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# A New Chapter: 2023 Graduation Ceremony, Degree Awarding Ceremony and Graduate Representative Symposium Held at BNU

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Zhuhai Campus and Beijing Campus of Beijing Normal University (BNU) held the 2023 graduation ceremony respectively from June 20 to June 21, 2023.

Ma Jun, President of BNU, attended the graduation ceremony on Beijing campus, while Wang Shoujun, Vice President and Director of Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai, Wei Wei, Vice Chairman of the University Council at BNU and Chairperson of the University Council at BNU Zhuhai, attended the graduation ceremony on Zhuhai campus. Sun Hongpei, Vice Chairman of the University Council at BNU; Zhou Zuoyu, Vice President of BNU; Li Xiaobing, Vice Chairman of the University Council at BNU; Kang Zhen, Vice President of BNU; Liu Changxu, Vice President of BNU and Wang Ming, Vice President of BNU attended the graduation ceremony on Beijing campus. Representatives of the Academic Degree Assessment Committee, teachers, alumni and parents attended the graduation ceremony.

The graduation ceremony opened with the national anthem. The list was read, including the outstanding graduates, those who were selected in the Qualified Teachers Sailing



Plan, and those who are going to the west of China or work at the grass-roots level. The university leaders and representatives of the Academic Degree Evaluation Committee who attended the ceremony presented honorary certificates to the graduates who were commended.

At the graduation ceremony, Ma Jun delivered a speech entitled, "Being Brave to Row in the New Era, Writing a New Chapter of Life." He congratulated the graduates of year 2023 on their graduation and thanked their families and teachers. He praised the graduates of year 2023 on their experiences in BNU, such as keeping pace with the great

era; witnessing the brilliance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Party and the 20th CPC National Congress; celebrating the 120th anniversary of the founding of BNU and inheriting the glory of BNU; learning from President Xi Jinping's reply letter to students of BNU who attended "Outstanding Teachers Program," and actively practicing the



school motto of "Learn, so as to instruct others; Act, to serve as example to all," so as to enhance their ability in learning, temper their character in practice, and grow in the process of determination.

Ma Jun encouraged the graduates to strive by strengthening their ideals and beliefs, anchor their life goals, combine their personal dreams with the Chinese dream, integrate their personal development into the development of the times, and let youth glitter with brilliance. Ma Jun urged them to continue lifelong learning, bear in mind the university motto of "Learn, so as to instruct others; Act, to serve as example to all," bravely face the future full of opportunities and challenges, continue to study after graduation, constantly improve their learning ability, thus improving the ability to adapt to future uncertainties. He also encouraged them to stay optimistic with an open mind to actively face the difficulties and setbacks that may occur in life, always be strong and positive people, and create their own wonderful life in the future. Ma Jun extended his best wishes to encourage the graduates to actively practice BNU's persistent pursuit of "truth, innovation and pioneering," with the pride and dreams of BNU to strive for success, to be brave and resolute, and to write a new chapter in the great journey of national rejuvenation.

At the graduation ceremony, alumni representatives also presented their speeches, including Zhang Hui, a history teacher from the Second Middle School of Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, and a 2018 government-funded normal student from BNU, and Chang Kai, member of the Standing Committee of the 14<sup>th</sup> CPPCC National Committee and academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Zhang Hui encouraged the first batch of government-funded normal student graduates at BNU Zhuhai to grow into a great, well-learned and outstanding mentor in the future post, to be firmly



王守军主持珠海校区毕业典礼



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grounded, to bravely set sail, and to head for the places where the country and people need them most, and be a happy striver. Chang Kai combined his own learning and work experience, shared the story of the invention of semiconductor transistors, and encouraged graduates to establish the right direction of life, grasp the excellent opportunity platform, understand themselves correctly, learn to cooperate, start from the details and with courage and persistence to realize the value of life, thus making contribution to the

social progress as BNUers.

Li Xuanzhi from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and Huitong College majoring in Chinese Language and Literature, and Luo Xiaohui from the Department of Psychology spoke as the graduate representative. Li Xuanzhi reviewed the growth and progress acquired at BNU Zhuhai, and extended his sincere thanks to the university's wholehearted cultivation. He expressed that as a graduate, he should take root in the motherland and cultivate the sense of home and country; consolidate professional knowledge and build a solid foundation for development; carry forward the spirit of striving, temper the quality of striving, and contribute wisdom and strength to the motherland. Luo Xiaohui shared her growth at BNU, as well as the strength of perseverance and upward development obtained in professional learning, scientific research training and social practice--that is, the courage to try, overcome difficulties



and take on heavy responsibilities, and she is determined to integrate the ideal of scientific research into the national education cause, and contribute to the high-quality development of education.

Li Xue, a student of Applied Statistics, and Li Jing, a student of Geographic Sciences, spoke as a representative of graduate students. Li Xue called on the graduates to express gratitude for BNU, to listen to the sound of the wind, the sound of the rain, the sound of the study of books; to concern all affairs of family, the affairs of state, the affairs of the world in the future, to remember the hope of the Party and the people, to shoulder the responsibility of the country and the nation, to learn and act, to apply theory and practice, have concern for knowledge and life, and to show the good style of BNU students in all walks of life. Li Jing told about her growth process of discovering and developing interests in study and practice, absorbing and cultivating interest in professional research and exploration, and refining and sharpening aspirations and interests in a firm and persistent career, and expressed her firm belief of taking root in the grassroots education and being a qualified teacher



with faith, virtue, knowledge and kindness. She called on all graduates to stick to their original intention and help the world so as to become better person and make contribution to this great times.

At the graduation ceremony of BNU Zhuhai, Ding Yong, from the Mathematics Department of Faculty of Arts and Sciences, said on behalf of all staff that he hoped the graduates would firmly bear in mind their responsibilities for themselves, their families and the society, to keep learning - with full spirit and perseverance, constantly update knowledge and to



be honest, kind, strong, tolerant, while becoming a person with a sense of justice and responsibility for home and country. Anna Darina, an international student representative and a 2021 MBA (Master of Business Administration) from Belt and Road School, thanked the university and teachers for their support, encouragement and help. She said that the experience of living in China and studying at BNU will be an invaluable treasure for her life, where she has acquired in-depth knowledge of Chinese



culture and shared experiences with Chinese students. It was at BNU that she not only mastered professional knowledge, but also developed friendships and contacts with classmates from different countries and continents. She expressed that after graduation, she will live up to the training of the university and move forward bravely on the new road of life.



On the afternoon of June 20, Cheng Jianping, Chairman of the University Council of BNU, Wang Shoujun, Vice President of BNU and Director of Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai, and Wei Wei, Vice Chairman of the University Council of BNU and Chairperson of the University Council of BNU Zhuhai had a talk and exchange with the representatives of graduates. Cheng Jianping reviewed the construction and development of BNU Zhuhai in the past four years, expressed gratitude to the teachers and students who have made contributions to BNU Zhuhai on behalf of the university, and raised high expectations for the graduates who are about to embark on a new journey. He hoped that all the students would be deeply-grounded, self-expanding, hard-working, and pursuing excellence, while

also maintaining physical and mental health, staying optimistic and open-minded and be modest and humble. He hoped they will always bear in mind the university motto of "Learn, so as to instruct others; Act, to serve as example to all," and contribute to the society, the country, the nation and mankind, with "the top priority is the country" in mind. The representatives of the graduates at the meeting shared the stories and achievements during their university life, expressed their career plans, and provided opinions and suggestions on the affairs of the university.

After the ceremony, the university leaders and members of the Academic degree Assessment Committee went to different classrooms and



lecture halls to participate in the degree awarding ceremony, and awarded the degree certificates to the graduates. Beijing Campus also held a special degree

awarding ceremony for the 2023 Qualified Teacher Sailing Plan and graduates who worked in the western China at the grassroots level.

## 2023 "Youth Talk Zhuhai International Dialogue" Held at BNU Zhuhai

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On the afternoon of June 9, 2023, the themed dialogue and exchange event of Zhuhai "Youth Talk Zhuhai International Dialogue" opened grandly at BNU Zhuhai. Youth from Zhuhai, Macao, and international sister cities conducted online dialogues around "Working Together to Protect the Green Earth," spreading the concept of green development and speaking for our planet. The event was hosted by the Zhuhai Foreign Affairs Office, co-hosted by the Macao Policy Research and Regional Development Bureau (DSEPDR), the Information



Office of the Zhuhai Municipal People's Government, and the Zhuhai Education Bureau, and organized by BNU Zhuhai. Li Chong, Deputy Mayor of Zhuhai attended the event and delivered a speech. Tom Tate, Mayor of Gold Coast, Australia, delivered an online video speech as a special guest of the sister city. Other leaders attended the events including Tong Man, Director of Zhuhai Foreign Affairs Office, Zhang Zuowen, Director of DSEPDR, Xie Fang, Deputy Director of Zhuhai Education Bureau, Wei Wei, Vice Chairman of the University Council of BNU Zhuhai, as well as the heads of related departments in Zhuhai and Macao. Nearly 100 representatives of Chinese and foreign teachers and students also participated online and offline.

At the event, as "green messengers," Chinese and foreign youth, enthusiastically shared their insights, creative ideas, and vivid stories on promoting green and sustainable development through online and offline communication, fully demonstrating the mission and responsibility of contemporary youth in the construction of global ecological civilization. They showed local environmental protection cases through well-prepared videos, practical stories in environmental protection projects, exchanged innovative practices in the local cities in the fields of ecological community construction, marine ecological protection, carbon neutrality and carbon peaking, and expressed their love and determination



to protect the Earth. Through this, they called on young people around the world to carry forward the concept of green, low-carbon environmental protection, share the responsibility for green development, take practical actions to gather young and positive energy for the cause of global green development and contribute to building a community with a shared future for mankind. Professor Liu Xinhui, executive Director of Research and Development Center for Watershed Environmental Eco-Engineering of the Advanced Institute of Natural Sciences, BNU and Director of the Experimental and Service Center for Science and Technology of BNU Zhuhai, commented on the event as a guest.

Finally, Tong Man, Xie Fang, and Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs of BNU Zhuhai, presented trophies and certificates to the six winners of Zhuhai Youth English Speech Contest entitled, "Working Together to Protect the Green Earth." Luo Xiaoling from BNU Zhuhai stood out from more than 130 Zhuhai youth contestants and won the second prize in the competition.

The "Youth Talk Zhuhai International Dialogue" is a brand exchange activity for youth of international sister cities, jointly launched by the Zhuhai Foreign Affairs Office and Macao Policy Research and Regional Development Bureau in 2022. It is aimed to deepen the Sino-foreign friendship and cooperation, create a platform for



the youth of sister cities to know the world in all aspects, integrate into the world, and embrace the world so as to strengthen exchanges, enhance understanding, develop friendship, and cultivate new forces to pass on the cause of Sino-foreign friendship. The "Youth Talk Zhuhai International Dialogue" has been successfully held for two sessions in BNU Zhuhai, and has become an important practical platform for Zhuhai and Macao to promote the innovation of the mechanism of cooperation between sister cities and the sharing of resources, as well as to serve the country's overall diplomatic strategy and the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area through the cooperative construction of sister cities exchange network and the promotion of mutual understanding and cooperation.

The scale of the "Youth Talk Zhuhai International Dialogue" in 2023 had been expanded by the increasing number of participating international cities and overseas youths compared with that of the previous year. It attracted people from Zhuhai, Macao, the Gold Coast of Australia, Blagoveshchensk of Russia, and South Africa. Nearly 200 young people from 12 cities of 10 countries, besides China, actively participated, including Sakhalinsk, Suwon in South Korea, Providence in the United States, Halifax in Canada, Passy in the Philippines, La Spezia in Italy, Siem Reap in Cambodia, and Phuket in Thailand.

# Wei Wei Attends the 2023 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance Annual Meeting and Presidents' Forum

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On July 4, 2023, the 2023 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance Annual Meeting and Presidents' Forum was held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) with a theme of "Gathering Talent in GBA, Creating the Future Together." More than 150 people attended the meeting, including relevant government leaders from the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan of Ministry of Education; Department of Education Science and Technology of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; Education and Youth Work Department of Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region; Department of Education of Guangdong Province; Education Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; Education and Youth Development Bureau of the Macao Special Administrative Region, as well as representatives of universities from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao. Wei Wei, the Vice Chairman of the University

Council of Beijing Normal University (BNU) and the Vice Chairperson of the University Council of Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai) and heads of the Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Office and Research and Development Affairs Office of BNU Zhuhai attended the meeting.

At the Presidents' Forum, Wei Wei delivered a speech on the theme of "how to comprehensively improve the quality of independent talent training." She pointed out that BNU is committed to building a training system for future-oriented high-quality teachers and has always been an important base for the national high-quality innovative talent training. She also introduced the development of the "Outstanding Teachers Program" of BNU, the new model of training of normal students at BNU Zhuhai, the reform and innovation of a collaborative talent training pattern of "academic colleges or schools + residential colleges or schools," the continuous promotion of the double-tutor system, and the "double practice" system of innovative education and teaching. In



addition, she also shared BNU's measures and experience in serving the national strategy and exploring and cultivating cutting-edge innovative talent. Wei said that BNU Zhuhai had been striving to build a talent training support system, strengthen cross-integration, and establish a solid foundation for cultivating high-quality and top-notch innovative talent.

At the council meeting of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Universities Carbon Neutral and Green Development Alliance was approved for establishment, which was jointly initiated by BNU Zhuhai, Guangdong University of Technology, Sun Yat-sen University, South China University of Technology, Southern University of Science and Technology, Harbin Institute of Technology, Shenzhen, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and Macau University of Science and Technology. It has become another approved professional alliance initiated by BNU Zhuhai.



# BNU Zhuhai Holds an Exchange Activity for Students from Nine Universities in Zhuhai and Macao to Inherit Spirit of May Fourth Movement

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Youth breeds infinite hope, and the youth create a better future. From May 3 to 4, 2023, on the occasion of the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the May Fourth Movement, nearly 70 college students from Zhuhai and Macao attended the "2023 Exchange Activity for Students from Nine Universities in Zhuhai and Macao to Inherit the Spirit of the May Fourth Movement." The nine universities included the University of Macau, Macau University of Science and Technology, Macau Polytechnic University, City University of Macau, Sun Yat-sen University Zhuhai Campus, Beijing Institute of Technology Zhuhai College, Beijing Normal University-Hong Kong Baptist University United International College, Beijing Normal University and Beijing Normal University, Zhuhai. The teachers and students from the nine universities communicated pleasantly and deeply in the event, paired up with each other, formed deep friendships, demonstrated their youthful style and how they persevere in the new journey of the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area with the high-spirited attitude of young college students in the new era.

On the morning of May 3, Wei Wei, Vice Chairman of the University Council of BNU and Chairperson of the University Council of BNU Zhuhai, gave a special ideological and political lecture to the students. Through the vivid, touching, realistic, and far-reaching theme lecture, she encouraged university students in Zhuhai and Macao to firmly inherit the spirit of the May Fourth Movement, strengthen their ambition, integrity, and confidence as Chinese, take an active role in the bright future of in-depth cooperation between Guangdong and Macao, and work

together to build and pursue the dream of the Greater Bay Area.

Wei Wei said that 2023 was the first year to fully implement the spirit of the 20<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Communist Party of China. It was the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the return of the Macao Special Administrative Region, and the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the May Fourth Movement. In this new era, in which people of all ethnic groups are united, young college students should consciously



carry forward the May Fourth spirit of "patriotism, progress, democracy, and science." Young university students in the Greater Bay Area should always keep in mind the ardent expectations of General Secretary Xi Jinping, be united with the motherland, keep pace with the times, study diligently, actively hone their talents, and contribute to the development of the Greater Bay Area with continuous strength.

Creating an education hub is an important step in building the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area into the International Center for Technology and Innovation and the Global Science and Technology Innovation Hub. During the event, college students from nine universities in Zhuhai and Macao visited high-level scientific research institutions and traditional culture research institutions such as the Center for Cognition and Neuroergonomics at the State Key Laboratory of Cognitive Neuroscience

and Learning, the Center for Water Sciences Research, the Intangible Cultural Heritage Transmission Workshop, and also took part in labor experiential activities in BNU Zhuhai. By listening to detailed explanations, experiencing high-tech equipment, and personally experiencing the production of intangible cultural heritage works and the cultivation of agricultural products, university students in Zhuhai and Macao not only experienced the rapid development of science and technology but also enhanced their understanding of the profound traditional Chinese culture. The students all said that every great achievement of the motherland was attributed to the hard work and unremitting efforts of countless people. They hoped that in the future they could continue to strengthen mutual learning and actively enhance the spirit and ability of innovation to contribute to building a strong country in science and technology



and winning over the people of Hong Kong and Macao.

On the morning of May 4, students from nine universities in Zhuhai and Macao went to Guishan Island for red research activities. Teachers and students visited the Guishan Ship Memorial Park and laid flowers for the revolutionary martyrs in front of the Martyrs Monument. Up close, they learned the red history of the Guishan Naval Battle and jointly recalled the heroic revolutionary spirit of Chinese military officers and soldiers. Teachers and students also stopped at Wen Tianxiang Square to pay homage to Wen Tianxiang's statue, review Wen Tianxiang's great national integrity, and promote their own patriotism.

This exchange activity for students from nine universities in Zhuhai and Macao to Inherit the Spirit of the May Fourth Movement was jointly organized by the Youth League Committee of BNU Zhuhai, Office of the Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs in BNU Zhuhai, and the United Front Department. It was strongly supported by the Department of Education and Youth Work of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao Special Administrative Region and universities in Macao and the sister universities in Zhuhai.

# Launching Ceremony of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance for Environmental and Ecological Engineering Held at BNU Zhuhai

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On May 13, 2023, the launching ceremony of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance for Environmental and Ecological Engineering (hereinafter referred to as "the Alliance") was held at Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai). Li Jinjun, Director of the Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs Office of the Department of Education of Guangdong Province, Chen Haiyuan, Deputy Director of the Zhuhai Municipal Ecological Environment Bureau, and Yu Lihong, Deputy Director of the Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai, attended the meeting. Zheng Yue, Vice President of Sun Yat-sen University, delivered a speech via video. Relevant leaders from the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs and Research & Development Office of BNU Zhuhai, leaders of relevant departments of the Zhuhai Municipal Ecological Environment Bureau, teachers and students from the Environment Departments of the nine alliance universities, attended the launching ceremony. It was hosted by Liu Jinling, Deputy Director



of the Advanced Institute of Natural Sciences of BNU.

In the online speech, Li Jinjun congratulated the launch of the Alliance for Environmental and Ecological Engineering. He pointed out that the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance was an important decision for Guangdong Province to further promote the construction of "One Core, One Belt, and One District" and enhance China's strategic capability of higher education serving regional development. He stated that under the framework of the Alliance, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance for Environmental and Ecological Engineering had far-



reaching significance and broad prospects. He hoped that the Alliance would make new and greater contributions to the development of ecological civilization construction in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and better serve the overall interests of the country.

Yu Lihong noted that BNU was fully equipped to support the development of the Alliance in education, scientific research, social services, and other aspects. She mentioned that BNU would work with other member universities of the Alliance to thoroughly implement the spirit of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China and the Outline of the Development Plan for

the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Also, BNU will carry out mutually beneficial and shared cooperation in talent training, academic exchanges, scientific research cooperation, social services, instrument platforms, library and literature resources, etc., and build the Alliance into a high-end platform for talent gathering, resource sharing, and collaborative innovation in the field of environmental and ecological engineering in Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao. In addition, it would help promote innovation and development in the field of environmental and ecological engineering in the Greater Bay Area and promote the construction of ecological civilization in Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao.



Zheng Yue said, in his video speech, that the launch of the Alliance was a happy and grand event for the environmental community. He emphasized that as the new era had given new missions, and new journeys called for new achievements, the Alliance had brought together high-quality resources in the environmental field of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. With the establishment of the Alliance and

the orderly development of various endeavors, the sincere cooperation of colleges and universities in the three places would further improve the education level and scientific and technological strength in the field of environmental ecology in China, and help raise the cause of environmental protection in China to a new level.

A committee appointment ceremony was held at the launching ceremony. Yu Lihong and other guests issued letters of appointment to the first chairman and deputy chairman of the Alliance.

Shen Zhenyao, Dean of the School of Environment of BNU, and Sun Lianpeng, Dean of the School of Environment of Sun Yat-sen University, who were the first chairman members of the Alliance, spoke one after another. They both said that they would vigorously lead the construction and development of the Alliance and enhance the level of cooperation in the field of environmental and ecological engineering in Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao in innovative



research and talent training, by promoting the exchanges, cooperation, and resource sharing among the three places in the field of environment and ecology. Subsequently, Shen Zhenyao and Sun Lianpeng unveiled the plaque of the Secretariat of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance for Environmental and Ecological Engineering.

After the launching ceremony, the Alliance committee held its first meeting, reviewed the Alliance charter (revised draft), and discussed the Alliance's construction and development, annual work tasks, etc. The Alliance Secretariat discussed the implementation plan.



# Headmaster of Saint Paul School and His Delegation Visit BNU Zhuhai

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On May 11, 2023, Chen Xinwang, the headmaster of Saint Paul School, Macao (ESP), and his delegation visited BNU Zhuhai. Representatives from the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs, Delonix Regia Psychological Service Center, and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center, attended the meeting.

Guo Kanjun, Director of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs, welcomed the delegation warmly, and then introduced projects that BNU Zhuhai recently conducted regarding Hong Kong and Macao. She mentioned that ESP and BNU Zhuhai had engaged closely since the very beginning. After ESP's first visit to BNU Zhuhai in November 2020, the friendship started to increase, and many projects had been initiated, including "Bringing Intangible Cultural Heritage into Campus" and "Zhuhai-Macao Student Exchange." With the help of the office, ESP also began a cooperative relationship with Jinfeng Primary School.



Chen Xinwang expressed gratitude for the considerate arrangement and reception of relevant departments and restated and reviewed the friendship between the two schools. He said the professional development of teachers had always been the key work of ESP. As for the day's visit, ESP hoped to improve the competence of middle and high management staff and class supervisors with the help of BNU. Some future training activities were expected, such as theory learning, in-service training communication, and cultural visiting.

Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center introduced the visitors to the curriculum

system of education for teacher training designed for teachers from Hong Kong and Macao. Currently, the plan of academic visits and exchanges for young teachers in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao has been promoted positively. It also aimed to build a training system in the long term and an education base for young teachers' education, which combines the training needs with teachers' specialty of ESP knowledge, so it could jointly increase the competencies of ESP's teachers.

With the company of colleagues from the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center, the delegation visited the Delonix Regia Psychological Service Center. Zhang Jun, Director of the Center, expressed that they would take an active part in the relevant work, and will cooperate with the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center. In this way, the Center could contribute to the improvement of the work of mental health education in ESP and protect the healthy growth of teachers and students in Macao.





# Lau Chi-Pang, Associate Vice-President of Lingnan University, and His Delegation Visit BNU Zhuhai

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On the morning of May 16, 2023, Lau Chi-Pang, CPPCC members, President of the Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers, and Associate Vice-President of Lingnan University (LU), visited BNU Zhuhai with his delegation. Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs of BNU Zhuhai, Dean of Phoenix School, Director of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center, had a meeting with them. They discussed deeper integration of higher education resources under the background of a new era of innovative development and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA). Representatives from the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs, College of Education for the Future, Phoenix School, and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center, attended the meeting.

Chen Xi welcomed the delegation and gave a brief introduction to BNU's positioning as a "world-class university with Chinese characteristics that is comprehensive, research-oriented and leading in pedagogical education," in which Zhuhai Campus possesses the same position in importance as the Beijing Campus. Rooted in the GBA, Zhuhai Campus adheres to the University's development principles of "high standard, new mechanism, and internationalization,"

and the guidelines of "passing the tradition of BNU, increasing cultural communication, working on talent training and promoting international exchange." She expressed sincere wishes to connect and embark on deep cooperation with Hong Kong, taking into account the advantages from both sides.

Lau Chi-Pang introduced the historical development, school scale, and subject advantages of LU, especially about the development of Liberal Arts Education. As one of the universities closest to the GBA, LU hoped to explore cooperation on emerging key disciplines with the resources and location advantage of Zhuhai Campus through communication, so an innovation and collaboration pattern about space and talent exchanges would be formed.

Guo Kanjun, Director of Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs, introduced measures taken and programs carried out with Hong Kong and Macao, thanks to the geographical advantages of Zhuhai Campus' location and BNU disciplines. She stressed the outcomes that contain collaboration with universities in Hong Kong and Macao and the development of GBA.

Sun Bo, Vice Provost of BNU Zhuhai and Deputy Dean of the College of Education for the Future, pointed out that there was space for communication

and collaboration between the two universities in humanities, business, Artificial Intelligence, and big data science. He hoped that LU and BNU would work together and learn from each other, which could better achieve the interconnectivity of talent and human resources. In this way, they could contribute to the cooperation and innovation of higher education in the Greater Bay Area (GBA).

Both sides deeply discussed the new orientation and requirements for GBA proposed by President Xi and agreed that it needed to continuously promote the pre-practice" of higher education reform and innovation. High-level mechanisms for opening-up and collaboration needed to be explored. With the building of a community platform among Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao, it could attract talent to achieve the international allocation of educational resources, and deeply integrate digital education technology. To fully play the primary and strategic role of universities, barriers between disciplines and in physical space needed to be eradicated, so that interdisciplinary collaboration could be established.

Chen Xi stated that the agreement on the innovative development of higher education was built through this meeting, which discussed and communicated constructively about the new disciplinary

layout and future of education in Hong Kong and area of the Chinese mainland in the GBA. It also discussed how to exert the educational resources of Beijing, Zhuhai, and Hong Kong for deep integration. Initial cooperation intention about innovation patterns, establishment of emerging subjects, and so on reached a consensus. It was expected that a plan of cooperation would soon be drawn up and put into practice, so as to contribute to the high-quality development of higher education in GBA, and to the building of a powerful country in education.



# Launch Meeting of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao University Alliance for Education Assessment & "Technology and Applications of Large-Scale Assessment in Education" Symposium Held at BNU Zhuhai

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On the morning of May 21, 2023, the launch meeting of the Education Assessment Alliance of Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao & "Technology and Applications of Large-Scale Assessment in Education" Symposium were successfully held at Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai).

Representatives from BNU, the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and University of Macau (UM) attended the launching ceremony. The attending members were, Prof. Zheng Guomin, Assistant to the President of BNU; Prof. Fan Xitao, Dean of Education, CUHK; Prof. Kwok Cheung, Director of Educational Testing and Assessment Research Centre (ETARC), Faculty of Education, UM; Prof. Wang Shuguang, Executive Director of the Collaborative Innovation Center of Assessment for Basic Education Quality, BNU; Prof. Li Jiayong, Vice Dean of Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, BNU, and Guo Kanjun,



Director of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs, BNU Zhuhai. Nearly a hundred scholars and guests from 25 universities, 20 educational research institutions, and 5 companies from Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao participated in the launch ceremony of the Alliance and the Symposium as well. Prof. Wang Shuguang presided over the launch ceremony.

The Education Assessment Alliance of Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao was launched in January 2022 by BNU, CUHK and UM. The Alliance is a collaborative platform focusing on the field of educational assessment and assessment uniting with universities and educational research institutions in Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao, as well as surrounding regions for the integration of superior resources from all parties. Through the establishment of a research community, talent training base, monitoring and assessment system, and academic exchange center, along with deepening cooperation in scientific research, talent training, social service and other aspects, the Alliance aims to promote the research and applications in education monitoring and assessment, and to support a balanced and high-quality development of regional education across Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao.



In his speech, Prof. Zheng Guomin said that the establishment of the Alliance would better serve China's major national strategies, the Belt and Road, and the development of the Greater Bay Area in response to the demands of the new era. It will also promote in-depth cooperation in building a scientific education assessment system, deepening the reform of the education system and improving the quality of education among Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao.

Prof. Fan Xitao expressed that there was significant potential for China in the research and application of examination technology, and the application of new technologies was facing challenges in gaining acceptance in society. The Education Assessment Alliance of Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao was the first cooperative organization



on education assessment in China, and it was hoped that more universities and research institutions would join the Alliance.



In his speech, Prof. Kwok Cheung expressed his anticipation and hope for the development goals of the Alliance, expecting collaborative efforts from all parties. He hoped that all members of the Alliance would work together to build a research community, jointly conduct advanced talent training, establish a high-level education quality monitoring and assessment system in the Greater Bay Area, and contribute to this endeavor from Macao.

After the launching meeting of the Education Assessment Alliance of Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao, a Symposium on Technology and Applications of Large-Scale Assessment in Education was held.

At the Symposium, many well-known experts and scholars engaged in discussions on various topics including



the future of psychological and educational measurement in China, the new development of PISA 2025 assessment content and technology, confirmatory factor analysis, Chatbots in education, assessment and New College Entrance Examination scoring scheme, as well as ChatGPT and measurement assessment. These scholars included Prof. Dong Qi, Prof. Hau Kit-Tai, Prof. Kwok Cheung, Prof. Chiu Ming Ming, Prof. Zheng Yi, Prof. Pou Seong Sit, Prof. Pan Junhao, Prof. Yang Zhiming, Dr. Xi Xiaoming, Prof. Luo Guanzhong, Prof. Zhang Sheng, and Prof. Wen Zhonglin.

According to the trilateral consensus, the Education Assessment Alliance of Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao will focus on the following four aspects: building a research community for educational assessment and evaluation, an advanced talent training base, the education monitoring and assessment system in the Greater Bay Area of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao, and an international academic exchange center featuring educational assessment and evaluation. By working towards these four objectives, the Alliance aims to collectively promote high-quality development in education across the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao region and contribute to the building of a powerful country in education.

# BNU Zhuhai Kicked Off 2023 Training Program for Backbone Teachers from Macao

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On April 1, the 2023 training program for Macao's Backbone Teachers, held by Phoenix School/Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center, was launched at Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai). Zheng Jiezhao, Headmaster of Lou Hau High School, Macao; Vong Kuoc leng, Headmaster of Escola Choi Nong Chi Tai; Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs of BNU Zhuhai, Dean of Phoenix School, Director of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center; representatives from the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs attended the opening ceremony. 60 teaching and administrative staff from the above-mentioned two schools in Macao attended the training.

At the opening ceremony, Chen Xi extended a warm welcome to staff members from Macao attending the class for interpretation of Curriculum Standard for Compulsory Education (2022 edition). She said that this training would contribute to deepening teachers' understanding of the new Curriculum Standard to improve their teaching ability in all areas and promote the cooperation and development of elementary education between Zhuhai and Macao. The founding of the Guangdong-Hong

Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center at BNU Zhuhai aims to draw on the advanced resources and experience of qualified teachers of BNU in the field of education, and build a high-quality education development system that integrates teaching, research and training for colleges, high schools, primary schools and kindergartens, so as to contribute to teacher training in the GBA.

Zheng Jiezhao and Vong Kuoc Leng expressed gratitude for the considerate organization and efforts made by BNU Zhuhai. They mentioned that this training was the first time for the two schools to come to the Chinese mainland after the end of the pandemic. They hoped that participants would strictly comply with the teaching arrangements and take an active part in group work and discussions.

The training focused on national strategies and innovation of education, encouraged teachers to embrace educational reform, and helped them understand and grasp the new ideas and requirements of curriculum standards. It also promoted the communication and collaboration of education in the new era. For this training, lectures and campus tours were organized. During the training, participants took courses on, "Wisdom of Delicacy School Management and Main Changes" and "Thinking of Curriculum Standard for Compulsory Education (2022 edition)."

At the closing ceremony, participants gave positive feedback, saying that the training had broadened their horizons, expanded their thinking, and innovated their concepts, which was conducive to applying understanding to their teaching practice.



# Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai and Rangsit University, Thailand Sign Memorandum of Understanding

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On June 14, Dr. Piyasuda Mawai, Dean of College of Liberal Arts and Dr. Natchaporn Dechrach, Head of Chinese Language Department, College of Liberal Arts of Rangsit University in Thailand, visited Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai). Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs and Dean of Phoenix School, BNU Zhuhai; Wang Xuesong, Secretary of the Party Committee of the School of International Chinese Language Education, and Feng Liping, Dean of the School of International Chinese Language Education, as well as relevant officials from the International Office and Phoenix School received the guests and held a meeting at the International Exchange Center.

Chen Xi welcomed Piyasuda Mawai and her delegation, expressed her appreciation of the participation of the College of Liberal Arts of Rangsit University in BNU Phoenix Forum (2022) held by Phoenix School, and gave a brief introduction to BNU Zhuhai. Wang Xuesong and Feng Liping introduced undergraduate and graduate talent training programs, academic research, localization of international Chinese language teaching materials, resource bank construction, and dispatch of international Chinese language education overseas volunteers in the School of International Chinese Language Education at Beijing Normal University. They also elaborated the progress of the summer international Chinese language education program

that was entrusted by Phoenix School and Rangsit University to the School of International Chinese Language Education.

Piyasuda Mawai expressed her gratitude to Phoenix School and the School of International Chinese Language Education for their support in offering an opportunity for Rangsit University's students to study Chinese language during the 2023 summer at BNU Zhuhai, and introduced the enrollment of Rangsit University's students and the arrangements of the university. Piyasuda Mawai appreciated the beautiful scenery and humanistic atmosphere of BNU Zhuhai and the meticulous and thoughtful arrangements of the summer program.

During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on talent training of international Chinese language education; international Chinese language teachers training; joint development of localized international Chinese language teaching materials; international Chinese language resource bank development; academic research and holding of joint international conferences; the building of an international Chinese language education teaching practice base in Thailand, and short-term international Chinese language education programs.

After the meeting, Chen Xi and Piyasuda Mawai, as representatives of both sides, signed the Memorandum of Understanding.



# 1<sup>st</sup> iGEM Greater Bay Area Synthetic Biology Industry–Academia–Research Forum Held at BNU Zhuhai

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In order to promote the deep integration of industry-academia-research in the field of synthetic biology in the Greater Bay Area, the first iGEM Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Synthetic Biology Industry-Academia-Research Forum (The 1st iGEM Greater Bay) was held at BNU Zhuhai on August 19 to 20, 2023.

iGEM is an international genetic engineered machine competition (iGEM), which is an international top university science and technology competition in the field of synthetic biology. It is also an interdisciplinary competition involving cross-cooperation in mathematics, computer science, statistics and other fields.

The 1<sup>st</sup> iGEM is an enterprise-team regional exchange event jointly sponsored by the iGEM team of BNU Zhuhai, University of Macau, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and Shenzhen University. As one of the most densely distributed areas of iGEM teams and bio-related high-tech industries in the world, the iGEM teams of four universities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area have united to develop a new way of iGEM teamwork, and take university-enterprise linkage as the core of the forum to gather universities and enterprises in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. It is committed to innovation and development for both universities and enterprises to build a bridge of industry-university-research cooperation and promote the cooperative development of biological industrial clusters in the Bay Area.

10 experts, including Mr. Guo Kanjun, Director of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of BNU Zhuhai; Professor Zhang Genfa of the College of Life Sciences of Beijing Normal University; Professor Li Zi'an of the Faculty of Health Sciences of University of Macau; Dr. Deng Simin of the Division of Life Sciences of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Dr. Fan Tuowen of the Bureau of Science, Technology and Economic Development of Zhuhai High-tech Zone; Mr. Shi Songlin, member of the CCiC Presidium; Zhuhai Um Science & Technology Research Institute; Zhuhai Sanmed Biotech Inc.; ImStem Biotechnology Inc; Filix Medtech Inc; Help Therapeutics Inc; Kairui Biotech Inc, as well as ten iGEM teams from universities in Guangdong, attended the event.

Events for the two-day forum included the opening ceremony, the industry-academia-research salon, the team-enterprise exchange, visiting enterprises, visiting research institutes, and the closing ceremony.



# SFD Holds 3<sup>rd</sup> STEDM Forum at BNU Zhuhai

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From May 25 to 26, the 3<sup>rd</sup> STEDM Education Forum co-organized by Beijing Normal University (BNU) and Tongji University was held by the School of Future Design (SFD) at BNU Zhuhai. The Forum took advantage of the global FABLAB digital manufacturing to combine the regional resources of Yangtze River Delta and Pearl River Delta regions. With the theme of "Design-led Science and Innovation Education Theory and Practice," the Forum explored the central role of design education in leading the intersection of STEDM disciplines in primary and secondary schools, innovating the eco-chain of education. The Forum brought together famous scholars and industry experts from China, the United States, Germany, Italy, South Korea and other countries and regions, and gathered more than 100 primary and secondary school teachers and innovation education practitioners from across China to discuss the practice and ideas of design-led science and innovation education through presentations and workshops.

In the speech at the opening ceremony of the Forum, Yang Nianlu, Executive Vice President of the Chinese Society of Education, expressed that the STEDM Education Forum

facilitates the joint efforts of universities and primary and secondary schools to promote the transformation of basic education models, which are conducive to exploring an effective path for cultivating innovative and top-notch talent.



Wei Wei, Vice Chairman of the University Council of BNU and Chairperson of the University Council of BNU Zhuhai, stated that design-led science and technology innovation education was not only of great significance in achieving the transformation from subject-oriented education to literacy-oriented education



so as to cultivate composite talents with innovative abilities, but also plays an important role in promoting the development of the national industrial economy, the improvement of people's aesthetic appreciation and the prosperity of social and cultural development. BNU held the STEDM Education Forum to fully leverage the advantages of theoretical innovation and distinctive disciplinary support, strengthen school to school, school to region and school to enterprise collaboration, and promote education modernization for the purpose of building an education power.

Gao Peng, Dean of the SFD at BNU, introduced the past, present and future development of the SFD. He stated that the SFD is tasked to fully integrate and leverage the resources and advantages of design disciplines from various universities around the world. Using it as a starting point, the college will develop a STEDM education curriculum system led by design to integrate multiple disciplines. It helped to build a platform for teachers and students to realize lifelong learning with a combination of the curriculum practice of teachers in primary and secondary schools and vocational colleges through the curriculum design of integrating technology and art for teenagers.



During the Forum, experts and scholars from universities, including Beijing Normal University, Tongji University, Peking University, Tsinghua University, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, and the Chinese Education Society, together with primary and secondary school teachers and innovation education industry experts from Beijing, Shanghai and other places, shared their practical experience and theoretical achievements in STEDM education. More than ten workshops were held simultaneously with themes

including design thinking, artificial intelligence and design, and creative programming. Through live interaction, participants



immersed themselves in the entire process of STEDM education, from core concepts and framework design to practical application.

The launch ceremony of a practical training platform for STEDM education, "the achievement of Beijing Normal University Future Design Seed Fund," was also held during the forum. The platform provides a set of online systems for teacher training, which is led by design thinking to realize the digitalization of PBL projects and interdisciplinary courses.

# Future Intelligent Education International Forum 2023 Held at BNU Zhuhai

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On June 25, 2023, the Future Intelligent Education International Forum of 2023, sponsored by BNU Zhuhai and hosted by the College of Education for the Future of Beijing Normal University, opened in Zhuhai. With the theme of "New Ecology, New Change: Dialogue on the Future of Education," the forum focused on the trends, theoretical basis and application scenarios of intelligent education technology in the future of the world, and featured various events such as theme reports, symposiums, workshops, parallel forums, and doctoral forums. Guests attending the forum included Chen Guoliang, Academician



of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Prof. Rupert Wegreff of Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge, and Nie Xiaolin, Director and Senior Vice President of iFlytek Co., LTD., Present at the forum were also more than 200 distinguished experts and scholars from Tsinghua University, Peking University, East China Normal University, Beihang University, Northeast Normal University, South China Normal University, University of Cambridge, Monash University, University of Manchester, University of Memphis, University of Edinburgh, and Rioja International University, and industry representatives in the field of education technology. A two-day in-depth discussion on future intelligent education was held to discuss intelligent education and actively promote educational innovation enabled by intelligent technology. The opening ceremony of the forum was presided over by Prof. Zheng Guomin, Assistant to President of BNU, Deputy Director of Administrative Committee of BNU Zhuhai and Dean of College of Education for the Future.

Wei Wei addressed the opening ceremony. She mentioned that with the rapid development of global science and technology, artificial intelligence (AI) was leading to major changes in

education, school curriculum, teaching methods, teacher-student relationships and evaluation systems, which would bring about a series of profound revolutions. What had become important themes in current talent training include building a new intelligent education ecosystem, promoting the transformation and upgrading of education, teaching and management, realizing the optimal allocation of education resources, and equipping students with the knowledge and ability needed by the future society.

Chen Guoliang pointed out in the report entitled, "The New generation of intelligent technology to build a new ecology of digital transformation of education," that in the face of the arrival of the digital age, education must adapt to social changes and accelerate reform, and train new people to adapt to the future society. In the future, intelligent education would promote student-centered learning, and personalized learning would become an important method of learning. Teachers should pay attention to inheriting and spreading fine traditional Chinese culture when applying new technology to teaching.



Gao Wen, academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, made a report entitled, "Open-Source Computers Enable a New Generation of AI Education," through video. In the report, he put forward the great challenges facing the training of high-level talent in AI and pointed out the endogenous driving force of education reform in the AI era and the new demand for students' quality and ability, and introduced Pengcheng Yunnao II as the infrastructure. He introduced the effectiveness of building an open-source collaborative cloud brain ecosystem, AI talent incubation base and a grand plan of Pengcheng Brain model base.



After the opening ceremony, the participants attended the main forum, and conducted in-depth discussions on how to better promote the deep integration and innovative development of AI and smart education to empower China's smart education.

Rupert Wegreff gave a keynote presentation entitled, "Dialogue-based Design: A Theory of Educational Technology for the Future." He emphasized that the pursuit of education lay in relational knowledge rather than individual knowledge. He put forward the viewpoint of education reform based on the dialogue teaching mode, and explained that the dialogue teaching mode, i.e.



questioning education, was an effective way to promote the continuous growth of students' thinking.

Prof. Chen Li of Beijing Normal University and Director of the Technical Committee of National Engineering Laboratory for Cyberlearning and Intelligent Technology, made a theme report entitled, "How to Use AI to crack the bottlenecks and challenges encountered in the current comprehensive evaluation of students." She proposed that information technology should be applied to the evaluation reform. Through the application of information technology, students' quality and skills could be evaluated more scientifically, objectively and accurately, and

refined management and effective application achieved. She also demonstrated the practice of information technology assisting students' comprehensive evaluation reform through examples. She called on the participants to work together to contribute wisdom and strength to the high-quality development of education.

Nie Xiaolin made a keynote report entitled "Practice and Exploration of Artificial Intelligence Enabling Education." In his report, he showed that IFLYTEK helps scale individualized teaching through AI technology, realizes process data collection,



intelligent evaluation, learning path planning, precision teaching, personalized learning, and provides students with opportunities for scientific inquiry. The report also shows the application of IFlystar Spark in multiple educational scenarios.

The Forum also released the Collection of International Cutting-edge Research on Artificial Intelligence and Future Education, which will support researchers, educators and students to have a more comprehensive understanding of the future development of intelligent education and promote a better integration of technology and education.



This Forum not only was showcasing the theoretical exploration and practical achievements of the future education reform and development of BNU Zhuhai through promoting the research and innovation of the application of intelligent technology in the field of education, but was also actively contributing to digital transformation of education, accelerating a deep integration of artificial intelligence and education, and creating a new pattern for the development of smart education to build an education power and promote the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

# Kick-off Conference of the First-level Project of National Social Science Foundation's "Ethical Foundation and Practical Path of Social Governance Community Construction" Successfully Held at BNU Zhuhai

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On April 22, 2023, the kick-off conference of the First-level Project of National Social Science Foundation's "Ethical Foundation and Practical Path of Social Governance Community Construction," was successfully held at BNU Zhuhai. This conference was hosted by BNU Zhuhai and undertaken by the Academy of Advanced Humanities and Social Sciences, the International Center for Philosophy, the School of Philosophy, and the Center for Value and Culture Studies. Wei Wei, Vice Chairperson of the University Council of BNU and Chairperson of the University Council of BNU Zhuhai; Zheng Anxing, President of Zhuhai Federation of Social Sciences; Wu Xiangdong, Dean of the School of Philosophy and Director of Value and Culture Research Center of BNU, delivered speeches respectively. Li Jiayong, Deputy Dean of

the Advanced Research Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences of Beijing Normal University, presided over the opening ceremony. Prof. Dai Maotang, the chief expert of the research group, made an on-site report. The reviewers, Prof. Fan Heping from Southeast University; Prof. Deng Anqing from Fudan University; Prof. Jiang Chang from Central China Normal University; Prof. Sun Chunchen, President of China Ethics Society; Prof. Long Jingyun from Central China Normal University; Prof. Fu Changzhen from East China Normal University and Prof. Tian Haiping from BNU gave their opinions in succession. The meeting was divided into four parts and more than 50 people participated including leaders at all levels, review experts, members of the research group, related scholars and conference officials.



# BNU Phoenix Forum: "International Education in the Future of Education: Let's Re-imagine Our Future Together" Held at BNU Zhuhai

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On June 15, 2023, the BNU Phoenix Forum, "Global Symbiosis: The Future of Education," was held at Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai). Heads of institutions, including Zhuhai Foreign Affairs Bureau, Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao S. A. R., Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region Education and Youth Development Bureau, Association of Primary and Secondary School Principals in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Macao Chinese Educational Association, and International Centre for Higher Education Innovation under the auspices of UNESCO. Also, representatives and guests from over 10 universities at home and abroad, including Rangsit University in Thailand, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in South Korea, Macao Polytechnic University, Tsinghua University, Southern University of Science and Technology, and Shaanxi Normal University, gathered together at Phoenix School to participate in the forum themed around "International Education in the Future of Education: Let's Re-imagine Our Future Together," as part of the discussion on the bigger issue of "Global Symbiosis: The Future of Education."



Chen Xi, Director of International Education Affairs, Dean of Phoenix School, and Director of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cultural and Educational Exchange Center, BNU Zhuhai, presided over the opening ceremony. She stated that education not only held the promise of humanity, but also responded to the urgent need to rethink the questions of "why, how, what, where and when" concerning learning. Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, once said, "At a time when climate, health and technological challenges are intertwined, it is more necessary than ever to re-imagine education in order to chart a course for the future." Themed around "International Education in

the Future of Education: Let's Re-imagine Our Future Together," this BNU Phoenix Forum was organized by Phoenix School to explore the issue of "Global Symbiosis: The Future of Education," sending an invitation to experts around the world to encourage thinking and imagination on international education, and to establish an open, inclusive and shared exchange platform for dialogues on the topic of re-constructing international education in the future of education.

Deng Weiqiang, Director of Education Fund Department, Education and Youth Development Bureau, Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region.

Zheng Hongguang, Vice Chairman of the Association of Primary and Secondary School Principals in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Chinese Educators Association of Macao. Xia Guangzhi, Deputy Director of Center for Hong Kong and Macao Studies, Tsinghua University. Dr. Piyasuda Mawai, Dean of College of Liberal Arts of Rangsit University. Zhang Xianbin, Vice Chairperson of the University Council of BNU Zhuhai, delivered speeches over the theme.

After the opening ceremony, Prof. Feng Liping presided over the session of keynote speeches of the conference. Six speakers from Beijing and Zhuhai campuses of Beijing Normal University, Beijing Language and Culture University, UNESCO, Shaanxi Normal University, and Hankuk University of Foreign Studies discussed topics, including future education, international education and Chinese language education from the perspectives of language and culture, Chinese calligraphy education, Chinese character learning and teaching, language resource conservation, digital transformation and business education. These presentations compiled both macro and profound insights as well as concrete and pragmatic solutions, which were of great significance for practitioners of higher education in terms of how to face the future with a proactive posture and better assume the responsibility of education.

In the afternoon of June 15, the roundtable sessions were held. Scholars and experts from more than 10 sister universities in the United States, Thailand, South Korea, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Chinese Mainland gathered to conduct in-depth discussions on the two topics

of "International Education in the Future of Education" and "Chinese Language Education in International Education," from their own perspectives. They expressed their thoughts, exchanged experiences, generated new ideas, and envisioned the future. Constructive dialogues and exchanges were held about the responsibility and role of education in shaping the development of human society, the mutual support and promotion between education and scientific and technological progress, the connection between localization and globalization of learning, the internationalization of the Chinese language and the integration of Chinese language education into international instruction, and many other issues that were of pressing concern to all walks of life.

Prof. Li Jiayong, Deputy Dean of the Institute of Advanced Studies in

Humanities and Social Sciences, Beijing Normal University, presided over the closing ceremony of the forum. Finally, He Jiangkun, Deputy Dean of Phoenix School, Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai, expressed his gratitude to all the experts and scholars for their participation in the forum and looked forward to meeting them again at the next BNU Phoenix Forum. The roundtable sessions contributed valuable thoughts and achieved fruitful results for the future of education and the harmony and evolution of the global education ecology.

As an integral part of the forum, Phoenix Lecture Series VI was also held concurrently. The Phoenix Lecture Series aim to broaden international horizon and train globally competent talent, providing a platform for students to acquire diversified and international knowledge.



Keynote speech by Prof. Wang Xuesong, School of International Chinese Language Education, Beijing Normal University



Group photo of the attendees

## Prof. He Libo of Center for Historical Research Wins Funding Project of National Social Science Fund

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On February 6, 2023, the website of the National Philosophy and Social Science Planning Office announced the results of the 2022 National Social Science Fund deferred funding and excellent doctoral thesis publishing project. "Study on Ancient Roman Knight Rank" (project number: 22FSSB012), a project led by He Libo from the History Research Center, was rated as a national Social Science Fund deferred-fund general project.

The "Ancient Roman Knight Rank Study" was incubated from the introduction of talent and research initiation project, "Ancient Roman Knight Rank History," at BNU Zhuhai, reflecting the strength of the campus to train and support the newly introduced teachers in recent years. This topic examines the formation, development and evolution of chivalry in ancient Rome, clarifies the evolution of the concept of chivalry, and discusses the role of chivalry in Roman society,

in order to explore the role of chivalry in the evolution process from republic to republic, as well as describes the complex process of knights evolving into the new bureaucratic class of the Roman Empire. The role of knights in the Roman military, economic, judicial, political and other fields is systematically sorted out, which is significant for deepening the history of ancient Rome and ancient world history.

## Gao Nuan, Postdoctoral Fellow of Center for Historical Research Awarded the Chinese Academic Foreign Translation Project of the National Social Science Foundation

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On May 12, 2023, the website of the National Philosophy and Social Sciences Planning Office published the "2022-2023 National Social Science Fund Research Project List." The English translation of Introduction to Chinese Cultural History,

applied by Gao Nuan, a postdoctoral fellow of Center for Historical Research of BNU Zhuhai and the Commercial Press, was approved as a general project.

The author of Introduction to Chinese Cultural History, Qian Mu (1895-1990), a

master of Chinese studies, is considered to be one of the most significant Chinese historians and philosophers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in China, and together with Lu Simian, Chen Yuan, and Chen Yinke, he is called the "Four (modern) historians." Mr. Qian reached a peak in modern

Chinese academic history and his research involved a variety of subjects, including history, literature, philosophy, political science, geography and religion, and he made great achievements in various fields. Introduction to Chinese Cultural History is an important masterpiece in Qian Mu's life. It is a work that systematically expounds

his overall view of Chinese culture. This book discusses the background and important characteristics of the formation of Chinese culture, as well as the similarities and differences between Chinese and Western cultures.

The translation of Introduction to Chinese Cultural History conforms

to the national strategy of "Chinese culture going global" and will make beneficial contributions to the external dissemination of Chinese civilization. Mr. Qian's assessment of the peaceful and harmonious nature of Chinese civilization and culture precisely reflects China's image as a great power that rises peacefully and moves toward rejuvenation.

## Scientific Advisor Appointment Ceremony and Seminar Held

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On March 12, 2023, Center for Advanced Materials Research of BNU Zhuhai held a Scientific Advisor Appointment Ceremony and seminar. Wei Wei, Vice Chairperson of the University Council, Beijing Normal University and the Chairperson of the University Council of BNU Zhuhai, along with heads of the Research & Development Office of BNU Zhuhai and the Advanced Institute of Natural Sciences attended the meeting. Eight experts, including Academician Fang Weihai of Beijing Normal University; Academician Zhang Donghui of Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Professor Luo Yi of University of Science and Technology of China; Professor Xie Daqian of Nanjing University; Professor Su Chengyong of Sun Yat-sen University;

Professor Cheng Zhen of Institute of Materia Medica Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences; Professor Cao Zexing of Xiamen University, and Professor Zhang Qiang of Tsinghua University, were invited to witness the appointment ceremony and participate in the discussion.

In the opening speech, Wei Wei briefly introduced the scientific research development of BNU Zhuhai, and awarded Academician Zhang Donghui the Appointment Certificate of Scientific Advisor.

Liu Yajun, director of the Center, introduced the development and research direction in the past two years as well as its future plan. Prof. Cui Mengchao, Prof. Wu Liming and Prof. Sun Genban introduced the research and development

progress of diagnostic molecular probes, photoelectric crystalline materials, thermoelectric materials and new energy battery materials respectively. Young researchers of the Center reported their latest scientific research progress.

The participants had extensive and in-depth exchanges. The experts warmly recognized the achievements of the Center in the past two years and made suggestions for the development of the center. In particular, they put forward prospective suggestions for material research and development of the Center. They pointed out that on the basis of theoretical research, the Center should be more closely based on the industrial structure of the Greater Bay Area, take the needs of local enterprises as the entry point, actively cooperate with the regional governments and enterprises in order to transform the scientific research results more efficiently into products.

Finally, Prof. Su Chengyong, Prof. Zhang Qiang, Prof. Cheng Zhen and Prof. Cao Zexing made academic reports on functional complexes, energy materials, molecular probes and theoretical calculations, and interacted with the participants.



## Prof. Zhimin Ao from Advanced Interdisciplinary Institute of Environment and Ecology Selected as the 2022 Zhuhai Top Ten Young Postdoctoral Innovator

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The fifth Zhuhai Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fair for Young Doctors and Postdoctoral Fellows, co-sponsored by the Organization Department of the CPC Zhuhai Municipal Committee and the Human Resources and Social Security Bureau of Zhuhai, was held on February 25, 2023 at the Zhuhai Exhibition Center. This was the first important high-level talent event in Zhuhai in 2022. At the opening ceremony, the 2022 Zhuhai Postdoctoral Innovation List Blue Book was released in which Professor Zhimin Ao, from Advanced Interdisciplinary Institute of Environment and Ecology at Beijing Normal University, was selected as one of 2022 Zhuhai Top

Ten Young Postdoctoral Innovators and was the only awardee from a university.

Prof. Zhimin Ao is a full professor at Advanced Interdisciplinary Institute of Environment and Ecology at BNU, national high-level young talent, Fellow of the IAAM, and the founding editor of Environmental Surfaces and Interfaces. He was the 2023 highly cited researchers of Clarivate, has won the Outstanding Research Award of the IAAM, the Scientific Chinese Outstanding Young Scientist Award, the China Chemical Express Environmental Chemistry Young Scientist Award, and the Australian National Computing Center Young Scientist Award.

Prof. Ao mainly focuses on the research of the surface and interface behavior in the pollution control process. He is the chief investigator of over 20 scientific research projects, including the National High-Level Talent Program Youth Project, National Key R&D Program Project, and National Natural Science Foundation Project. He has published more than 200 SCI papers (including more than 100 papers as the first/corresponding author), of which 29 were selected as ESI highly cited papers, and he owns 5 patents in environmental catalyst preparation and new pollution treatment technology.

Under the supervision of the Talent Work Leading Group Office of the Zhuhai Municipal Party Committee, the Human Resources and Social Security Bureau of Zhuhai launched the Zhuhai Postdoctoral Innovation Model Selection Activity, and for the first time selected the Zhuhai Top Ten Young Postdoctoral Innovators, Top Ten Postdoctoral Innovation Achievements in Zhuhai and Top Ten Postdoctoral Innovation Demonstration Platforms in Zhuhai.





## Fang Qile's Group Published a Research Paper in *Applied Catalysis B: Environmental*

Article source: *Research and Development Center for Watershed Environmental Eco-Engineering, Advanced Institute of Natural Sciences* | Release date: 2023-06-02

Recently, Prof. Fang Qile from Research and Development Center for Watershed Environmental Eco-Engineering published a research paper titled, "Freestanding catalytic membranes assembled from blade-shaped Prussian blue analog sheets for flow-through degradation of antibiotic pollutants," in the *Journal Applied Catalysis B: Environmental* (DOI: 10.1016/j.apcatb.2023.122922).

The study developed a novel catalytic membrane for the instantaneous catalytic degradation of antibiotic pollutants.

This research used a bottom-up strategy to fabricate large-scale 2D blade-shaped Prussian blue analog sheets, which can then be directly assembled into a free-standing 2D membrane by interweaving assembly. The developed 2D

catalytic membrane exhibited excellent instantaneous catalytic performance for the antibiotic norfloxacin.

This work not only provides a new strategy for the scale-up preparation of 2D building blocks, but also has significant implications for the development of low-energy 2D catalytic membranes suitable for low-pressure operating conditions.

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### Freestanding catalytic membranes assembled from blade-shaped Prussian blue analog sheets for flow-through degradation of antibiotic pollutants

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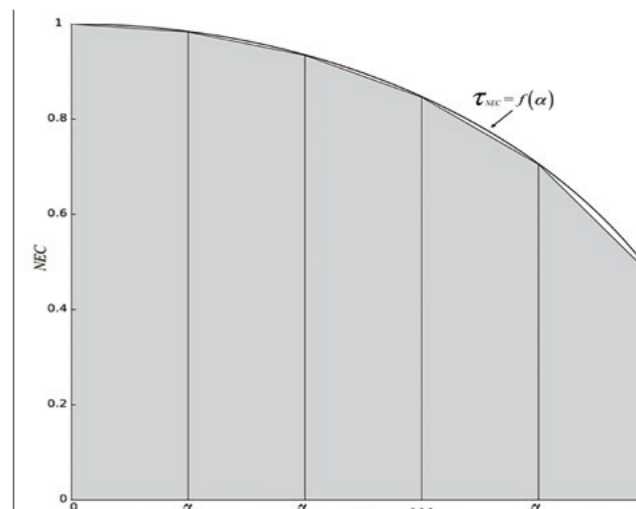


## International Academic Center of Complex Systems Published a Paper on Rank Aggregation Robustness Measurement in *Information Processing & Management*

Article source: *International Academic Center of Complex Systems, Advanced Institute of Natural Sciences* | Release date: 2023-04-03

Recently, Prof. Wu Jun's team from the International Academic Center of Complex Systems proposed an innovative "error-effectiveness" curve (as shown in Figure 1), which characterizes the aggregation effectiveness under different accuracy ranking information scenarios and describes the ability of each aggregation method to produce stable results. Based on this, the area enclosed by the curve and the coordinate axes is defined as the robustness indicator for rank aggregation, which can be approximately solved using the trapezoidal rule. Experimental results show that this robustness measurement indicator for rank aggregation can effectively quantify and significantly differentiate the robustness of various methods.

The research findings have been published in *Information Processing and Management* under the title "Measuring robustness in rank aggregation based on the error-effectiveness curve." Professor Wu Jun, from the International Academic Center of Complex Systems, is the corresponding author of the paper, and Xiao Yu, a lecturer from the Department of Systems Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai (BNU Zhuhai), is the first author of the paper. The paper lists BNU Zhuhai as the primary institution. This research has received support from the National Natural Science Foundation of China (Approval No. 72201035, 71871217, 71731002),



the Natural Science Foundation of Guangdong Province (Approval No. 2022A1515010661), and the Interdisciplinary Incubation Project of BNU Zhuhai. Information Processing and Management was founded in 1963 and is dedicated to publishing cutting-edge original research in the interdisciplinary field of information and management. It is a top journal indexed by both SSCI and SCI in the first zone of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, with an impact factor of 8.6 in 2023.

# BNU Zhuhai IACCS Researchers Make Important Progress in Machine Learning and Stochastic Process

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On March 16, 2023, researchers from the International Academic Center of Complex Systems ( IACCS ) of Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai ( BNU Zhuhai ), together with a partner of the Institute of Theoretical Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, published their work titled, "Neural-network solutions to stochastic reaction networks," in *Nature Machine Intelligence*, which proposes a general approach to study stochastic reaction networks based on modern machine learning.



Fig: Article published in Nature Machine Intelligence

The authors apply the approach to representative examples in physics and biology and demonstrate that it accurately generates the probability distribution over time. The variational autoregressive network exhibits plasticity in representing the multimodal distribution, cooperates with the conservation law, enables time-dependent reaction rates and is efficient for high-dimensional reaction networks, allowing a flexible upper count limit. The results suggest a general approach to study stochastic reaction networks based on modern machine learning.

Ying Tang, an associate researcher from the International Academic Center of Complex Systems (IACCS) of Beijing

Normal University at Zhuhai, and Jiayu Weng, an undergraduate majoring in Systems Sciences and Engineering, are co-first authors. Ying Tang and Prof. Pan Zhang from the Institute of Theoretical Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences are corresponding authors. The International Academic Center of Complex Systems (IACCS) of Beijing Normal University is the first institution of the paper, and the research was funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (No.12105014,11747601,11975294). *Nature Machine Intelligence*

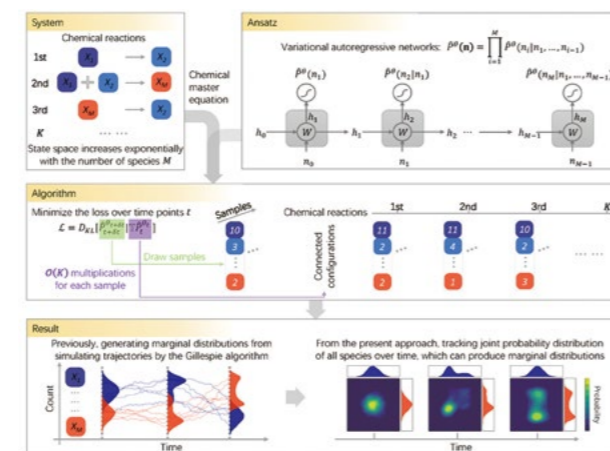


Fig: Tracking the joint probability distribution of stochastic reaction networks over time

focuses on scientific research results that have important influences in the field. Due to its strict evaluation criteria, the average number of papers included every year is only about 80. The periodical is an important journal in the field of computer science and artificial intelligence, the impact factor of which was 25.8 in 2022.

# Prof. Yan Song's Group and Jing Huang Published a Research Paper in *NeuroImage*

Article source: International Academic Center of Complex Systems, Advanced Institute of Natural Sciences | Release date:2023-03-14

On January 24, 2023, Prof. Yan Song's group at the State Key Laboratory of Cognitive Neuroscience and Learning, Beijing Normal University (BNU), in collaboration with Jing Huang, Associate Researcher at the Cognition and Neuroergonomics, BNU Zhuhai, published a research paper titled, "Prioritizing flexible working memory representations through retrospective attentional strengthening," in the journal *NeuroImage*. The work collected EEG and behavioral data from 33 adults performing a visual working memory task under retrospective cues, and through the use of individualized multivariate machine learning, revealed that effective retrospective cues optimize flexible working memory representations by enhancing the representations of target features (Figure 1). This study provides a neurophysiological basis for retrospective attention to improve working memory accuracy through flexible enhancement of target representations and emphasizes the critical role of the frontoparietal attentional network in controlling working memory representations.

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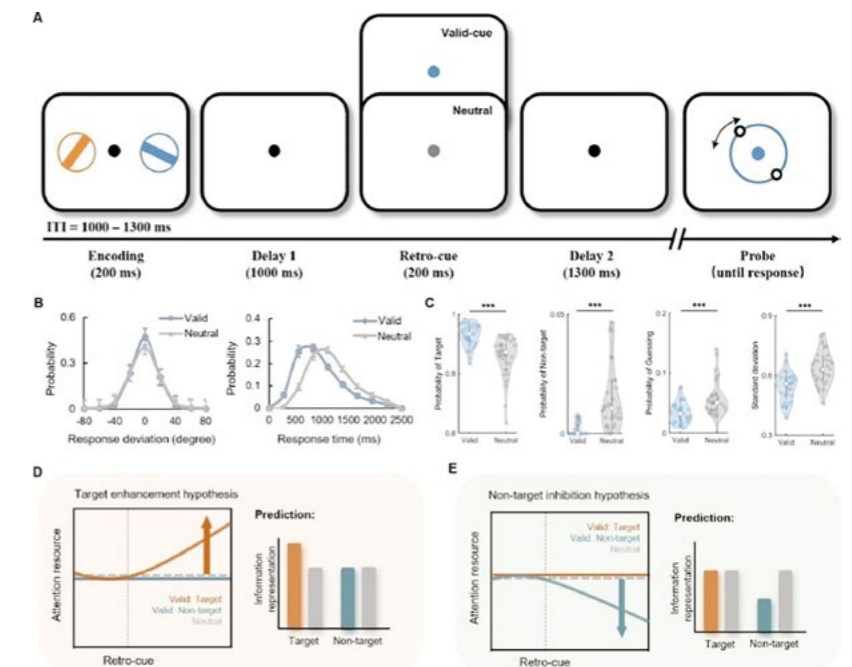


Figure 1. Hypotheses of Attention in Visual Working Memory with Retrospective Cues

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authors of this paper. Prof. Yan Song and Associate Researcher Jing Huang are the corresponding authors, and postdoctoral fellow Chenguang Zhao, graduate student Mengdi Qi of BNU and Prof. Ole Jensen of the University of Birmingham have also made significant contributions to the work.

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# International Academic Center of Complex Systems Releases World's Largest University Rankings

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On June 12, 2023, to support research on the quality evaluation of higher education, Prof. Wu Jun's team from the International Academic Center of Complex Systems at Beijing Normal University released the "2023 University Aggregation Ranking Research Report." This report introduced, for the first time, the "World Universities Ranking based on Aggregation," abbreviated as the "Aggregated Ranking (International



Edition)," as well as the "China Universities Ranking based on Aggregation," abbreviated as the "Aggregated Ranking (Domestic Edition)." Among them, the 2023 "Aggregated Ranking (International Edition)" includes a total of 2,690 universities globally, and the "Aggregated Ranking (Domestic Edition)" includes a total of 1,071 universities in China.

From the perspective of systems science, this research report selected four global university rankings,



namely "ARWU," "THE," "QS," and "USNews," as well as five Chinese university rankings, namely "ARWU China," "Alumni Association," "Wu Shulian," "ABC," and "GDI," as data inputs. The report adopted the team's independently developed robust ranking aggregation method based on competitive graph and credit iteration to aggregate multiple mainstream university rankings together, leveraging strengths and offsetting weaknesses, and acting as a "smoother." Compared to traditional ranking aggregation methods such as average ranking and Borda count, the robust ranking

aggregation method proposed by the research team can integrate rankings from various scales of university ranking lists and effectively eliminate the influence of abnormal data on the aggregation results. The ranking results are intended to provide the public with more effective and reliable decision support.

It is reported that the "Aggregated Ranking (International Edition)" and the "Aggregated Ranking (Domestic Edition)" are currently the world's largest world university rankings and Chinese university rankings, respectively. The full text of the research report and specific ranking data can be obtained by following the WeChat official account "Aggregated Ranking (University-Ranking).



# Yaxuan Liang Awarded Author of the Year 2022 by WILEY Publishers

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The WILEY Author of the Year 2022 has been awarded to Yaxuan Liang, associate professor from Center of Biological Science and Technology, Beijing Normal University, who was praised for the widespread acknowledgement of his research published in the Journal of Extracellular Vesicles.

Founded in 1807, Wiley is known as one of the global leaders in publishing, education and research. The group provides print and online content for worldwide academic, professional, scientific, medical, and scholarly services. It publishes more than

1600 journals in the field of chemistry, biology, material science, software engineering, mathematics, humanities, education, phycology, and beyond.

To encourage broad communication and multidisciplinary studies in open science, Wiley China yearly awards ten top authors for their outstanding contributions to the field. Professor Liang's published work, which has been viewed and downloaded more than 4000 times in 2022, ranked top 10 of all Chinese authors, receiving widespread recognition in the field of biological medicines.

Liang's group focused on the study

of extracellular vesicle-mediated gene therapy and the development of novel platform for liquid biopsy. Liang's team has published multiple innovative research articles in well-renowned academic journals in recent years. Liang also works as the Director of the Education Center BNU-CSCB Education Center, which gains substantial resources and mental support from the faculty of biology, and "is planning diverse and plenty of interactive activities to bridge the academic outcome and local communities."

# 2022 Guangdong Government Outstanding International Student Scholarship Award Ceremony and 2023 "Fenghuang Ambassador" & "International Volunteer" Appointment Ceremony Held at BNU Zhuhai

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On March 21, 2023, the 2022 Guangdong Government Outstanding International Student Scholarship Award Ceremony and the 2023 "Fenghuang Ambassador" Appointment Ceremony were held in Phoenix School. Heads of schools, colleges, and administrative departments of BNU Zhuhai, as well as more than 60 Chinese and international teachers and students participated in the activity.

Guo Kanjun, Director of International Office of BNU Zhuhai, delivered a speech. She first congratulated the scholarship winners, then introduced Guangdong Government Outstanding International Student Scholarship and noted that in 2022, a total of 23 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 by writing essays or making videos to introduce the BNU Zhuhai campus to more people in China and abroad, and the other is international campus advisor by providing suggestions for improvements on campus facilities and services. In the end, by quoting words from Xi Jinping's letter to students of Beijing Normal University Attending "Outstanding Teachers Program, that students



should"actively practice the university motto of 'Learn, so as to instruct others; Act, to serve as example to all', so as to be time-cherished, learn with perseverance and shape characteristics." Guo 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.



Kapilya Reagan, the representative of international students extended his gratitude in the speech. 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.



The audience watched a video clip about various activities by international students as "Fenghuang Ambassadors" and "International Volunteer Service Team" organized from 2021 to 2022, ranging from "Experiencing China," "Experiencing the World," "Fenghuang Ambassador," "International Students and Scholars Explore the Greater Bay Area," "Zhi-Xing China," "Youth Talk," "My Beautiful Encounter with China," etc., all of which expressed their commitment and responsibility, catching attention from the campus and society. Through activities such as "Fenghuang Ambassador," BNU Zhuhai will continue to spread the brand of BNU Zhuhai, establish a true, comprehensive and multi-dimensional international image, strive to promote the construction of a community with a shared future for mankind, and tell the story of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the story of Zhuhai, and the story of BNU Zhuhai, all while actively spreading the excellent traditional Chinese culture, and helping to



promote cultural self-confidence and self-improvement.

14 students were appointed as new "Fenghuang Ambassadors" and were awarded "Fenghuang Ambassador" badges and certificates. They will help contribute to the publicity and the construction of the international campus of BNU Zhuhai.



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Valley Art Festival Opened Grandly

Article source: [bnuzh.edu.cn](http://bnuzh.edu.cn) | Release date: 2023-04-18

On the evening of April 14, 2023, the third Valley Art Festival at BNU Zhuhai opened. Han Jian, Vice Chairperson of the University Council of BNU Zhuhai, attended the opening ceremony and delivered a speech. The opening ceremony, along with the first event, "This is Youth" lawn party started on the playground. Teachers and students



actively attended the extraordinary event. On the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup>, the "Golden Sound and Jade Vibration" Folk Orchestra Concert kicked off in full swing at the Nanguo Theater. The passionate lawn party and the elegant folk orchestra concert made the start of the "Youthful Song-Vibrant Music Week" a unique prelude to the full Valley Art Festival.

Han Jian mentioned in his speech that the Valley Art Festival of BNU Zhuhai has now become an artistic hub for BNU to showcase its educational strength and promote the achievements of classroom teaching aesthetic education. It has become a campus name card that integrates the elements of the Greater Bay Area and promotes the "One University, Two Campuses" educational pattern of BNU. It has become a brand activity that enriches the campus cultural life and is enjoyed by both teachers and students. It originates from the profound humanistic

tradition and artistic education of BNU and is widely spread among the teachers and students of universities in Zhuhai. Later, he affirmed words from Xi Jinping that "...aesthetic education is based on the morality cultivation, deep concern with time, pursuit of aesthetic education and Chinese aesthetic spirit so as to make the youth develop health physically and mentally."

The Valley Art Festival 2023 was composed of a total of four themed activities, including -- "Youthful Song-Vibrant Music Week," "Youthful Creation-Classic Drama Week," "Youthful Imagination-Colorful Art Week" and "Youthful Us-Sunshine Life Week," which will last from mid-April to mid-May. The art festival 2023 not only retained the classic performances, such as thematic art exhibitions, dance performances, drama performances, and instrumental music performances (loved by teachers and students in the previous festivals), but also added lawn parties, intangible cultural heritage Kite Festivals, sunshine

art psychology activities, art night markets and other novel forms of activities.

With the theme of "Youth and Love in the Valley," the Valley Art Festival of 2023 kept an idea of the promotion of morality through art and intelligence through beauty. It also promoted the deep integration of the beauty of Chinese culture, the campus scenery, and the youth of contemporary university students, while actively creating an elegant style and a positive campus cultural atmosphere dedicated to shaping the vibrant spiritual outlook of young people in the new era. Performance teams from universities such as the University of Macau, Beijing Normal University at Beijing, Sun Yat-sen University at Zhuhai, Jinan University at Zhuhai, Beijing Institute of Technology, Zhuhai, Beijing Normal University-Hong Kong Baptist University United International College, etc. also visited and performed in BNU Zhuhai during related activities, presenting an audio-visual feast to the teachers and students.

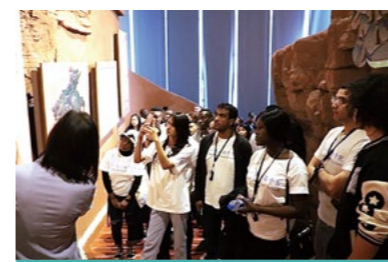


# China Economic Survey by International Students from BRS

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A trip of China Social Economic Survey, organized and led by Belt and Road School of Beijing Normal University, was conducted in Henan and Shandong Provinces from April 12 to 16, 2023 with 41 international students from 20 different countries, including Pakistan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Russia, Bangladesh, Ghana, and Vietnam.

On April 13, the group arrived at the Red Flag Canal Memorial Hall, the first destination of the survey, and immersed themselves in the themed instruction of, "Review on the Construction, Bear in Mind the Strength and Spirit of the



Canal, and Remain True to Our Original Aspiration and Founding Mission." After watching emotive presentations of the Red Flag Canal history, students were keen to embrace the origin of the Red Flag Canal spirit. Sixty years ago, Lin County was an impoverished mountainous area, where mountains

were barren, water shortage was so severe that water was as dear as oil, causing great sorrow for impoverished locals. Thanks to the construction of the Red Flag Canal, people had access to valuable fresh water. Since then, the environment has improved greatly, and the people began to lead a better life. Nowadays, Linzhou is devoted to building a "scenic Taihang," developing its natural landscape, economy, society, and culture in harmony. President Xi Jinping pointed out during an inspection of the Canal that, "The Red Flag Canal is a monument that records the heroic spirit of the people of Lin County. They did not resign to fate, did not concede

defeat, and dared to fight."

The international students were amazed by the historical photos, films, and physical exhibits. "I'm very excited because this is my first time to visit Henan Province," Md Rezoan Ahmed, a student from Bangladesh, said, "I've learned a lot from visiting the Red Flag Canal." A Uzbekistan Nusratilla from Uzbekistan, mentioned, "I was very moved by the history of the Red Flag Canal. The spirit of unity and overcoming struggles deeply moved me." Mikaev Artem, from Russia, noted, "For me, what impresses me the most is the story of Ren Yangcheng, who

built canals on the cliff, which reminds me even more of the bravery and diligence of Chinese people." Pakistani student, Sabahat, said: "The history of the Red Flag Canal is an intertwining and touching story. It taught me the precious qualities of Chinese people. I can't wait to share my experiences here with my family."

In the afternoon, the students walked along the Canal, "the Great Wall of Water." After a trek of more than an hour the group came to the Youth Cave, where they honored the memory of the canal builders. Students came to realize that the Red Flag Canal is not just a grand project, but also a way of life, full of energy and burning passion. Students declared that the trip had their spirits cultivated and confidence stimulated. When visiting Gaojiatai Village in Shibanyan Town, students got to experience the local customs up close and marveled at the wonderful picture of China's rural revitalization of the small, beautiful, and artistic village in the Taihang Mountains.

On April 15, students arrived at the Binhai International Kite Flying Field



and took part in the opening ceremony of the 40<sup>th</sup> Weifang International Kite Festival of "Yun Men Sauce Wine Cup." Many of them joined in the kite flying activity and experienced the charm of the Weifang International Kite Festival in a close way. More than 700 years ago, an Italian named Marco Polo brought kites to Europe. After that, kites became the messenger of cultural exchange between China and the West.

The students visited Weifang World Kite Museum the next morning and learned the origin of kites, traditional Chinese kite genres and foreign boutique kites, all while

experiencing the charm of artistic kite culture extensively.

Each year, Belt and Road School organizes international students to conduct social and economic field research to make the voice of China heard, to tell China's stories well, and to convey China's energy. By participating in field research activities and investigating real development stories of local governments, enterprises and rural areas, international students gain valuable experience and lessons from China, and author their research reports on the comparative analysis over actual development conditions of



# Field Visit from International Students of BRS: Understanding Rural Economy and Tourism Revitalization Through Exploring Intangible Cultural Heritage

Article source: Belt and Road School | Release date: 2023-05-05

On April 30, 2023, international students from Belt and Road School paid a field visit at Lianjiang Village, which has a history of over 300 years in Lianzhou County, Doumen District, Zhuhai. During the visit, 15 international students from 12 countries (including Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Mexico, Zambia, Morocco, Ghana, Vietnam and more) participated in a cultural performance under the theme of "Lianzhou Intangible Cultural Heritage Activity in 2023."

Lianjiang Village, serving as a model of China's rural revitalization of 2022, still keeps its unique customs, and local people are kind and friendly. Accompanied by the leaders of the village, the international students had an engaged talk with local villagers and enjoyed themselves in modest



folk style. Besides, they experienced various projects, including the "Farmer's Market." They also witnessed a dragon dance, which is an intangible cultural heritage. In return, some students performed a Bengali dance, which won praise and applause from the local villagers. The performers, Md Rezoan and Romana said, "In here, we had a glimpse of the rapid development of rural China. It can also be seen that

the Lianjiang Village is making efforts to create a better life for its villagers through modern techniques, while preserving its distinctive traditions."

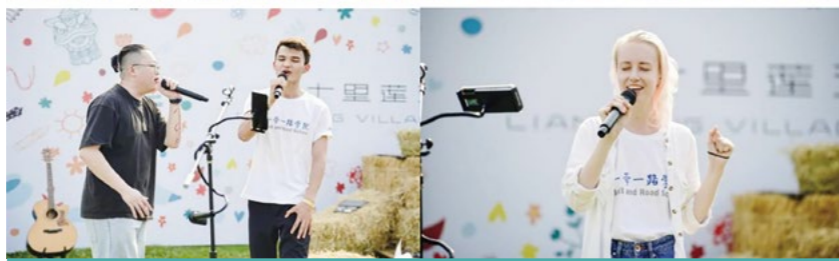
At the Grassland Music Festival, international students performed various cultural activities with enthusiasm. Their performance provided local villagers with a diverse cultural music experience. Throughout the festival,



international students participated in cultural exchange programs with the villagers, which contributed to their further understanding of traditional Chinese music culture. Abdullaev, an Uzbekistan student, said, "By participating in these activities filled with a festive atmosphere, we had an awesome and unforgettable cultural exchange experience."

Lianjiang Village develops its cultural tourism on such resources as tourist attractions, cultural blocks, and cultural industrial parks to deeply embed intangible cultural heritage projects that are closely related to people's lives, and they conduct regular displays and performances. These projects can enable tourists to appreciate the elegance and charm of intangible cultural heritage during their visits, all of which shed light on rural revitalization to international students. In their field visit, students enjoyed a visual feast with various intangible cultural heritage performances, including the fire dragon dance, fireworks, cinemas and light shows. As they immersed themselves in these performances, they gained a deeper understanding of Chinese folk culture and the art of it. Nguyen Phuong Thao, from Vietnam, described this visit as "a fascinating exploration of Chinese rural culture."

The international students visited the Inheritance Institution of "Intangible



Cultural Heritage" in Lianjiang Village. During the visit, they engaged in a symposium with local villagers and village officials and gained insights into the social-economic growth and rural revitalization efforts of the village. They also explored how intangible cultural heritage integrates with industries, festivals, tourism, education, technology, and people's livelihoods. In fact, Lianjiang Village strategically leveraged the significant geographic, traffic, ecologic, and cultural advantages of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Capitalizing on these advantages, the village initiated the Lianjiang Research and Study

Program. This program employs a "dual-teachers mode," involving both farmer teachers and research tutors in the teaching process and provides diverse class experiences geared to students of different age groups. The program not only broadened the horizons of international students, but also empowered them to discover a research-oriented tourism approach for rural development in their home countries. Inspired by Lianjiang Research and the Study Program, international students actively expressed their opinions, shared the development experiences of their countries, and offered suggestions for rural development.



# Belt and Road School International Students: the Belt and Road Initiative Truly Benefits Countries Along the Route

Article source: Xinhua News Agency; Belt and Road School | Release date: 2023-06-19

On June 15, 2023, a delegation under the theme of, "The Rise of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area: A Glimpse into China's Global Momentum," composing journalists from national and local news websites and some positive netizen representatives as well, exchanged with international students from Belt and Road School, Beijing Normal University (Zhuhai Campus). During the discussion, the international students expressed their appreciation of the Belt and Road Initiative, as it has benefited countries along the route.

Md Rezoan Ahmed, a student from Bangladesh, said



that the Padma Bridge constructed by China Railway Major Bridge Engineering Group Co, Ltd (MBEC) had greatly facilitated their transportation. The bridge connects and contributes to residents from both banks of the Padma River and boasts numerous advantages for local people.



Sierra Leonean student, Lenox Carew, illustrated the tangible benefits brought about by China-Sierra Leone Friendship Hospital. This hospital, which was built under the assistance of China, has played a pivotal role in enhancing local livelihoods in Sierra Leone.





# "International Chinese Language Day" Reciting Chinese Literature Classics Activity Held

Article source: Beijing Normal University | Release date: 2023-04-17

Recently, in order to celebrate the "International Chinese Language Day" in 2023, Beijing Normal University (BNU) held an event for Chinese and international students to recite the Chinese classic essay "On Teachers" together. International students from more than 20 countries,

together with students from BNU Beijing and Zhuhai campuses, the affiliated schools of BNU, the Confucius Institute at the University of Manchester in the UK and the Confucius Institute at the University of Macerata in Italy, recited "On Teachers" in Mandarin or Cantonese.

Chinese and international young people met beyond time and space, paid homage to their teachers, recited classics together, understood the spirit of teaching, and experienced the inheritance of Chinese cultural traditions and the splendid charm of Chinese classic culture.



After the event, the international students expressed that their understanding and love for Chinese language and Chinese history and culture has been deepened by being able to return to campus, put on traditional Chinese clothes, familiarize themselves with Chinese classics, and recite in Mandarin and Cantonese. They could also feel the inheritance of the Chinese teaching spirit and educational ideas, and they look forward to more opportunities like this in the future.

Zhao Zian, an international student from Thailand, said: "I am very happy to read poetry with everyone. It is very interesting and rewarding. Moreover, this is my first time wearing Hanfu and it is very beautiful." Zhao Like, another international student from Thailand standing aside, added: "And I also understood the meaning of 'On Teachers'."

Indonesian students Cai Aixuan and Liya quoted sentences from the recited chapter and said: "No matter those who 'were born before me' or 'were born after me', we should learn from them." Pakistani international student, Shaxi, said: "It's very interesting to read and shoot in different



locations, learn Chinese together, and learn about different cultures."

Ayesha, an international student from Pakistan, said: "Being surrounded by friendly teachers, volunteers and international students from all over the world makes me feel like at home."

International students at BNU Zhuhai found it particularly fresh and interesting to recite Chinese classics in Cantonese. Although some pronunciation is a challenge for them, they still found it very enjoyable and expressed that they feel the beauty of dialects in Chinese language.



# Summer International Chinese Language Education and Training Program | Opening Ceremony of the Classes of Students from Rangsit University and Mae Fah Luang University

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On the morning of July 10, 2023, the opening ceremony of the Summer International Chinese Language Education and Training Program co-hosted by Phoenix School and School of International Chinese Language Education at Beijing Normal University - the classes of college students from Rangsit University and Mae Fah Luang University of Thailand was held in Phoenix Space, BNU Zhuhai. Mr. He Jiangkun, Vice Dean of Phoenix School served as the host. Mr. Zhong Yongsheng and Mr. Yang Maochun, Deputy Heads of the Chinese Department of Rangsit University; Mr. Wu Chengnian, Associate Professor of the School of International Chinese Language Education at Beijing Normal University; Ms. Chen Xi, Dean of Phoenix School; Mr. He Jiangkun, Vice Dean of Phoenix School; Mr. Yang Xirui and Ms. Zhang Ling, Assistants to Dean of Phoenix School; the Chinese teachers of the Summer International Chinese Language Education and Training Program, as well as 38 students from Rangsit University and Mae Fah Luang University attended the opening ceremony.

First, Dean Chen Xi expressed her warm welcome to the teachers and students from Rangsit University and Mae Fah Luang University. She mentioned that this was the



first year for BNU Zhuhai to hold the summer international Chinese language education and training program offline, and she was very pleased with the arrival of the students from Thailand at the scenic Phoenix Valley. As an important base for Beijing Normal University to realize internationalization of education, it is BNU Zhuhai's responsibility to promote the internationalization of the Chinese language and Chinese culture. She wished that everyone would have a pleasant experience when studying and living in the Greater Bay Area, and that they would learn the Chinese language better and feel the profoundness and colorfulness of Chinese culture by experiencing it in person, so as to contribute to the promotion of Chinese language education in Thailand.



Next, Mr. Wu Chengnian delivered a speech. He first welcomed the teachers and students from Thailand and introduced the beautiful valley campus and campus life. Afterwards, he introduced in detail the course plan and teaching arrangement of the program, expecting that the students would be able to improve their Chinese language proficiency comprehensively through the extensive courses and experiencing Chinese life and culture in person.



Mr. Zhong Yongsheng, from Rangsit University of Thailand, expressed his gratitude to BNU Zhuhai for



the learning opportunities. He pointed out that the international exchange activities of Rangsit University had been cancelled in recent years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and he was very excited and full of expectations that he and other students from Rangsit University could finally have face-to-face exchanges and learn from the teachers of BNU Zhuhai and the students from Mae Fah Luang University of Thailand this year. He also encouraged the students to cherish this learning opportunity and work hard to achieve more from this program.

Finally, He Jiangkun, Vice Dean of Phoenix School, announced that the opening ceremony of the Summer International Chinese Language Education and Training Program co-hosted by Phoenix School and School of International Chinese Language Education at Beijing Normal University - the Classes of Students from Rangsit University and Mae Fah Luang University was completed successfully and the teaching commenced.



# Cultural Visits to the Greater Bay Area

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The first summer Chinese language education and training programs for international students were launched at BNU Zhuhai from July to August 2023. Two batches of students, 49 in total, from Thailand's Rangist University and Mae Fah Luang University and Royal Academy of Cambodia, participated in the programs and registered in the Phoenix School where they had traditional Chinese culture education and Chinese language learning for one month.

The Chinese learning course consists of Chinese language teaching in the classroom and traditional Chinese culture inheritance. Under the guidance of teachers from the School of International Chinese Language Education, such as Professor Wu Chengnian and Teacher Guo Can, the students' learning activities at the campus include a comprehensive Chinese course, Chinese listening and speaking skills, and experiencing a traditional Chinese martial art, Tai Chi.

In addition to classroom teaching and learning, students, led by Mr. Yang Xirui and Ms. Zhang Ling and other teachers from the Phoenix School, also paid a visit to many landmarks of different cities in the Greater Bay Area, learned about the history and culture of those cities, and experience the cultural charm of different locations. The compact and rich visit allowed students to broaden their horizons and deepen their understanding of Chinese culture and the current situations and development of China.

## Exhibition Hall of Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Cooperation Zone in Hengqin and Xiangzhou Port Cultural District

After the visit to the Exhibition Hall of Guangdong-Macao In-Depth Co-operation Zone in Hengqin (Hengqin Planning Exhibition Hall), students had a better knowledge of Hengqin's geographic advantages in Guangdong-Macao cooperation, gained a deeper understanding of Hengqin's development philosophy and planning, and felt Hengqin's ambition to commit itself to the cooperation between Guangdong and Macao by "Eminence with presence."

Following the historical style of Xiangshan culture, Xiangzhou Port Cultural District recreates the prosperity of the old Xiangzhou Port in Zhuhai from a hundred years ago with Chinese cultural courtyard streets. Open courtyards, closed courtyards, semi-open courtyards, wide streets and narrow alleys are combined to form a rich variety of courtyard and street clusters, which, together with the staggered landscape vegetation, show the



elegance and delicacy of Chinese lifestyle with sky, land, courtyards and streets.



## Beishan Compound, Yang's Ancestral Hall, Yang Paoan's Former Residence

Located in Beishan Village of Nanping Town, Beishan Compound is one of the best-preserved old village architectural complexes in the center of Zhuhai. The elegance and tranquility of Lingnan ancient architecture and modern art and culture mix with each other here, giving rise to a diversified cultural and art district. At the Beishan Art Center, the students experienced the traditional production process of gold enamel paintings.



## The Former Residence of Dr. Sun Yat-sen in Cuiheng Village, Zhongshan City and Zhongshan Museum

The students paid a visit to the former residence of Dr. Sun Yat-sen in Cuiheng Village and The Museum of Dr. Sun Yat-sen to learn about the biography of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the revolution pioneer. They understood his living conditions in Cuiheng Village in his early years, his experience of revolutionary activities, his political beliefs and his sincerity to save the nation from peril as well as the revolutionary activities led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen and the Alliance Society (Tong Meng Hui) in Southeast Asia.



In the Zhongshan Museum, students visited the exhibition,



"Wind Rising from Lingdingyang Estuary - Zhongshan Historical Collection," to learn about the development history of Xiangshan (Zhongshan) dating back more than 5,000 years, and to feel the pioneering spirit of the Zhongshan people who dared to be the first in the world. Visiting the Zhongshan Overseas Chinese History Museum, they felt the global vision, innovative spirit, and unique contribution to connecting China and foreign countries, as well as the patriotic love for the country of overseas Chinese in Xiangshan (Zhongshan).



## Guangzhou Yongqingfang, Cantonese Opera Art Museum, Guangdong Provincial Museum

Yongqingfang epitomizes the thousand-year history of Guangzhou's commercial capital and the cultural landscape of Lingnan. Inside Yongqingfang, the students had a close look at the widely recognized cultural landmarks of Guangzhou such as Xiguan Arcade-house, Xiguan celebrity buildings, Lychee Bay Scenic Area, Bruce Lee's ancestral home and so forth, and experienced the integration and development of this historical city's cultural landscapes and modern vibrant urban life.

The Cantonese Opera Art Museum located in Yongqingfang combines the traditional Lingnan craftsmanship of "three carvings and two sculptures" as well as the traditional



garden architectural forms of pavilions, terraces, buildings, garrets, corridors, floating maritime buildings, bridges and so forth. The tour allowed students to learn about the history, inheritance, innovation and development of Cantonese Opera, as well its unique role in promoting Chinese culture to the rest of the world, all in a Chinese garden museum of Lingnan style and waterfront characteristics. Also, students watched a Cantonese Opera



performance, which aroused their interest in learning the Cantonese language.

The Guangdong Provincial Museum enjoys an extensive collection of Lingnan cultural relics, bringing together history, art, revolution, nature and many other kinds and enabling the overseas students to feel the profound culture and nature's wonders. A vast collection of paintings and calligraphy, ceramics, exported art works, maritime cultural relics, overseas Chinese cultural relics, Teochew wood carvings, Duan inkstone (now named Huizhou) and other special cultural pieces provided a feast for the eyes of the overseas students.



## Experiencing life in the Colorful Greater Bay Area

After the class, the students were organized to visit the well-known attractions in Zhuhai. They enjoyed the beauty of the 55-kilometer-long Lovers' Lane with its nine bays by strolling along the beach, enjoying the sea breeze, picnicking and singing Chinese songs in chorus on the beach. In the New Yuan Ming Palace, the students put on traditional Chinese dresses, and wandered around the pavilions like travel-timed ladies and gentleman to feel the poetic sentiment and



elegance there. And they also tried various kinds of Chinese food in the Jinding Night Market to experience the best thing of the human world: cooking smoke and fires, an indication of a passion for life.

During the culture visit to the Greater Bay Area, the students' ability to express themselves in Chinese was greatly improved through listening extensively to the Chinese explanation and communicating in Chinese with people from all walks of life in diverse immersive scenarios. This visit also provided them a great opportunity to feel and experience Chinese culture as well as the openness and vitality of the Greater Bay Area in person, which drew a perfect conclusion to their culture visit.

## The Commencement Ceremony

On the morning of August 26, 2023, the commencement ceremony of the Summer International Chinese Language Education and Training Program co-hosted by Phoenix School at BNU Zhuhai and School of International Chinese Language Education at Beijing Normal University was successfully held at the Phoenix Space of Yuehua Yuan Building at BNU Zhuhai.

Liu Lanmin, Head of the International Chinese Language Education Department of College of Education for the Future at Beijing Normal University; Qiu Yue, Deputy Director of the International Communication and Cooperation Office at BNU Zhuhai; He Jiangkun, Deputy Dean of Phoenix School; Yang Xirui and Zhang Ling, Assistants to Dean of Phoenix School; Guo Can, the teacher representative of the International Chinese Language Education Department, together with the 11 Cambodian college students participating in the training program and the teachers and administrative members of the program, attended the commencement ceremony.

The commencement ceremony was presided over by Guo Can. The Cambodian college students were divided into three groups to share their unforgettable memories and achievements from this program, including their learning experiences of the Chinese language, traditional martial art, Tai Chi, and calligraphy, culture visits and campus life, etc. Their vivid descriptions and sincere emotions evoked bursts of laughter and tender feelings from the attendants present.

After the Cambodian students shared their experiences, He Jiangkun, Deputy Dean of Phoenix School, Qiu Yue, Deputy Director of the Office of International Communication and Cooperation at BNU Zhuhai, and Liu Lanmin, Head of the International Chinese Language Education Department delivered a speech one by one. They extended congratulations to the students on their graduation and expressed their gratitude to the teachers and the management team for their hard work and dedication. They also encouraged the Cambodian students to continue to study Chinese, use it well, and make more contributions to the dissemination of Chinese language and Chinese culture to the world. In the future, BNU Zhuhai will be dedicated to providing more courses and learning programs intended for international students with greater diversity, in expectation of their active participation.

The course team presented the students with their transcripts and graduation certificates and took a group photo with them to commemorate their achievements.



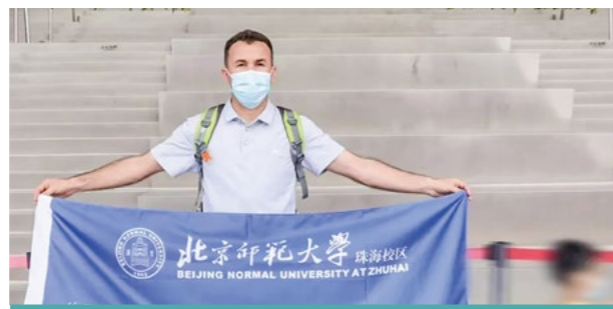
# "Achievements of Reform and Opening-up Policies from the Perspectives of an International Student" Short Video Won the Excellence Award in the 6<sup>th</sup> "My Beautiful Encounter with China" Essay & Short-video Competition

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Recently, the 6<sup>th</sup> "My Beautiful Encounter with China" Essay & Short-video Competition, held by the Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchanges, Ministry of Education, came to a successful end. Carefully planned, produced and submitted by the International Office, the "International Students and Scholars Explore the Greater Bay Area"—"Achievements of Reform and Opening-up Policies from the Perspectives of an International Student" short video—"Shenzhen—the front line of reform and world-class capital of scientific and technological innovation," which was presented by Pakistani student Imran Khan, won the Excellence Award in the competition for its novel theme and excellent filming effects; Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai won the Excellent Organization Award; Two teachers Li Weiwei and Zhang Kunling won the Outstanding Instructor Award. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the award ceremony of the competition was held in Beijing.

"Achievements of Reform and Opening-up Policies from the Perspectives of an International Student" short videos are one part of the serial activities in "International Students and Scholars Explore the Greater Bay Area" project held by the International Office, aiming to show the process and fruitful results of China's reform and opening up from the perspective of international students, and tell the story of contemporary China to the world through field visits to the core cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

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



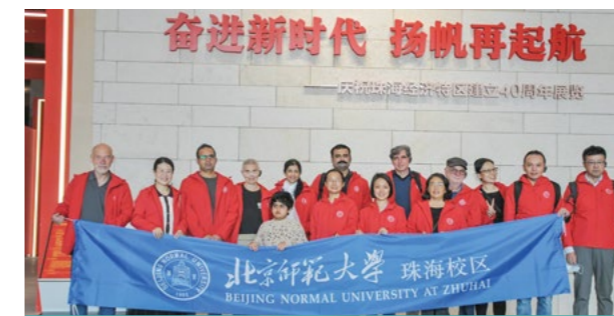
citizens and interviewing entrepreneurs to better learn and comprehend the development and achievements of the reform and opening-up policies. After the trips, he deeply felt the dramatic changes brought by the reform and opening-up policy to the Chinese people and Chinese nation-- a great leap from being rich to being powerful.



# BNU Zhuhai Held Activity of "Colorful Zhuhai · Appreciating the Culture"

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On March 5, 2023, the International Office and Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of BNU Zhuhai organized a special activity named, "Colorful Zhuhai · Appreciating the Culture," to help non-Chinese mainland faculty to experience the history, culture and the vibrant life of Zhuhai. More than 30 scholars attended the activity.



The delegation first visited Zhuhai Museum and Zhuhai Planning Exhibition Hall, which are two important places in Zhuhai's major cultural projects of "One Opera House and Two Museums" (Zhuhai Grand Theater, Zhuhai Museum and Zhuhai Planning Exhibition Hall). The professional narrator introduced the group to the displays of "History of Zhuhai" and "Traditional art and Folk culture." They listened to the introduction of Zhuhai's history, urban changes, local customs and the stories behind each exhibit, tasting the unique charm of Zhuhai. The faculty group also visited the exhibition celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Zhuhai as a special economic zone. They were greatly impressed by the tremendous achievements of the city in various fields over the past 40 years since its establishment.

Afterwards, the group went to the Dream Factory of Free Cloud Art Co., Ltd. in Qianwu Town, Doumen District. With oil painting as the theme, the Free Cloud Art Park highlighted the unique charm of art everywhere through landscape

creation and environment restructuring. The scholars visited Free Cloud Gallery, the 5D Famous Paintings Lane and the Oil Painting Dream Factory. They unanimously spoke highly of the creativity and art shown everywhere in the park. The scholars also attended the DIY course of colouring a bear model, and praised the aesthetic orientation and pursuit of



Free Cloud Art — to popularize, spread and nurture beauty, and to enhance the humanistic qualities of students through aesthetic education.

The visit not only unveiled a vivid picture of development history and cultural industry of Zhuhai to all the visitors, but also promoted cultural exchange and cultural understanding between China and other parts of the world. This activity helped international scholars and scholars from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan to understand Chinese mainland better, with Zhuhai as a representative, and to experience the exchange and integration of Chinese and Western cultures. It also helped to promote Zhuhai's history and culture, which contributes to the shaping of the humanistic spirit of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. As a part of "Serving the teachers and students with practical actions" by the International Office and Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs of BNU Zhuhai, this activity, with other similar series of activities, will contribute to the construction of international BNU Zhuhai.

## " 'Experiencing China' Serial Activities of Experiencing Fine Traditional Chinese Culture"

" 'Experience China' Serial Activities of Experiencing Fine Traditional Chinese Culture," is a brand project organized by the International Office, aiming at promoting Chinese culture, boosting friendship between Chinese and international students and strengthening their understanding of traditional Chinese culture.

### "Spring Back to the Valley, Celebrate the Huazhao Festival"

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To celebrate the return of spring and experience the fine traditional Chinese culture, the photo taking activity of "Spring Back to the Valley, Celebrate the Huazhao Festival," one of serial activities of "Experiencing China · Experiencing Fine Traditional Chinese Culture," was held on March 18, 2023 at BNU Zhuhai.

Organized by the International Office, the activity invited 16 international students of Belt and Road School and Phoenix School from 10 countries, including Russia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Nepal, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Yemen, Uzbekistan and Mexico, to participate.

In the activity, the international students in Hanfu walked through the beautiful campus and took photos at the landmarks, including the university name stone, the Confucius statue, Lishen Xuan and the flower path near the campus. They enjoyed the spring flowers in blossom and left their happiest smiles in photos. By wearing Hanfu to appreciate the spring flowers, international students learned about the cultural connotation of Huazhao Festival and the passion for nature in Chinese culture.

Huazhao Festival, known as the birthday of the flower goddess, is a traditional Chinese festival to celebrate the arrival of spring and the blooming of flowers. Since the climate varies in different parts of



China, people hold celebrations on the second, 12<sup>th</sup>, or 15<sup>th</sup> day of February in the Chinese lunar calendar. Huazhao Festival comes in early spring, and people go outside together to enjoy the flowers. Cai Yun, a poet in Qing dynasty, wrote in Ode to the Huazhao Festival "Various flowers are in full blossom, a real spring is yet to come; How rich the color is, with efforts it takes to celebrate," describing the spectacular flower festival. In ancient times, during the festival, literati would invite companions to appreciate the flowers, drink wine and sing to each other. In addition, the joyous festival is celebrated with some traditional customs, such as praying to the flower goddess, having a spring outing, fastening strips of red cloth to flower stems, inserting flowers in hair and making flower cakes.

### A Visit to the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Center

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On March 25, 2023, a visit to the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Center was organized at BNU Zhuhai. This activity aims to promote scholars' and students' understanding of

fine traditional Chinese culture by viewing and experiencing China's intangible cultural heritage. Organized by the International Office, it is one of the "Experiencing China · Experiencing Fine Traditional

Chinese Culture" activities. It mainly includes learning about Inner Mongolian grassland ICH, paper-cuts, porcelain exhibition and shadow play. About 20 international and Chinese scholars and students participated in the event.

When visiting the Inner Mongolian grassland culture exhibition, the scholars and students not only appreciated a century-old Mongol yurt presented by Sunite Left Banner of Xilin Gol League, but also learned about its production process and what it feels like to be inside one. Besides, handcrafts like sunflower-like furred accessories, horse brands, bone carving, Hanika (a paper puppet) and birch bark products were introduced to all visitors. Some students quietly admired the handcrafts, and others took photos to record them. All were deeply impressed by the exquisite crafts of the Inner Mongolian grassland culture exhibition.

The works of Zhang Wenfang, who is an inheritor of Hebei paper-cuts, amazed all visitors. His works combine traditional and modern elements to present the charm of innovation. He uses skills like cutting, carving and hollowing out, and combining skills like earing paper, scalding, color matching, color contrasting, dyeing and delineating, which maximizes the possibilities of the expression of the art. During the learning process, scholars and students showed great admiration for his masterful technique and completed the production of "Fu" and "Spring" under his guidance.



### Tai Chi Class

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On April 1, 2023, a Tai Chi class was organized with the aim to help international scholars and students experience the charm of traditional Chinese culture and the wonders of Tai Chi.

Organized by the International Office and presented by associate professor Sun Hongyou, a Tai Chi enthusiast, it is one of the "Experiencing China · Experiencing Fine Traditional Chinese Culture" activities, mainly including theory elaboration and practice. International scholars and students of Belt and Road



Afterward, scholars and students visited the Porcelain Exhibition Area, which displayed works of Longquan Kiln and Five Great Kilns in Song Dynasty, including the Jun Kiln, the Ge Kiln, the Guan Kiln, the Ru Kiln and the Ding Kiln. These works represent the finest aesthetic senses of Song Dynasty, that is, modesty, mildness, tranquility and reservation, and emphasize the philosophical inner beauty and spirit. While listening carefully to the explanation, all visitors appreciated the jade-like warmth, smoothness and restrained characteristics of the Song porcelain artworks.

Finally, at the Shadow Play Area, participants enjoyed the play of Wu Song Fights the Tiger, which combined contemporary Chinese culture with the traditional plot from Water Margin, bringing the audience wonderful and novel experiences. All participants applauded with enthusiasm when it came to the most wonderful plot.

Romana Akhter from Bangladesh said that she was very excited to participate in the event. Although she had only been in China for a month, she had already attended two sessions of Experiencing China activities. She really enjoyed learning Chinese culture. It was also her first time to learn about paper-cuts and shadow playing, which were really fascinating.

School and Phoenix School attended this event.

Through a brief introduction to the fundamental elements of Tai Chi, participants were guided through the world of Tai Chi. Then Sun explained the origin and the eight forms of Tai Chi, the Taoism spirit and the yin-yang principle in Tai Chi. Meanwhile, he shared his understanding and the benefits of Tai Chi to help participants enhance their comprehension of the philosophical thought contained in the ancient martial art. During his explanation, all were fully attentive and deeply attracted by the mystery of Tai Chi.

After elaboration, participants started to practice with the guidance of Mr. Sun, and realized the features of combining inflexibility and yielding and coordination of Yin and Yang from his skilled movement. To provide a better experience, he demonstrated some basic movements in person like commencing the form, pushing hands, and breathing. Participants learned the key movements attentively and felt their breath.

Through this activity, participants built up their bodies and relieved stress, as well as directly experienced the essence of traditional Chinese culture.



## A Chinese Dance Appreciation Event

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On April 7, 2023, the International Office of BNU Zhuhai held a Chinese dance appreciation event. The event is one of the "Experiencing China" series of activities that provide experiences with fine traditional Chinese culture. It included learning about the relevant theoretical knowledge and etiquette of Chinese dance, appreciating and experiencing classical Chinese dance, and dance teaching and practice. Chinese and International students of BNU Zhuhai participated in this event.

Kang Junfang, a dance teacher, started with the introduction of Chinese dance including classification and schools. In terms of classification, Chinese dance can be divided into Chinese classical dance and Chinese ethnic and folk dance. Chinese classical dance can be further classified as four schools, including Shenyun (Body Rhyme), Hantang, Dunhuang and Kunwu, each of which has its unique characteristics. Chinese ethnic and folk dances originate from various ethnic groups, which reflect the richness and diversity of Chinese culture.



In terms of aesthetics, Chinese dance focuses on "roundness," reflecting the inclusiveness of Chinese culture and the concept of "the unity of nature and human." To help students deepen their understanding, Ms. Kang demonstrated the aesthetics and movement forms in Chinese dance.

All attendants actively communicated and shared the features of classical dances in their own countries.

In the etiquette teaching session, Ms. Kang introduced common etiquette gestures in Chinese classical dance, which deepened students' understanding of Chinese etiquette.

Then, a short classic dance vividly demonstrated the charm of Chinese dance to all the audience. The dancer's fluid body movement was so graceful that it impressed everyone present.

In the last session, all members showed great passion to learn and exercise the basic dance techniques and postures of classical Chinese dance. Guided by the instructions from the dance teachers, students displayed their vigorous and graceful dances after repeated practice, showcasing its unique charm.

Through this event, all participants not only understood the origin, development, history and culture of traditional Chinese dance, but also learned the basic technique of Chinese dance, deeply experiencing the charm of Chinese dance and feeling the profoundness of Chinese culture. Furthermore, this event enriched their culture experience, deepened cultural exchanges and further enhanced friendship and connections between Chinese and international students, promoting the wide spread of fine Chinese traditional culture.

## Meeting on Foreign Affairs Work & Traditional Culture Experience Event of Dragon Boat Festival

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On the afternoon of June 16, 2023, when the traditional Chinese Dragon Boat Festival approached, a meeting of foreign affairs work and cultural experience event, themed "Having Fun with Dragon Boat Festival," was held by the International Office and Office of Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs at Li Shen Xuan. The event was to promote team building of foreign affairs work, improve the management and service concerning international scholars and students at BNU Zhuhai, as well as showing the cultural charm of the thousand-year-old festival. More than

40 people attended, including foreign affairs staff, international scholars and scholars from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan as well as international student representatives.

At the meeting, the participants took in-depth exchanges and discussion on the frontline foreign affairs work. It strengthened communication and connection between the International Office and all the schools, colleges, and research institutes at BNU Zhuhai and helped in solving the urgent and difficult problems encountered in the work, improved the foreign

affairs service, and helped to promote the internationalization of the campus.

The meeting was followed by the celebration activities of Dragon Boat Festival. By integrating the cultural elements of the festival, this event carefully devised a series of interesting activities: dotting the dragon boat eyes, dragon boat relay race, acting and guessing, making colorful bracelets and sachets, and tasting the traditional festival foods. Everyone engaged themselves in the activities and had a lot of fun. They had a special experience of the traditional Chinese festival.





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