studied at Peking University in the 1980s, was acutely aware of how much China has changed since reform and opening up. In addition to the visible achievements, he was particularly pleased that Chinese scholars are now more

active and influential in the world's academic circles. Hossain Md Ripon, an international student from Bangladesh, illustrated the important reference role of China's development path for other developing countries. Pakistani student, Imran Khan, affirmed the important leadership role and outstanding contribution of the CPC in different historical stages from his own research experience, and expressed his admiration for China's development speed.

Then, the host introduced the development strategy of the GBA through an abundance of pictures and texts, a large amount of data and a vivid video, and emphasized the strong impetus of the GBA to China's GDP. She particularly stressed that Zhuhai has attracted more and more high-end talents due to its livable natural environment, advantageous geographical position, and new technology innovation industry, which has made it the driving force for the

development of the GBA.

The host introduced the newly-established Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin. The cooperation zone, which is of far-reaching significance to the development of Guangdong and Macao, will inject new impetus into the practice of "One Country, Two Systems" of Macao and bring huge development opportunities to Zhuhai. In the increasingly internationalized GBA, international scholars and students will witness a new chapter of the development unfolding.

Through this reception, international scholars and students not only understood the road of the Chinese People's unremitting struggle over the past century, learned the history of contemporary China and the development of China today, but also were encouraged to better participate in and integrate into the development of the GBA.



Chinese and International Scholars and Students Celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival and the National Day

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Then, the host introduced the traditional Mid-Autumn Festival. Since ancient times, customs, such as worshipping the moon, eating mooncakes, making lanterns, appreciating osmanthus, have been passed on from generation to generation. The full moon symbolizes the reunion of people, expressing longing for the homeland and the loved ones, and hoping for a good harvest and happiness.

After that, the host reviewed what had been introduced through a Q&A session.



In order to create a chance for international teachers and students to understand Chinese history, experience Chinese culture, and encourage friendly communication, International Office and Phoenix School held an event to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival and National Day. More than 40 Chinese and international teachers and students gathered together to celebrate the two holidays.

First of all, the host of the event illustrated the history and significance of National Day with striking texts and pictures. National Day is an important festival to celebrate the founding of the People's Republic of China. On October 1, 1949, the Government of the People's Republic of China was established, and the founding

ceremony was held at Tian'anmen Square in Beijing. October 1 was finalized as the birthday and the National Day of the People's Republic of China. Every year, people across the country celebrate it in various forms with great enthusiasm, not only to commemorate the history of the



Chinese people's striving for a better life, but also to encourage them to build a better country.

"What is the English translation of '中国结'?" "What does the biggest star in the national flag of China represent?" The audience raced to answer these questions and gained prizes.

In the joyful festive atmosphere, Chinese and international teachers and students put on the costume of the tea ceremony and started their experience of the traditional Chinese tea ceremony. A tea ceremony, which is a



perfect combination of form and spirit, consists of the artistic techniques and operations of tea tasting, as well as the appreciation of the elegant environment of tea tasting. Tea ceremonies embody the Chinese culture of advocating nature and modesty, and the Chinese people's gentle and peaceful way of dealing with things. With the graceful and artistic display of the tea master, the golden, translucent tea bloomed in cups, and international scholars and

students could not help expressing their admiration. During the free tea-tasting activity, all of them tried making tea by themselves, while having pleasant talks and communication with each other.

In the end, Chinese and international teachers and students took group

photos together, leaving with happy and unforgettable memories. Through this event, Chinese and international teachers and students learned the significance of the National Day, experienced the festive atmosphere of traditional festivals, and enhanced their friendship in harmonious interactions.



Students of the College of Education for the Future Won in the 2021 Contemporary Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling Competition

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On October 7, 2021, the results of the Guangdong Region of the Contemporary Undergraduate

Mathematical Contest in Modeling (CUMCM)-2021 were announced. Students in the College of Education

for the Future, Liu Yuhang, He Huilong, and Hu Yunquan won the National First Prize. Deng Yanru, Zhou Yingqi, and

Zhang Haoyue won the First Prize of Guangdong Province. And 44 other teams won the Provincial Second Prize, Third Prize and Excellent Prize. All the participants were jointly guided by teachers Zeng Wenyi, Liu Jun, Jin Yu, and Zhou Wei. A total of 49,529 teams from 1566 colleges and universities at home and abroad participated in the competition, among which 4,290 teams from 103 colleges and universities were from Guangdong.

The three students who won the National First Prize are from the Mathematics and Applied Mathematics (Teacher Training) Class of 2022. Students who are training as teachers performed outstandingly in this competition, demonstrating a high level of professional knowledge and ability. Liu Yuhang said the three members in their team had clear thoughts for deciding the topic, explaining and solving problems, and writing the manuscript in the competition. Their division of labor was clear, and they could not win the prize without the efforts and dedication of each team member. The experience of this competition was invaluable, Liu Yuhang said, and that the team members were aware of the gap between themselves and the top teams, which encouraged them to keep working hard and improving themselves to fight for greater honors in future competitions.

The Contemporary Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling (CUMCM), sponsored by the China Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, was founded in 1992 and is held once a year. It is one of the first 19 competitions listed in the "Ranking of College Competitions" and has become one of the largest basic discipline competitions in colleges and universities in China. According to Yu Zhenning, who

organized the competition, mathematical modeling is a mathematical solution to a practical problem. A mathematical model is a mathematical structure obtained for a specific object, for a specific goal, according to the unique inner law while making some necessary simplifying assumptions and using appropriate mathematical tools. The mathematical structure can be mathematical formulas, tables or diagrams, etc. And mathematical modeling is a mathematical way of thinking, a powerful mathematical tool that can approximate and "solve" practical problems through abstraction and simplification by using the language and methods of mathematics.

College of Education for the Future attaches great importance to the Contemporary Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling, hoping to stimulate students' interest in learning mathematics through the competition, and to cultivate students' self-learning ability, hands-on ability, organizing and coordinating ability, adaptability, and expression ability. It is also an opportunity to give full play to the college's advantages in mathematical modeling, and to select professional

teachers with rich experience to form a "Zhuhai Mathematical Modeling Group." The team is responsible for organizing the university-wide contest of mathematical application ability and selecting the best students to form a team. The mathematical modeling group provides tailor-made training programs to the contestants, as well as conducts online and offline training during weekends and holidays to cultivate students' skills of problem analysis, scientific calculation, and teamwork. For the Contemporary Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling-2021, the mathematical modeling group provided comprehensive guidance for the students in the preparation team, and the group members repeatedly conducted pre-competition simulations and seminars. In the process, the students' logical thinking, mathematical modeling, programming, and scientific and technical paper writing skills have been significantly improved. In the future, the College of Education for the Future will continue to optimize the training mode of innovative talents by closely focusing on the activities related to mathematical modeling competition and strive to cultivate more and higher quality innovative talents.



The BNUZ-China Team Won Gold Medal in iGEM

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The International Genetically Engineered Machine Competition (iGEM) ended on November, 14, 2021. BNUZ-China, a team from Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai) won the gold medal with the project named "E.Coli Keen Doctor." This is the first time that BNUZ-China participated in the competition, whose team captain was Liu Luxuan, a junior



from College of Arts and Sciences. All 19 members of the BNU Zhuhai team were undergraduates from different departments including biology, mathematics, geography, chemistry and economics.

The project of BNUZ-China sees colonization of engineered intestinal bacteria as a way to change the metabolism of tryptophan and a treatment for chronic kidney disease (CKD). CKD is a kind of kidney disease that sees a gradual loss of kidney function within several months or years. Its patients have abnormal kidney structures and functions, which causes suffering for at least three months. CKD has a high incidence rate worldwide and

often causes negative effects such as disturbing intestinal flora and metabolites and damaging intestinal barrier function. Intervening the progress of CKD based on the metabolic regulation of intestinal flora and its metabolites has promising prospects and important scientific value.

Through hard work and efforts, under the guidance of many teachers and experts,



BNUZ-China reviewed the literature, proposed the project design, constructed vectors, determined genetic expression and mathematical modelling. Moreover, they helped promote the synthetic biology to more people by displaying the project. They clearly demonstrated the creative project through websites and videos, which was commended by all the judges, thus winning the gold medal.

In addition, another team of BNU named BNU-China from Beijing campus of BNU won another gold medal and was nominated for the Best Inclusivity Award. This is the third consecutive year that BNU-China has won a gold medal, the fifth in eight years since the team was established, and the second nomination

for a single award. Tutors and students from teams in both south and north campuses of BNU exchanged ideas and made progress together.

iGEM is a top-notch international academic competition in the field of synthetic biology, launched by Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2003. It is an international competition focusing on synthetic biology, integrating life sciences, mathematics, engineering, information science, art design and other subjects, which has drawn wide attention and special coverage from academic journals such as Nature, Science, Scientific American, Economists, and media like BBC. iGEM encourages outstanding students around the world to innovate, address social concerns and solve cutting-edge issues through synthetic biology, while striving to create an international community of synthetic biology that will provide a platform for future elites to share ideas. This year, iGEM attracted 352 teams from around the world, including Harvard University, MIT and other top universities.



Christoph Stahl, a German Scholar of BNU Zhuhai, Won a Prize in the 2021 "My story of Chinese Hanzi" International Competition

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Recently, the final of the 2021 "My Story of Chinese Hanzi" international competition, hosted by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and organized by People's Daily Online and the Municipal People's Government of Xining, was held in Xining, Qinghai Province. Christoph Stahl, a German scholar of BNU Zhuhai, made it to the final with nine other finalists and won the third prize.



With the theme of the Chinese character "Ren" (仁), a character which stands for benevolence and the unity of all things under heaven, a fundamental value long cherished in Chinese culture, the competition aims to convey the concept of exchanges, mutual learning and mutual integration among civilizations and embody the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind. According to online answer scores and short video speech performance, the organizing committee

selected a total of 10 outstanding contestants from 3,000 participants to enter the final. With his in-depth understanding of Chinese characters and excellent performance in the video, Christoph Stahl successfully qualified for the final.

Christoph Stahl, a scholar from School of Future Design at BNU Zhuhai, has been living in China for more than 10 years. Unlike most other contestants, he has learned most of his Chinese himself and employed his Chinese skills in teaching visual communication and graphic design.

In his 7-minute speech during the final competition, Christoph illustrated his special relationship with characters and Chinese Hanzi as a graphic designer and design teacher. He then explained that Hanzi owns a kind of visual language system, where radicals are combined into characters and characters into words to create various meanings, giving examples of the "Compound ideograms" (chin. 会意 huì yì) and three other characters. Based on this, he analyzed various meanings of " 仁 (rén) ," which was given as the subject of this year's competition. He gave his personal understanding of the character, referring to the best and most valuable part in the human heart, enabling people to love and care

for other people and beings, to be benevolent and moral.

After the competition, the contestants participated in a wide range of cultural exchange activities organized by the committee, including a day trip to Kumbum Temple, Xingning Zoo and Qinghai Lake. They took Chinese characters as the medium and joined the competition to enjoy the natural and cultural scenery of Xining. They forged a deep friendship, achieved a story of mutual learning among civilizations and continued to write another story of Chinese Hanzi with " 仁 " as a chance. This competition showed contestants' deep understanding of Chinese language and culture, and enhanced their understanding, friendship and love for China. Here on this stage, exchanges, mutual learning and coexistence among civilizations have fostered a vision of a community with a shared future for mankind.



International Students from BNU Zhuhai Participated in the 3rd Belt and Road Youth English Speaking Competition

Article source: International Office | Release date: 2021-10-14

The 3rd Belt and Road Youth English Speaking Competition and China Daily "21st Century Cup" International English Speaking Competition, ended on October 6th after four days of competition in Chengdu. International students from Belt and Road School, who are Imran Khan from Pakistan, Cephas Muchemwa from Zimbabwe and Malek Mahmood from Yemen, represented BNU Zhuhai to participate in the contest.

The 3rd Belt and Road Youth English Speaking Competition was divided into semi-final and final sessions. Young people from over 30 countries and regions participated in this year's event online or offline, expressing their views on topics like Healing the World and Is Cooperation Always Better Than Competition? They have developed a better mutual understanding through competition and



communication, jointly promoting the cultural exchanges and mutual learning of international youth.

It is the first time for BNU Zhuhai to designate a team to participate in the competition. In spite of the busy

course schedule and limited time, Imran Khan, Cephas Muchemwa and Malek Mahmood actively prepared for the competition. They composed innovative and insightful speech scripts from different perspectives of personal experience



Imran Khan



Malek Mahmood



Cephas Muchemwa

or current events. On the stage where young people all around the world gather together, international young talents of BNU Zhuhai have confidently and firmly made a sound of BNU Zhuhai and gained positive response and applause from the judges.

The three international students think that the experience has been fruitful. On one hand, they competed with Chinese and foreign contestants on the same stage of the speech contest and made the voices of BNU heard in the world. On the other hand, as representatives of youth from "Belt and Road" countries, they have learned and experienced real China by participating in a wide



range of cultural exchange activities organized by committees, such as study tours, lectures and exchange meetings. They were inspired to further promote exchanges among

youth from China and countries and regions along the Belt and Road, and to grow into high-level talents dedicated to the building of the Belt and Road Initiative.



“Fenghuang Ambassador” Short Video Won the Excellence Award in the 5th “My Beautiful Encounter with China” Essay & Short-video Competition

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Recently, the 5th “My Beautiful Encounter with China” Essay & Short -video Competition, held by the Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange, Ministry of Education, has come to a successful end. Carefully planned, produced and submitted by the International Office, the “Fenghuang Ambassador”short video -“My BNU Zhuhai-Sports Stadium,” which was presented by Pakistani student Imran Khan, won the Excellence Award in the competition for its novel theme and excellent filming effects.

“Fenghuang Ambassador” short videos are one part of the serial activities in the “Fenghuang Ambassador” project held by the International Office. International students from different countries acted as Fenghuang Ambassadors and introduced their favorite sports venues and service facilities on campus through short videos.



In these short videos, the unique charm of BNU Zhuhai, the “Valley University,” is exhibited multidimensionally by

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武庆玲 阮陈日明	越南	北京外国语大学	留学自有黄金屋，留学自有颜如玉
加利布	孟加拉	西北工业大学	我与西工大的故事
美丽	哈萨克斯坦	贵州大学	美丽的贵州大学
法瓦兹	尼日利亚	长安大学	中国人的幽默
宋翔	马达加斯加	江西师范大学	我在中国的留学生活
山姆	孟加拉	南京工业大学	中国街头美食
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international students sharing the beautiful campus and their stories of study and daily life. It enables the audience to know more about international students’ life and unique stories at BNU Zhuhai.

“My Beautiful Encounter with China” Essay & Short-video Competition is hosted by Department of International



Cooperation and Exchange, Ministry of Education and organized by the Chinese Service Center for Scholarly

Exchange, Ministry of Education, aiming to promote cultural exchanges among young people of different countries, exhibit images of these international students and discover their stories in China.

The year 2021 marks its fifth competition. With the theme of “My campus,” the competition encourages international students to share what they have seen and experienced during their studying, living, or travelling in China, to tell touching stories which reflect their ties with China and Chinese people, and to express love and affection towards them. The competition received more than 400 short videos from over 70 domestic colleges and universities or directly from student individuals. After careful selection by experts, 55 excellent works were awarded.

“International Students and Scholars Explore the Greater Bay Area”- “Achievements of Reform and Opening-up Policies from the Perspectives of an International Student” Short Videos Released

Article source: International Office | Release date: 2021-12-29

The year 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the CPC. Being Looked back on the centenary of the founding of the Party, it united and led the Chinese people to free their mind and forge ahead, achieving great success in reform, opening-up, and socialist modernization.

The series of short videos focus on exhibiting the process and progress of

China’s reform and opening-up from the perspectives of an international student, telling stories of today’s China with his experience, observations and reflection through field trips to core cities of the GBA.

Imran Khan, an international student of Belt and Road School at Beijing Normal University, went on trips to Guangzhou, Zhuhai, and Shenzhen, three core cities in the GBA, talking with local citizens

and interviewing entrepreneurs to better learn and comprehend the development and achievements of the reform and opening-up policies.

The series will successively display three core cities of the GBA: Guangzhou, a city where traditions blend with modernity, Zhuhai, a livable city and Shenzhen, a city of world-class technological innovation.



International Students of Phoenix School Participated in The 2nd Valley Arts Festival: Recitation Of Chinese Classics Session

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The 2nd Valley Arts Festival: Recitation of Chinese Classics session was held on December 18, 2021 in Nanguo Theatre. Teachers and students at BNU Zhuhai recited and interpreted Chinese classics together, displaying the charm and cultural richness of Chinese poetry. International students of Phoenix School Ripon, Aziz, Ali, Malek, Cephas and Imran actively participated in the recitation session and presented the poem, “Prelude to Water Melody,” together.



Recitation Of Chinese Classics session resounds with the melody of Chinese classics, including “Song of a Pipa Player,” “The Everlasting Regret,” “On Our Young China,” “Invitation to Wine,” “Prelude to Water Melody,” “The Book of Poetry,” “The River All Red,” “The Milky Way with Stars so Bright, Sinks Down into the Sea in Deep,” “On Respecting Teachers,” “Yueyang Pavilion,” and “Youth China.”

International students recited “Prelude to Water Melody,” one of Su Shi’s representative works, which is famous for its romanticism, graceful rhyme, touching emotion and magnificent vision, and is always regarded as the masterpiece among the poems celebrating Mid-Autumn Festival.

Along with peaceful and beautiful music, international students rang out: “How long will the full moon appear? Wine cup in hand, I ask the sky,” leading the audience into the scene of bright moon in the sky. The recitation flowed fluently and ended with the good wishes of “So let us wish that man, will live long as he can! Though miles apart, we’ll share the beauty she displays.” The audience gave an enthusiastic response. Then, the accompaniment music of Prelude to Water Melody started, and they



showed the undulating emotions in the poem through their graceful voices, bringing an auditory feast for the audience.

In this joyful and unforgettable recitation, international students expressed the rich emotions of “Prelude to Water Melody” as well as their love towards Chinese culture. Besides, their performance also exhibited images of the world youth and exchanges between different cultures!



International Office Organized a New Year Celebration to Visit Hengqin

Article source: International Office & Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs | Release date: 2021-12-30

On December 26, 2021, BNU Zhuhai organized a new year celebration for Chinese and International teachers and students with the theme of “Visiting Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and Experiencing the Great Innovation of Science and Technology.” In this activity, teachers and students visited Hengqin New Area Exhibition Hall, Zhuhai UM Science and Technology Research Institute, Phoenix Tree Building and Zhuhai Tower.

In Hengqin New Area Exhibition Hall, teachers and students learned the background, significance and future planning of Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone, and understood its concept of development, which is “innovation, coordination, greenness, openness and sharing.” A great number of exhibited pictures and illustration

of the dramatic changes in Hengqin surprised all. After the visit, teachers and students highly praised the foresighted planning, cutting-edge concept of development and the booming prospect of the Cooperation Zone.

In Zhuhai UM Science and Technology Research Institute (ZUMRI), the first industry-education-research demonstration base in the Greater Bay Area, teachers and students learned about ZUMRI on its scientific research, industry-education-research collaboration, innovation, entrepreneurship, research and development platform construction.

In Phoenix Tree Building, one of the landmarks in Zhuhai, teachers and students overlooked Macao Peninsula, Taipa and hills from the high-rise viewing platform. They also overlooked

Hengqin in the Exhibition Hall with 360-degree view in Zhuhai Tower, expressing their admiration for the significant changes brought about by city construction and development in just 12 years.

Over 20 Chinese and foreign teachers and students visited Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin, where they learned about its overall planning and construction process and the rapid development of its science and technology innovation. Through this trip, teachers and students saw the actual development of high-end science and technology innovation industry and advanced urban planning of the Cooperation Zone, deepened their understanding of its core strategy position in the GBA and witnessed great achievements of China’s construction.



The 2021 Guangdong Government Outstanding International Student Scholarship Award Ceremony and the 2022 "Fenghuang Ambassador" Appointment Ceremony Held at BNU Zhuhai

Article source: International Office | Release date: 2021-12-30

On December 28, 2021, the 2021 Guangdong Government Outstanding International Student Scholarship Award Ceremony and the 2022 "Fenghuang Ambassador" Appointment Ceremony were held in Phoenix Language Village in Nanxi Garden, Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai. The activity aims to present the scholarship to international scholars and encourage more students to participate in the publicity and construction of an internationalized campus. Guests attending the event included: Wang Xuesong, Dean of Chinese Language and Culture College; Liu Lanmin, Director of Center of Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages; Zhan Mowen, Assistant to Dean of Belt and



Guo Kanjun presented the award certificate to the international student representative.

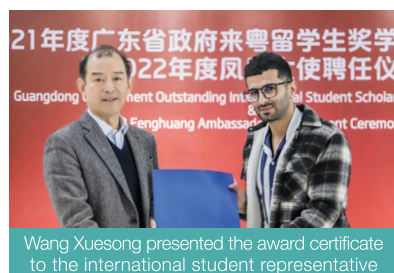


Guo Kanjun, Director of International Office of BNU Zhuhai

Road School and Director of Teaching Affairs Office; Fu Mianxing, Director of Logistics Department of BNUZ; Guo Kanjun, Director of International Office of BNU Zhuhai; and Qiu Yue, Deputy Director of International Office of BNU Zhuhai. More than 30 Chinese and

International teachers and students participated in the activity. The event was hosted by Wu Fanghong.

Guo Kanjun delivered a speech. She first congratulated the scholarship winners, then she introduced



Wang Xuesong presented the award certificate to the international student representative.



Zhan Mowen presented the award certificate to the international student representative.



Qiu Yue presented the award certificate to the international student representative.

Guangdong Government Outstanding International Student Scholarship and pointed out that in 2021, a total number of 20 international students (including undergraduates and postgraduates) in BNU Zhuhai were awarded the scholarship. She pointed out that the scholarship is a recognition and encouragement from the Chinese government as well as the university for international students' academic performance and contribution to society. Likewise, she introduced the two missions of "Fenghuang Ambassador:" one is international publicity ambassador, to write essays or make videos to introduce our campus to more people in China and abroad, and the other is international campus advisor, to provide suggestions for improvements on campus facilities and services. In the end, she encouraged the students to continue to study hard, pursue excellence, shoulder the mission of bridging cultural exchanges between

China and other countries, and join hands to promote people-to-people connectivity and build a community with a shared future for mankind.

Guo Kanjun, Wang Xuesong, Zhan Morwen and Qiu Yue presented the scholarship certificate to the international student representatives.

Imran Khan, the representative of international students, gave an acceptance speech on stage. He said that the scholarship was an important recognition of his hard work and social participation in the past year, and he was very proud of it. He was especially grateful for the care and support of the university. In the future, he will make more efforts to work harder and share with more people what he has seen and heard on campus and in China.



Imran Khan gave an acceptance speech.

The audience looked at photos taken in various international student activities organized from 2020 to 2021 and watched a short "Fenghuang

Ambassador" video shot by Imran. This video has been awarded as the Excellent Work in the 5th National "My Beautiful Encounter with China" Essay and Short-video Competition held by the Ministry of Education, which is the embodiment of fulfilling the role of "Fenghuang Ambassador" as international publicity ambassador and international campus advisor.



Guo Kanjun presented the award certificate to Imran.

KHAN IMRAN (Li Ran), MAWERE CEPHAS MUCHEMWA (Qin Fen), Al-Dahrashi MALEK MAHMOOD ABDULQAWI (Ma Ke), AKBAR ALI (Ali), HOSSAIN MD RIPON and AZIZ HAMMAD from Belt and Road School were appointed as new "Fenghuang Ambassadors" and were awarded the "Fenghuang Ambassador" badges and certificates. They will contribute to the publicity and international campus of BNU Zhuhai.

The participants took a group photo and the event ended successfully.



"Love in Education - Zhuhai Tour" Exchange Camp Held at BNU Zhuhai

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On December 19, 2021, "Love in Education-Zhuhai Tour" Exchange Camp—the project on education integration between Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Chinese mainland—was launched at BNU Zhuhai. It aims to provide a series of exchange activities on the theme of education and "Internet Plus Education" for students from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan and interdisciplinary young talents who are interested in teaching, employment and entrepreneurship in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

Guo Kanjun, Director of Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of BNU Zhuhai; Qiu Yue, Deputy Director; and students from Leyu College attended the opening ceremony at the International Exchange Centre. Teachers Lei Shengyuan from Shenzhen University, Xiao Hua from Shantou University, and students from Shenzhen University, Shantou University, University of Macau, Renmin University of China, Shanxi Normal University and Beijing Normal University



participated in the ceremony online.

Guo Kanjun said in her speech that Beijing Normal University, as a leader in the field of education in China, takes the sharing of resources as its mission and strives to strengthen research cooperation and cultural educational exchanges with all sister universities within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau University Alliance. She hoped that camp participants would exchange more, facilitate understanding of each other, foster friendships, build mutual trust and mutual help, and gain a lot from this camp.

Qiu Yue introduced the history of Beijing Normal University as well as the basic information of BNU Zhuhai. Ms Yang Xue from Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs briefed about the schedule and the innovative way of combining online and offline events.

Afterwards, students and teachers followed the steps of the on-screen campus tour guide and took an online tour of the campus to see the natural scenery of BNU, Zhuhai, and got acquainted with its profound cultural heritage.

It is reported that by taking full advantage of BNU's disciplinary characteristics and Zhuhai's geographical location as the core city in the GBA, the six-day program launched a series of activities comprising forums, lectures, urban and historical cultural experiences, exchanges and discussions between teachers and students, as well as visits to famous Internet companies.



The French Culture Experience Month of Phoenix School Came to a Successful End

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On December 31, 2021, the French Culture Experience Month sponsored by Phoenix School came to a successful end. The series of activities, including four major theme lectures and mini exhibition of works of artists, aimed to enrich campus culture and broaden students' international vision.



Lecture by Dr. Lyu Zeqiang, Macao registered architect, French cultural heritage architect and artist.



He Junyan, artist once studied in France shared French humanities and art.



Romantic French Literature lecture by Jonas Jacquemain

The French culture lectures show the charm of French culture from French architecture, humanities, art and literature. The lecture guests included Dr. Lü Zeqiang, a registered architect from Macao and a French cultural heritage architect and artist; He Junyan, the artist studying in Sorbonne I University in Paris; Jonas Jacquemain, a French teacher and trainer for French DELF and DALF examinations, and other artists and scholars once studying in France. They guided the audience to discover and experience different French landscape, culture, food, unique history, language and art from four aspects: relations between aesthetics of French architecture and its history and culture; French humane environment of higher education; French classical art, photography and new wave film; and French literature.

This mini exhibition of works of artists held by Phoenix School mainly reflected the cities and nature of



Teachers and students in BNU Zhuhai visit the exhibition.

France. Some series of exhibits were collected in the National Art Museum of China and Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts. This mini exhibition was an intensive display of the academic research and achievements of artists once studying in France.

This activity showed teachers and students in BNU Zhuhai the all-round, wide and multi-level cultural exchange and culture collision between China and France, stimulating students' interest and curiosity in French culture.

Missioned with promoting international education and cultivating high-level talents with global vision, Phoenix School will continue to build other language villages, create platforms for language learning and cultural exchange and provide the second classroom learning for all students, broadening students' international vision and building a campus featured with cultural diversity.



Mini exhibition of works of artists once studying in France



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