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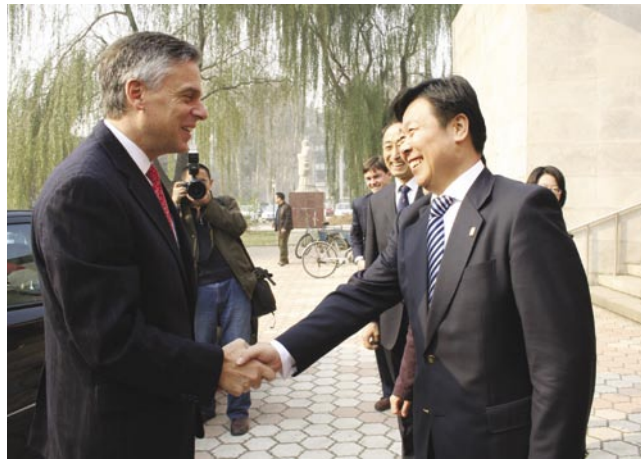
U.S. Ambassador to China Visited SDU

On November 24th, a delegation of 8 people, led by H.E. Jon Huntsman, the U.S. Ambassador to China, visited and donated the American Law Library, Vol.1-60 to SDU. President Xu Xianming met with the guests and attended the Book Donation Ceremony.

In the meeting, Ambassador Huntsman and President Xu exchanged their views on the roles universities played in China-US communication. Both agreed on strengthening Sino-US cultural and educational exchanges. Huntsman said that the Sino-US Joint Statement issued when President Obama visited China mentioned that in the following 4 years the U.S. will send 100,000 more students to study in China. This would enhance understanding between Chinese and American students. Xu said the visit of President Obama to China was significant not only because it strengthened the 30-year friendship between China and U.S., also it paved the way for China-US communication. SDU has established cooperative relations with more than 30 universities in America. Xu welcomes American students to come to study Confucianism, learn

science and technology and understand Chinese culture.

In the Book Donation Ceremony, Huntsman said that the donation of the American Law Library, Vol.1-60 to SDU was the realization of a dialogue between former U.S. President Bill Clinton and former China President Jiang Zemin, who agreed that U.S. and China should exchange on legal principles. Xu thanked Huntsman for the books which would help in the study of American Law. He said universities are platforms where different cultures communicate and integrate.



--- Mr. Jon Huntsman, the U.S. Ambassador to China, visited Shandong University.

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On November 25th, U.S. Embassy Officials gave presentations on visa application and studying abroad to the students of SDU. Mr. Thomas F. Skipper, Minister Counselor of

the US Embassy in Beijing and Ms. Zhang Weiling, Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office in Shandong Province, joined the visit. From SDU, Prof. Tong Guangwu, Director of the International Office, Prof. Kong Lingdong, Director of the Office for Development and Planning, and Prof. Qi Yanping, Dean of the Law School, also attended the activities.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

■ Delegation from SDU Visited Partner Universities in Japan and South Korea

From October 29th to November 6th, a delegation from SDU visited partner universities in Japan and South Korea.

On October 30th, a Cooperative Agreement was signed by SDU and Kumamoto University. At the same time, the SDU & KU Engineering Science Forum was held in Kumamoto University.

On October 31st, the delegation from SDU attended the International University Presidents Forum held in celebration of the 60th anniversary of Kumamoto University.

On November 2nd, President Xu Xianming of SDU was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by

Yamaguchi University, Japan.

On November 4th, the delegation from SDU visited Tokyo University and held talks with President Junichi Hamada.

From November 5th to 6th, the delegation visited Sungkyunkwan University, Chung-Ang University and Korea University in South Korea.

In the afternoon of November 6th, the delegation visited the Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China in the Republic of Korea and met with Ambassador Cheng Yonghua.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

■ SDU & KU Engineering Science Forum Held in Kumamoto University

On October 30th, the SDU & KU Engineering Science Forum opened in Kumamoto University. It was attended by 20 engineering professors from KU, 17 from SDU, and 11 from Ajou University. The Opening Ceremony was addressed by President Gong Taniguchi of KU, Vice-president Lou Hongxiang of SDU and Jae-Hwan Ahn, Head of the Engineering Department of Kongju National University. In his speech, Vice-president Lou recalled the last forum held in 2008, and expected more effective cooperation with KU in such areas as student cultivation, exchanges among teachers, and academic research. He also introduced the new educational goals and academic revitalization

strategies of SDU. Zhao Guoqun, Head of the School of Materials Science and Engineering, SDU, made a remark on behalf of the engineering professors.

The forum was a great success, enabling professors from the two universities to better know about each other's research activities and to provide a platform to discuss further academic cooperation and mutual cultivation of students. General agreement was reached on these issues and letters of intent were signed by representatives of the professors.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

■ SDU and Kumamoto University Signed Cooperative Agreement

On October 30th, the SDU & KU Cooperative Agreement Signing Ceremony was held in Kumamoto University. President Gong Taniguchi of KU and Vice-president Lou Hongxiang of SDU delivered speeches and signed the agreement on academic cooperation as well as student exchanges.

President Taniguchi said SDU is a high-level

comprehensive university in China. A cooperative relationship with SDU is an important step for the internationalization of Kumamoto University. Vice-president Lou said that SDU and KU started cooperation a long time ago. Fruitful exchanges have been carried out among teachers and students. Close academic cooperation has been made in the field of engineering science. Broad cooperation in the future will be ensured on this

basis. He hoped to further enhance better understanding of both sides so as to achieve all-round cooperation.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

SDU Professors attended the signing ceremony for academic and student exchange agreements between SDU and Kumamoto University, Japan

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The Delegation from SDU Attended the International University Presidents' Forum at Kumamoto University

On October 31st, Prof. Lou Hongxiang, the vice-president of SDU, attended the International University Presidents' Forum at Kumamoto University on the occasion of its 60th anniversary. The presidents of 26 universities from Asia, Africa and America

attended the forum which addressed the role of universities in the globalization of higher education.

Prof. Tong Guangwu, the Head of the International Office of SDU, met with Shinobu Satonaka, the vice-

dean of the Faculty of Engineering. They agreed on continuous support for the cooperation in engineering and other areas between the two universities, on the basis of the achievement of the engineering seminars between the two universities.



During the visit, Lou Hongxiang also met with Takaharu Hara, chair professor of SDU and honorary professor of Daito Bunka University.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)

Professor Lou Hongxiang, vice-president of SDU, attended the International Presidential Forum-The 7th Kumamoto University Forum

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Xu Xianming Awarded Honorary Doctorate of Yamaguchi University

On November 2nd, the ceremony conferring an honorary doctorate of Yamaguchi University upon Prof. Xu Xianming was held at Yamaguchi University.

Prof. Takuya Marumoto, the president of

Yamaguchi University, made the announcement and presented the certificate of honorary doctorate. Takuya Marumoto said that Xu Xianming completely fulfilled the appointment standards of an honorary doctorate, a national title authorized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology to those who



Prof. Takuya Marumoto (right), president of Yamaguchi University, presents the Honorary Doctorate Certificate to Prof. Xu Xianming, president of SDU.

Photo by IPO

Visit to the University of Tokyo

On November 4th, the delegation from SDU visited the University of Tokyo.

President Xu Xianming met with Professor Junichi Hamada, the President of the University of Tokyo. Xu said that SDU will commit itself to building the best institute of Confucius Research which integrates 4 main functions: researching the thoughts of Confucianism, classifying the Confucian classics, conducting international exchanges of Confucianism and promote research on the thoughts of Confucianism. Xu and Junichi Hamada both expressed their wishes for future cooperation between the two universities in this field.

The delegation also met with Professor Komatsu Hisao, the Dean of the Faculty of Letters of

Meeting with Japan's SDU Alumni Association



have made a great contribution to academic and cultural development and excellent achievement in education and research.

The university officials and experts, representatives of Yamaguchi and Wu Shuming, the Consul General of the Consulate General of China in Fukuoka, attended the appointment ceremony.

Xu Xianming was the second person to attain the honorary doctorate in Yamaguchi University since its establishment 60 years ago.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)

the university, and they reached consensus on cooperation in the research on Confucianism.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)



President Xu Xianming (right) met with Professor Junichi Hamada, president of the University of Tokyo.

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On Nov. 4, the delegation led by President Xu Xianming met with over 20 representatives of the Japan's SDU Alumni Association and had a working lunch with them. During the lunch, President Xu introduced the recent development of SDU. He said that, the first priority in this year was to renew the educational mission of the university which would lead to the university's third phase of its glorious development. Introducing

The delegation led by President Xu Xianming met with the representatives of the Japan's SDU Alumni Association during the visit to Japan in November, 2009

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the new aims—to build SDU as university with its own characteristics, a national top university and of international standard, he hoped that the alumni would continue to support the university’s development. Wang Xuedian, chief editor of the Journal of Literature, History & Philosophy, Wang Renqing, Director of the

■ Visit to Partner Universities in South Korea

The delegation visited Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU) on Nov. 5 and met with Prof. Jun-Young Kim, Vice-president of SKKU. Expressing his welcome for the visitors Prof. Kim said that SDU was SKKU’s very important partner in China. President Xu Xianming said that SDU also regarded SKKU as a very close friend. He mentioned that SKKU had made important



President Xu met with Prof. Ki-Su Lee, president of Korea University.

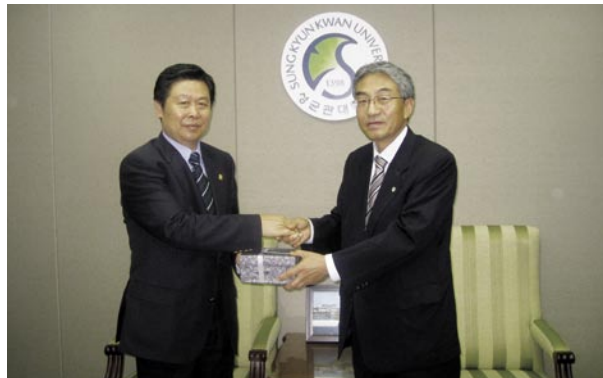
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University and was welcomed by President Bum-Hoon Park. He said that CAU hoped to foster a comprehensive partnership with SDU. Expressing his appreciation, President Xu said that they aimed to enhance the two university’s cooperation and friendship. He also invited President Park and the CAU Orchestra to take part in SDU’s 110th anniversary ceremony in 2011 Wang Renqing, Director of the Academic Division, and Tong Guangwu, Director of the International Office discussed specific issues concerning educational projects with principals of CAU.

The delegation visited Korea University in the morning of Nov.6 and was received by President Ki-Su Lee. Both presidents are satisfied with the cooperation between the two universities..Sharing similar academic fields in law with President Lee, Prof. Xu suggested in addition to the cooperation in law between the two sides, both would

Academic Division, Tong Guangwu, Director of the International Office, and Kong Lingdong, Director of the Development & Planning Department delivered remarks at the meeting respectively.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)



President Xu met with Prof. Jun-Young Kim, vice-president of Sungkyunkwan University.

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contributions to the establishment of the Korea Institute of SDU. President Xu introduced the project for creating Confucianism Research Institute at SDU. President Xu suggested that SKKU researchers could join Confucianism research at the institute and it was received positively by Vice-president Kim.

In the afternoon, the delegation visited Chung-Ang



President Xu met with Prof. Bum-Hoon Park, president of Chung-Ang University.

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explore possibilities in extending the cooperation into wider areas, especially natural science and humanities. He hoped that the exchanges between KU and SDU would be further developed.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)



REGIONAL NEWS - ASIA

SDU Presented the South Korea Traditional Music Concert

On September 15th, the South Korea Traditional Music Concert, organized by the Fine Arts School of Shandong University, was held at Shandong Theater. The performance was given by teachers and students from the Chung-Ang University Orchestra and the national music orchestra of SDU. It was the second time that the Chung-Ang University Orchestra visited SDU; its first visit was in 2007. Also, it was the two orchestras' fourth cooperation after their cooperation in "the 2007 Concert for the 15th Anniversary of the Establishment of Sino-Korean Diplomatic Ties", "the 2008 Sino-Korean Music Festival", and "the 2008 Asian Art Festival".

During the visit, leaders and experts from both sides reached agreements on future communication and cooperation. Students from the two universities demonstrated the characteristics, meanings and skills

Visit by Delegation of Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan

On October 20th, representatives of the China-Japan Friendship Association in Kumamoto Prefecture visited the School of Foreign Languages and Literature of Shandong University, and carried out exchanges with teachers and students from the Japanese Department. This was part of the activities that the association carried out to celebrate the National Games of China. The delegation was headed

of their national instruments, vocal music and dances, which promoted their understandings of both countries' music and culture.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)



On September 15th, the South Korea Traditional Music Concert, organized by the Fine Arts School of Shandong University, was held at Shandong Theater.

Photo by School of Fine Arts, SDU

by Ming Kashiwagi, President of the China-Japan Friendship Association. Other members were Shitani Naohiko, Michiko Matsumoto, and Yoshiko Morita.

During the meeting Ming Kashiwagi introduced the activities of friendly exchanges that are carried out by the China-Japan Friendship Association. He also briefed the students on Kumamoto University. Then the students introduced the historical and cultural background of SDU as well as various activities they carry out concerned with language

study. Both sides agreed to further promote exchanges.

The delegation contributed books to the Japanese Department, hoping they would facilitate learning. The guests also visited students who studied in Kumamoto University last year.

Kumamoto University was founded in 1874 and has had cooperative relations with SDU for many years. Exchange students are assigned every year to study in the other university.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

■ Prof. Hirata Yoshinori of Osaka University Visits SDU

From October 18th to 24th, Professor Hirata Yoshinori from Osaka University, Japan, visited the School of Material Science & Engineering of SDU. Prof. Hirata is also the Chairman of the Study Group “Physics of Welding” in the International Institute of Welding.

Prof. Hirata gave a lecture on “Welding Research Activity in Osaka University and Modeling of the Arc Welding Process” to the teachers and graduates of the school.

Professor Hirata also took part in the “National Academic Seminar on Welding Engineering Assisted by Computer” and delivered a report on “Research and Development of Welding Processes in Japan”. He also elaborated on new welding technology and equipment recently invented in Japan.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)

■ Ambassador of Saudi Arabia Visited Saudi Students at SDU

On Nov. 21, a delegation of ten people led by Mr. Yahya A.S. Alzaid, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to China, Mr. Abdallah Alawad, the Minister Plenipotentiary, and Mr. Dr. Saleh H. A. Al Sagri, the Cultural Attaché, met with Saudi students in Jinan. Mr. Jiang Suhua, the associate dean of the College of International Education, attended the meeting and had

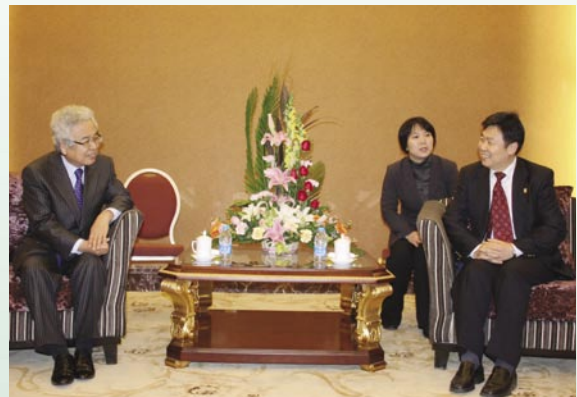
talks with the visiting delegation.

Ambassador Yahya encouraged the students to work hard and make contributions to the two countries’ friendship. Expressing his welcome for the delegation, Jiang Suhua emphasized that SDU welcomed students from Saudi Arabia and hoped to establish more cooperative ties with Saudi Arabia. The 38 students from Saudi Arabia attended the meeting. The students gave a presentation about Saudi Arabia, introducing the past, present and future of their country.

Valuing the friendship with China, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia provided government scholarship to support students to study in China. It is said that, over 400 students from Saudi Arabia are studying in China. Until now, SDU has received 38 students majoring in medicine, computer science, engineering, and law.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)

■ Visit by Bum-Hoon Park, President of Chung-Ang University



--- President Xu Xianming met President Bum-Hoon Park (left).

■ Photo by Gao Chao

From December 15th to 17th, President Bum-Hoon Park of Chung-Ang University visited SDU. President Xu Xianming met with the guests. Exchanges were made on further cooperation between the two universities.

On December 16th, President Bum-Hoon Park gave a lecture on South Korean Culture and Asian Culture, attended by more than 200 students majoring in

management and logistics. In his lecture, President Park introduced the development of South Korean Culture and its relationship to Western Culture. He holds that long-term vitality of one's culture can be ensured only by maintaining self-identity while absorbing from others. He hoped China, Japan and South Korea could strengthen cultural exchanges and have mutual

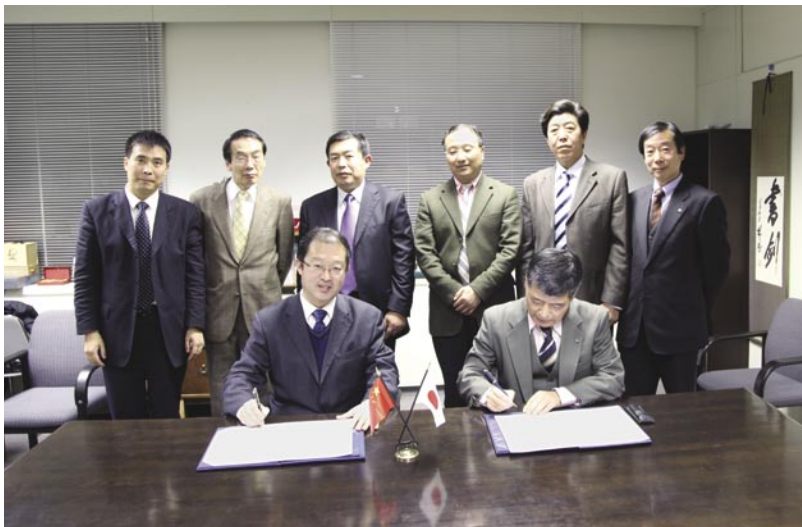
development. President Park also visited the Digital Media Center, the High Performance Computing Center, and the Innovation Lab in the School of Software. Then, he attended the inauguration ceremony of the Exhibition of Animations by exchange students from Chung-Ang University.

President Bum-Hoon Park said he

was impressed by the students majoring in logistics and animation. They showed great creativity in the Exhibition of Animations held in the School of Software of SDU. He exchanged his views with President Xu on further cooperative activities between the two universities.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

SDU Delegation Visited Partner Universities and Institutes in Japan



Prof. Zhang Yongbing (left), vice-president of SDU, signed MOU with Dr. SUGIYAMA Atsushi, chairman of Committee for Oversea Activities Assistance, The Institute of Professional Engineers, Japan.

Photo by Zhang Fangming

Vice-president Zhang hoped cooperation between Wakayama Medical University and SDU could be strengthened by student exchanges, scientific research cooperation, and cooperative programs. A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed by SDU and the Institute of Professional Engineers, hoping that cooperative programs could be carried out in the fields of energy conservation, environmental protection, safety and industrial management. Li Yuemin, Representative of the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs in Japan, was present at the signing ceremony. Vice-president Zhang also made some constructive suggestions about the cooperation between SDU and Daito Bunka University.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

From December 7th to 13th, a delegation of 7 people from SDU led by Vice-president Zhang Yongbing visited Wakayama Medical University, Daito Bunka

University and the Institute of Professional Engineers, Japan. Talks were held concerning cooperation between SDU and each partner university.

Professor TASAKA Ikuo Visited SDU

On September 9th, Xu Xianming, the President of SDU, met with a visiting delegation, headed by Professor TASAKA Ikuo from the Faculty of Law & Literature, Shimane University.

President Xu Xianming presented the guests with the "Four Experiences of SDU": SDU Study

Experience, Second Campus Experience, Overseas Study Experience and Social Practice Experience. Xu said that SDU has established ties with many universities around the world to provide students with these four experiences. He thanked Shimane University for their cooperation with SDU which has greatly benefited the students and faculty of SDU. Xu also delivered a proposition to promote the student exchange between the two universities.

Professor TASAKA reviewed the history of the cooperation between the two universities and hoped the cooperation will further develop in more areas such as graduate-student exchange in the future.

Shimane University is a Japanese state university, with more than 6000 students. In 2005, Shimane

University signed cooperation agreements with SDU and the Faculty of Law Literature of the university signed the treaty on student exchange with the Law School of SDU. About 30 postgraduate students from the Law School have been sent to study in Shimane University.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)



On Sept. 9th, 2009, President Xu Xianming met Prof. Tasaka Ikuo (left), Dean of the Faculty of Law & Literature, Shimane University, Japan.

Photo by Wang Lili





REGIONAL NEWS - EUROPE

UK Scientists in the UK-China Science Bridges Visited SDU

A 10-person delegation of UK scientists engaged in the UK-China Science Bridges: R&D on 4G Wireless Mobile Communications visited SDU on August 3rd. Both sides had a meeting on details of the program, after which the delegation visited the “Open MIMO Testing Platform”.

During the meeting, Lou Hongxiang, Vice President of SDU, extended his welcome to the visiting delegation. He briefed the visitors the history and development of SDU and expressed his hope to strengthen communication and cooperation with universities in UK. Yuan Dongfeng, Dean of School of Information Science and Engineering of SDU, elaborated upon the main undertakings of the program, the research direction of broadband wireless mobile communication and transition laboratory and the programs that are finished and still in progress. Dr. Wang Chengxiang, the leading investigator of the UK side introduced the background and significance of the UK-China Science Bridges and the sub-program—R&D on 4G Wireless Mobile Communications. Prof. Lajos Hanzo, who is from the University of Southampton, presented the

situation of Mobile VCE. Tong Guangwu, Director of the International Office of SDU and researchers from the School of Information attended the meeting.

In 2006, the UK government launched the first science

bridge program, aimed at having cooperation with USA development in the direction of commercialization and industrialization. The second science bridge program is engaged with China and India. In 2008, the UK Research Councils subsidized 12 million pounds for the science bridge program among scientific research institutions in UK, China, India and USA. “ R&D on 4G Wireless Mobile

Communications”, one of the subsidized programs, is directed by an alumni of SDU—Dr. Wang Chengxiang who is now a researcher fellow in Heriot-Watt University. SDU, Tsinghua University, Southeast University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China Mobile, the Huawei Company, the ZTE Corporation and CATT work together on this program.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)



On August 3rd, UK-China Science Bridges Delegation visited SDU.

Photo by Zhang Hongquan

“Summer Study China Programme 2009” for UK College Students

On August 16th, the opening ceremony of Summer Study China Programme 2009 was held in SDU. Tong Guangwu, Director of the International Office, addressed the ceremony. Tong hoped that the UK college students would enjoy Chinese language learning and gain a deeper understanding of Chinese history and culture in the following three weeks. Zhang Xiaochen, a leading teacher from the University of Manchester, expressed her gratitude for SDU’s thoughtful arrangements of this programme. Student representative Pritpal Singh Gill from the University of Warwick, and the representative of SDU student volunteers, Ma Guanjie, each delivered a speech, looking forward to learning from each other in the following weeks. 114 UK college students from 47 universities, student volunteers of SDU, and some relevant staff were present in the ceremony.

The programme included Chinese language learning, lectures on Chinese culture, regional customs, and the cultural status of Shandong; lessons in Calligraphy, Tai Chi Chuan, Chinese Opera, and Tea

Art; tours of places of interest; visits to important companies; and experiences of normal life in Jinan. UK college students participated in these activities together with 120 student volunteers of SDU.

Sponsored by the UK government, “Study China Programme” was first carried out in 2007, focusing on the exchanges among students as well as enhancing student mobility between UK and China. The University of Manchester is designated as the Management Representative. In 2008, SDU successfully carried out the programme. This year, SDU undertook the programme for the second time. UK students were from various universities: Oxford University, Cambridge University, the University of Bristol, UCL, the University of Leeds, the University of Bath, Loughborough University, and the University of Manchester. As a part of this programme, about 100 students took part in the activities held simultaneously in Nanjing University.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)



“Summer Study China Programme 2009” for UK College Students Opened at SDU

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Visit by the President of Delft University of Technology

On August 21st, Prof. Jacob Fokkema, Rector Magnificus of Delft University of Technology of the Netherlands, together with Prof. Kees Beenakker, Dean of the Microelectronics and Computer Engineering Department, visited the Software College of SDU, and had talks with Tong Guangwu, Director of the International Office, Yang Chenglei, Deputy Dean of School of Computer Science, and teachers of the Computer Science

Department.

After the introduction of Delft University of Technology and the Department of Microelectronics and Computer Engineering by President Jacob Fokkema and Dean Kees Beenakker, Professor Tong and Professor Yang made an introduction of SDU, the Software College and the School of Computer Science on student education, international cooperation, and fields

of research. It was agreed that the two universities would make further cooperation and exchanges.

After the talk, Jia Lei, Assistant to the President of SDU met with the guests and discussed with the visiting guests the possible cooperation initiatives between the two universities in different fields.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)



On August 21st, Prof. Jacob Fokkema (center), Rector Magnificus of Delft University of Technology of the Netherlands, together with Prof. Kees Beenakker (5th from left), Dean of the Microelectronics and Computer Engineering Department, visited SDU.

Photo by Lu Hongming

Closing Ceremony of “Summer Study China Programme 2009” for UK College Students Held at SDU

On September 2nd, the closing ceremony of Summer Study China Programme 2009 was held in the central campus of SDU. The 114 UK college students from 47

universities ended their 20-day life in SDU.

After receiving Certificates of Completion, the UK college

students together with SDU volunteers presented an artistic performance at the ceremony. Zhang Xiaochen, a leading teacher from the University of Manchester,

Tong Guangwu, Director of the International Office, Jiang Suhua, Secretary of the Party Committee of the College of International Education, Chinese teacher representatives from the College of International Education and SDU volunteers were present at the ceremony. Tong Guangwu, Zhang Xiaochen, Chinese teacher representative Sheng Lei and student representatives Yang Dong and Richard Pearson each delivered a speech.



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the University of Bristol, UCL, the University of Leeds, the University of Bath, Loughborough University, and the University of Manchester.

During the 20 days, the UK students received Chinese language training, attended lectures on the economy and culture of Shandong Province, and participated in cultural courses

such as Calligraphy, Tai Chi Chuan, Chinese Opera, and Tea Art. They also visited the places of interests and famous companies in Shandong Province. Also, they experienced family life in Jinan. The UK college students participated in these activities together with 120 student volunteers of SDU.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)

■ Deputy Mayor of Rennes Visite SDU



On September 23rd, Mrs. Roselyne Lefrancois, Deputy Mayor of Rennes, Brittany Region, France, visited SDU, leading a delegation of 4 people.

Prof. Tong Guangwu, Director of the International Office, extended

On September 23rd, 2009, Mrs. Roselyne Lefrancois, Deputy Mayor of Rennes, Brittany Region, France, visited SDU, leading a delegation from the city. (from right, Prof. Tong Guangwu, Mr. Robert Lieury, Mrs. Marie Guyard, Mrs. Roselyne Lefrancois, Mr. Philippe Echard, Ms. Zhoushuo, Mr. Li Guoqiang)

■ Photo by Jiang Hongmin

welcome to the guests. He said both SDU and its counterparts in Rennes benefit from the cooperative programs being carried out. The Alliance Francaise du Shandong is now playing an important role in French language education and culture exchange.

Mrs. Roselyne Lefrancois expressed her gratitude for the warm reception. It was her fourth time to visit Jinan. She said Rennes is a university city. More international exchanges and cooperation will be encouraged. Looking back on the cooperative programs which SDU carried out with the University of Rennes 1, University of Rennes 2, INSA, ENSCR and other educational institutions in Rennes, the two sides agreed that cooperative ties should be strengthened in the future.

Members of the delegation included Mrs. Marie Guyard who is in charge of international affairs of Rennes, Mr. Robert Lieury who is in charge of the Garden Expo, and Mr. Philippe Echard, President of Rennes-Jinan Friendship Association and also a Professor of INSA. After the meeting, the delegation went to visit the Alliance Francaise du Shandong.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

■ Visit by Prof. Kurt Hostettmann of the University of Geneva

From October 10th to 13th, Prof. Kurt Hostettmann of the University of Geneva, together with his wife, visited the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences Shandong University where he gave a series of lectures on “Finding New Drugs from Nature”. Dr. Fan Peihong from Kurt Hostettmann’s laboratory, as well as three more Ph.D. students who had just finished their studies in America, delivered a lecture respectively.

Prof. Kurt Hostettmann is an internationally famous specialist in pharmacognosy and phytochemistry. He was conferred SDU Honorary Professorship in 2005. As an honorary professor of SDU, Prof. Hostettmann agreed to visit SDU annually to promote academic exchanges. During his stay, he offered academic guidance to graduate students studying natural medicine and pharmacognosy.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

■ Delegation of Blekinge Institute of Technology Visited SDU at Weihai

From October 21st to 23rd, Professor Anders Hederstierna, vice-president of Blekinge Institute of Technology and Ms. Maria Engelmark, head of the International Office of the university, visited Shandong University at Weihai. Prof. Han Shenghao, vice-resident of SDU met with the delegation. The two universities agreed on fostering further cooperation and exchange in areas such as teaching and scientific research and working together to bring advancement in the student and teacher exchange project.

The delegation also met with the faculty from the School of Information Engineering, School of Mechanical & Electronic Engineering and School of Mathematics and Statistics. Agreements were reached on issues of the double-degree project, student and teacher exchange project, international course project and visiting scholar project.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)

■ Professor Robbie Burch Visited SDU



--- Prof. Robbie Burch giving lectures in the School of Environmental Science and Engineering.

■ Photo by Liu Bo

Professor Robbie Burch, fellow of the Royal Irish Academy and a professor of Queen's University Belfast, visited SDU School of Environmental Science and Engineering, and delivered a lecture titled “Automobile

emission control: an overview”.

Professor Wang Rui chaired the lecture and the school’s researchers and students in the area attended the lecture. After the lecture, Professor

Wang Rui extended to Prof. Robbie Burch an invitation of instruction for the Ph.D. students’ joint supervision.

(Translated by: Zhang jin)

■ Sinologist Raoul David Findeisen Visited the School of Literature & Journalism SDU and Signed Cooperation Agreements

The famous Swiss sinologist Raoul David Findeisen, a professor and doctoral supervisor of Chinese language & literature of the Ruhr University Bochum, visited the School of Literature & Journalism SDU and signed cooperation agreements with Zheng Chun, the Dean of the school. Chen Yan, the Vice-president of SDU also met with Dr. Findeisen.

The two universities agreed on establishing an organizing committee to coordinate and discuss

issues of cooperation and exchange. According to the agreements, the cooperation will start from areas such as teaching, research and academic exchange. After signing the agreements, Dr. Findeisen gave a lecture entitled “The Importance of Translation in Literary History”, which was attended by postgraduate and undergraduate students.

(Translated by: Zhang jin)





REGIONAL NEWS - AMERICA

Chief Librarian of U. Washington Visited SDU

On September 14, Dr. Zhijia Shen, Chief Librarian of the Eastern Asia Library of the University of Washington, visited SDU and met with Lou Hongxiang, the Vice-president of SDU.

The representatives of two universities showed strong willingness to cooperate with each other and discussed the means of cooperation. Dr. Zhijia Shen presented the international cooperation strategy of the University of Washington and said he would like to work for the cooperation of the two universities. Lou Hongxiang introduced the university's size, history, subjects, and strengths and features of these subjects in particular. Lou said that the cooperation could be intensified in fields of staff exchange, the joint-application of subjects and the joint-construction of laboratories.

During the visit, Dr. Zhijia Shen also visited the Library and the Law School of SDU.

Located in Seattle, in the State of Washington, the University of Washington was founded in 1861,

and is the oldest university on the west coast of the United States. According to the US News and World Report of 2008, the university is ranked 41th in the list of 130 first-class universities in the United States.

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Prof. Lou Hongxiang, vice-president of SDU, met with Dr. Zhijia Shen (right).

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President of the University of Regina Visited SDU

On September 22nd, Dr. Vianne Timmons, President of the University of Regina, headed the delegation of five people visited SDU. Xu Xianming, President of SDU

and Vice-president Fan Liming met with the visitors.

Xu briefed the recent development of SDU

at the meeting and both sides reviewed the universities' cooperation and reached agreement on students' joint education and teachers' exchange. SDU will have its 110th anniversary in 2011, while the University of Regina will have its 100th anniversary. The year will also mark the 30th anniversary of the two universities since they established partnerships.



On September 22nd, Prof. Xu Xianming(right), President of SDU, met Dr. Vianne Timmons(left), President of the University of Regina, Canada during her visit to SDU.

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Mr. Sylvain St-Amand from the University of Quebec at Montreal Visited SDU

On September 18th, Mr. Sylvain St-Amand, the Head of the International Office of the University at Quebec at Montreal, and Mr. Bedard Francois who is a professor of the Department of Tourism Management of the university visited SDU. Tong Guangwu, the head of the International Office of SDU and professors from the School of Management met with the guests.

Tong Guangwu briefed the guests on the university and its ties with international universities. Mr. Sylvain St-Amand introduced the history of Quebec University at Montreal, its development, and in particular the School of Management's conditions. Professors from the two universities discussed issues of tourism management cooperation, especially the promotion of the development of tourism spots.

During their stay, Fan Liming, Vice-President of SDU, had a meeting with the delegation. The discussion at the meeting included issues such as updating communication agreement, launching students and scholars exchange programs, holding summer programs and setting up communication weeks. Both sides also made suggestions concerning specific methods and procedures.

The University of Regina is located in the city of Regina, Saskatchewan. Established in 1911, it now has 11,400 students, among which are 1300 graduate students. The university is excellent in humanities. It also specializes in majors such as energy and environment, and planning environmental engineering.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)



Prof. Fan Liming(4th from right), vice-president of SDU, met with the visiting delegation from the University of Regina, headed by Dr. Vianne Timmons(5th from left), President of the university.

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Built in 1969, the University of Quebec at Montreal now has 7 schools: the School of Management, the School of Communication, the School of Arts, the School of Sciences, the School of Education, the School of Humanities and the School of Politics and Law. This visit was the result of the friendly relationship established in 2008 between governments of Shandong Province and Quebec.

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■ Delegation from the University of Adelaide Visited SDU

On September 24 and 25, a delegation from The University of Adelaide visited SDU for future cooperation between the schools of the two universities. The delegation included Dr. Mike Keller who is the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Sciences, Dr. Jim Denier who is the Head of Mathematical Sciences, and Ms. Sandy McConachy from the Vice-president's office.

Tong Guangwu, the Head of the International Office of SDU, met with the delegation. He suggested that cooperation between the two universities started in key areas and wished it could be extended to other areas in an all-around manner.

The delegation visited several schools of the university and

discussed with their staff issues of the joint education of students, scholars exchange and joint research. The schools visited were the School of Life Sciences, the School of Mathematics, the School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, the School of Environmental Science and Engineering and the School of Energy and Power Engineering.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)

■ Delegation of Quebec Province, Canada Visited SDU for Exchanges on Scientific and Technical Environmental Protection

Recently a delegation of 7 people from Quebec Province, Canada visited the School of Environmental Science. Talks on establishing cooperative relations were initiated.

During the meeting Prof. Gao Baoyu, Dean of the School of Environmental Science, introduced the basic situation and main research interests of the School. He expressed his willingness to cooperate with the counterparts in Quebec. Prof. Liu Rutao, Associate Dean, presented to the delegation the projects of international cooperation and exchanges and research programs. The guests, in their turn, shared their information. After the meeting they visited the labs of the School.

The delegation aims to strengthen its ties with Schools or Organizations focusing on environmental research, hoping that further cooperation will be promoted. During the visit, cooperative prospects were explored by the two sides. Outstanding students in SDU may continue their graduate studies and post-doctoral studies in universities or research institutes of Quebec Province.

Mr. Sun Fengshou, deputy-director of the International Office, Prof. Liu Rutao, Prof. Hong Jinglan and students were present at the meeting.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

■ Visit by Scholars of Portland State University, USA

From October 21st to 25th, Prof. Mavin A. Kaiser, President of the College of Arts and Sciences and Prof. Erik Bodegom, Head of the Physics Department of Portland State University visited SDU. Prof. Jiao Jun, a Cheung Kong scholar of SDU joined the visit. Prof. Fan Liming, Vice-President of SDU, met with the guests.

On 22nd, Prof. Liang Zuotang, Dean of the School of Physics of SDU, discussed with Dr. Erik Bodegom mutual cultivation of undergraduates and mutual recognition of course credits after the two sides had exchanged information of undergraduate cultivation, courses and research work. At the end of the meeting,

agreements were signed allowing cooperation on the 2+2 Project of Joint Degrees and the 3+1+1 Project which allows undergraduates to continue their graduate study directly. Zhao Bingxin, Head of the College of Continuing Education; Liu Lihua, Deputy Director of the Academic Administration; and teachers of

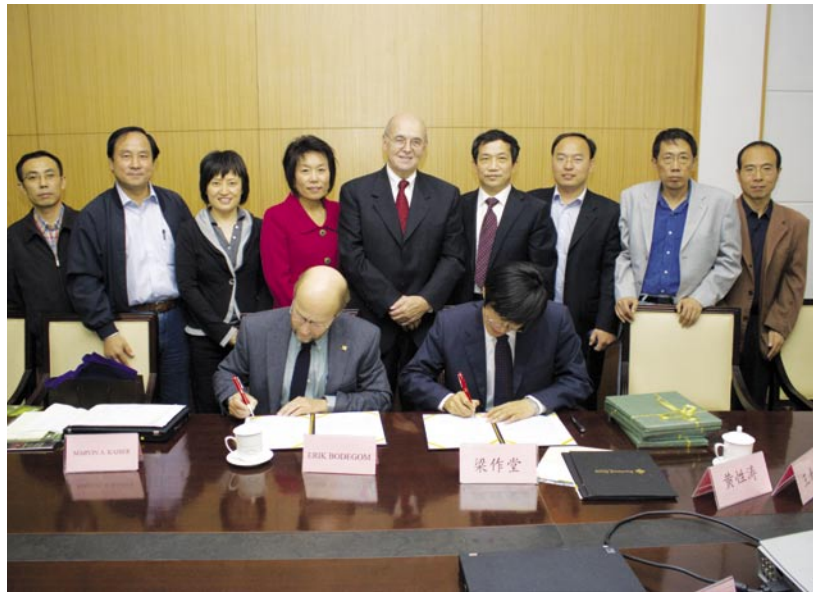
the Physics Department were present at the meeting.

During the visit, the guests also visited the College of Continuing Education and the School of Economics. Initiatives were made on mutual cultivation of students majoring in economics and business.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

Prof. Liang Zuoatong and Dr. Erik Bodegom signed an agreement for joint education of undergraduate students.

Photo by Song Hongxiao



“2009 Australian Cultural Week” Was Held at SDU at Weihai

On November 2nd, “2009 Australian Cultural Week” opened at SDU at Weihai. Representatives from Australia, Taiwan Province and domestic universities attended the opening ceremony.

Prof. Zhao Yupo, vice-principal of SDU at Weihai, Ms. Jill Collins, the Cultural Counselor of the Australian Embassy in China, and Prof. Wu Congju, Dean of the School of Journalism & Communication, delivered speeches expressing their desire to enhance the cultural

exchange and cooperation. Ms. Collins said that the year 2010 will be officially observed as the Australian Cultural Year, which was the result of the consistent efforts of the two peoples.

It was the second session of the Australian cultural week which brought to students a better understanding of Australia and opened a window to the outside world.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)

Visit by Professor James Piper

On November 5, Professor James Piper, the Vice President of Macquarie University and his colleagues visited the School of Information Science and Engineering of SDU. Prof. Piper delivered lectures to teachers and students of the school.

Professor Piper elaborated on recent development they have achieved in the field of Raman lasers.

Introducing the latest achievement of the research team led by Professor Piper, Dr. Andrew Lee explained the realization, characteristics, materials and application of Raman Lasers. During the stay, Professor Piper communicated with Professor Zhang Xingyu, Associate Dean of the School, and the teachers and students from the Key Laboratory for Laser Technologies and Applications.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)





HONG KONG, MACAO & TAIWAN

President Xu Xianming Met with Ms. I Shou-Fan

President Xu and Ms. I Shou-Fan recalled the two sides' cooperation during the meeting. Xu expressed his appreciation for the support and help given by



On Oct. 19th, President Xu Xianming (4th from right) met with Ms. I Shou-Fan (4th from left), Chairwoman of the Li-Ching Cultural & Educational Foundation and Chair Professors of the "Li-Ching Lectures" at Rizhao.

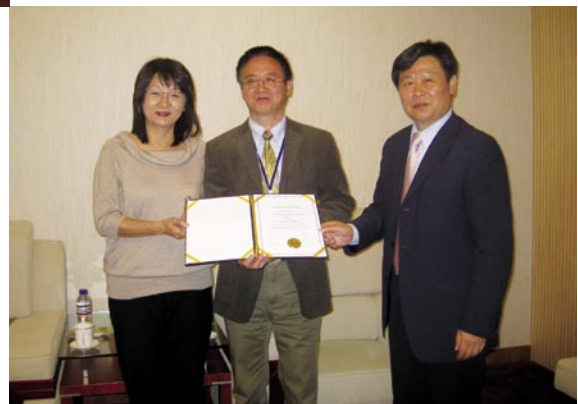
Photo by Ji Rui

the Li-Ching Cultural & Educational Foundation. Ms. I Shou-Fan was satisfied with the progress of the "Li-Ching Lectures" program and was pleased to help in promoting the academic development of archeological and mathematical majors. She said that further cooperation with SDU will continue.

Xu also met with Professor Anne Underhill,

Professor Gary Feinman and Dr. Shen Chen, the new Chair Professor of the "Li-Ching lectures" and Director of the Department of the East of the Royal Ontario Museum, Canada. Telling of his cooperation with SDU, Shen expressed his appreciation for being appointed as the Chair Professor of the "Li-Ching Lectures" and will give backing for the archeological major of SDU. Linda Nicholas, researcher at the Chicago Museum of Natural History Human Studies, Luan Fengshi, Director of Oriental Archeology Research Center of SDU, and Fang Hui, Deputy Dean of School of History and Culture of SDU were present at the meeting.

The Li-Ching Cultural & Educational Foundation was set up in 1983 by Mr. I Fu-



Prof. Xu Xianming (right) and Ms. I Shou-fan (left) presented "Li-Ching Chair Professor Certificate" to Dr. Shen Chen (center).

Photo by Ji Rui

En. The foundation's mission includes granting scholarships, donating books and equipment to libraries as well as funds for cultural, sport and academic activities. In addition, it provides other cultural foundations with financial funding and operational

support. In 2002, the foundation established the "Li-Ching Lectures" at SDU with the aim to promote the university's archeological and mathematical majors.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)

■ Visit by LEE Ho Man, Executive Director of the Hong Kong Siyuan Foundation

LEE Ho Man, executive director of the Hong Kong Siyuan Foundation visited SDU from Nov. 6 to 10. During the stay, he met with Fang Hongjian, Vice-Secretary of SDU's CPC Committee and Fan Liming, Vice-President of SDU.

Together with Fang, Li talked with the students who are sponsored by the Foundation and heard a report of the implementation of the Foundation in SDU. He also inquired upon the activities of the Siyuan Club founded by the sponsored students. Then he made seven suggestions for the students and expected that the students could deal with the difficulties and make improvement so that they could help others. Fang expressed his admiration for the Foundation. The students also expressed their appreciation for the support given by the

Foundation and they are determined to pass the spirit of help to others.

Fang introduced the construction of the Siyuan Auditorium and expressed her appreciation for the Foundation's support. Li was satisfied with the project.

The Hong Kong Siyuan Foundation is a charitable institute registered in Hong Kong. It was set up by the Ex-chairman of Hang Lung Group Chen Tseng Tao and his wife. Supporting science and educational careers in Hong Kong and the mainland, it also assists in popularizing medical services for domestic medical institutions.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)

■ Delegation of Shih Hsin University, Taiwan Visited SDU at Weihai

On November 10th, Chieh Hsiung, vice-president of Shih Hsin University, visited SDU at Weihai, together with Dean Jen Huei Hsü of the School of Management and T'ing Wei of the Academic Exchange Center. Prof. Han Shenghao, vice-president of SDU, met with the guests. Matters about further exchanges and cooperation among students as well as teachers of the two universities

were discussed.

During the visit Hsiung held a meeting explaining specific study programs to students and answering questions about subject settings, credits, and application.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)

■ The International Writers Workshop of Hong Kong Baptist University Visited SDU

From December 2nd to 5th, a delegation of the International Writers Workshop of Hong Kong Baptist University visited SDU. The delegation, led by Dr. Ng Yau-nang included Janet Charman from New Zealand, KIM Young-ha from South Korea, Atsushi Shiitada from Japan, Chen Li from Taiwan

Province and Bi Feiyu from the mainland.

During the visit, the delegation took part in exchange activities with teachers and students of SDU. On December 2nd, the writers attended the "International literature Presentation". They discussed issues of

literature, such as the characteristics of current literary works, with scholars of the School of Literature & Journalism and the School of Foreign Languages and Literature. On December 3rd, the delegation visited Mount Tai and the Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu.

The International Writers Workshop has paid an annual visit to SDU since 2007, which has provided a platform for academic exchanges between the two universities.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)



--- Hong Kong Baptist University International Writers Workshop Visited SDU

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CONFERENCE

The Fifth Yellow Sea Rim University Presidents' Forum Held

On July 15th, the Fifth Yellow Sea Rim University Presidents' Forum began in Yantai International Exposition Center. Presidents of 45 universities in China, Japan and South Korea attended the forum and discussed the issues of Yellow Sea Rim cooperation and exchange and made fruitful results. Xu Xianming, the President of SDU, and Lou Hongxiang and Han Shenghao, the Vice-presidents, attended the forum.

During the forum, representatives from the three nations mainly discussed three issues: the transformation of scientific research achievement and technological innovation, the exchange and

cooperation of international education and research, and the cooperation project. The representatives were trying to achieve detailed plans for intensifying cooperation in education and research among the three countries.

The Fifth Yellow Sea Rim University Presidents' Forum is part of The 9th Yellow Sea Rim-China, Japan and Korea Economy and Technology Conference. It is the second time that SDU held the forum.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)



— — President Xu Xianming addresses the Opening Ceremony of the 5th Yellow Sea Rim University Presidents' Forum

■ Photo by Liu Mingli

Exchange Activities among SDU, Yamaguchi University and Kongju National University

From September 10th to 17th, exchange activities among SDU, Yamaguchi University and Kongju National University were carried out in SDU. 9 students and 2 teachers from Japan and South Korea attended the activities which lasted for 8 days.

In the welcome meeting held on September 10th, Sun Fengshou, Deputy Director of the International Office, gave a welcome address, hoping the exchanges would enhance bilateral understanding and further cooperation. Students and teachers who had attended former exchange activities, as well as SICA members were present at the meeting.

On September 11th, the students took

a tour around SDU campuses, talked about detailed information of the three universities, watched a Kung Fu show of quincunial piles and Tai Chi, and had a Chinese lesson.

On September 12th, the seminar on job-hunting orientation against the global economic crisis was held. The economic differences of China, Japan and South Korea allow deviations in students' thinking which accounts for different views on employment.

In the following days, the students took a tour around Jinan, visited some companies, and went to Qufu, which is the birthplace of Confucian culture. On September

16th, Fang Hongjian, Deputy Secretary of SDU met with the students and listed details of the activities which were wrapped up by a farewell party. Tong Guangwu, Director of the International Office, gave certificates of completion to the students.

Exchange activities among SDU, Yamaguchi University and Kongju National University have been held alternately by the three universities which signed the memorandum in 2007. They are intended to enhance friendship and understanding among students from China, Japan and South Korea.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

Conference on Construction and Popularization of Internet-based Confucius Culture Resources

On September 25, the opening ceremony of the International Conference on the Global Construction and Popularization of Internet-based Confucius Culture Resources was held in SDU. More than 40 experts and scholars from universities in Spain, South Korea, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR attended the ceremony.

The purposes of this conference are: to discover the practical significance of Confucius culture, to construct the "popularization platform of Confucius culture on the internet" by making full use of internet media and exploring

the Qilu culture, to promote the construction of the cultural spirit with



International Conference on Global Construction and Popularization of Internet-based Confucius Culture Resources was held in SDU

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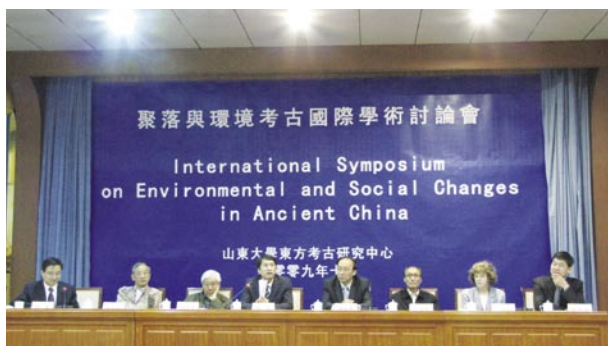
Shandong Province, to popularize the brilliant Qilu culture and this cultural spirit to the whole world and

to develop a distinctive global cultural brand of "Confucius Culture", which is made possible by the worldwide rise of "Chinese Language Fever" and Confucius Institutes.

The opening ceremony was chaired by professor Sheng Yuli, Ph.D. supervisor from the School of Literature and Journalism of SDU and the Chairman of the Shandong Linguistics Association. Prof. Zheng Chun, the Dean of the School of Literature and Journalism, attended the meeting and delivered the opening speech.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)

International Archeology Seminars on Settlement and Surroundings and Yao Culture Held



International Symposium on Environmental and Social Changes in Ancient China was held at SDU
Photo by SDU Center for Oriental Archaeology

Initiated by the Oriental Archeology Research Center and the University Museum of SDU, the “International Symposium on Environmental and Social Changes in Ancient China” was held. Over 50 scholars from the US, Canada, Australia, Israel, Japan and the mainland of China took part in the forum.

At the opening ceremony, Xie Zhixiu, Deputy Director-General of the Cultural Department of Shandong Province and Prof. Chen Yan, Vice-President of SDU, delivered opening speeches respectively. Prof. Xu Pingfang, Prof. Yan Wenming, Prof. Anne Underhill and Prof. Luan Fengshi also addressed the meeting. The participants speak highly of the archeological research results reached by the joint research team from SDU and Yale University. The two universities have cooperated for 14 years on the research of settlement and surroundings in Rizhao city located in the southeast area of Shandong Province. Participants also suggested that similar measures could be adopted in other research projects so as to promote the research on the process of social complexity and early cultural patterns.

Participants went to Rizhao on a field trip to the town of Sage King Yaowang and Relics of Liangchengzhen. The “Sage King Yaowang Culture Forum” was co-held by SDU and Rizhao. Prof. Xu Xianming, President of SDU and Mr. Yang Jun, Secretary of the CPC of Rizhao and Mr. Zhao Xiao, Mayor of the city were present at the forum and delivered speeches. Xu said in his speech that

SDU and Rizhao have maintained good relationship for a long time. SDU set up its archeology base in Rizhao city in the 1950’s and the archeological work has accomplished preliminary results in the last ten years. In recent years, SDU and Rizhao have launched cooperation and exchanges in many areas and have already made remarkable accomplishments. He wished that further communication could be



Sage King Yaowang Culture Forum organized by SDU
Photo by SDU Center for Oriental Archaeology

strengthened to make the cooperation at a wider and higher level. The forum was chaired by Professor Zang Zhenhua, Deputy Director of The Institute of History and Philology (IHP) of Academia Sinica, Taipei. Professor Anne Underhill, Wang Zhenzhong, researcher of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences History Research Institute, Professor Fang Hui, Professor Luan Fengshi and Chairman of the Sage King Yaowang Group delivered speeches at the forum. The experts had discussions concerning the relics of the town of Sage King Yaowang, the contemporary value of Sage King Yaowang, Book of History, King Yaowang and the culture.

During the forum, Xu met with Ms. I Shou-Fan, Chairman of the Li-Ching Cultural & Educational Foundation. Xu and Ms. I Shou-Fan issued a letter of appointment for Professor Shen Chen, Director of the Oriental Department of the Royal Ontario Museum, Canada, as a Chair Professor of the Li-Ching lectures.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)

International Conference on “Ecological Aesthetics and Environmental Aesthetics in Global Perspective” Held by SDU



International Conference on “Ecological Aesthetics and Environmental Aesthetics in Global Perspective” was held at SDU

Photo by Li Yazhou

On October 24th, the international conference on “Ecological Aesthetics and Environmental Aesthetics in Global Perspective”, hosted by the Center for Literary Theory and Aesthetics of Shandong University, opened in Jinan City. It was attended by more than 70 scholars from China, Japan, South Korea, USA, Canada, and Finland, etc. Vice-president Chen Yan attended the opening ceremony and delivered the opening address. Prof. Zeng Fanren, Director of the Center and the Vice-president of Chinese Society for Aesthetics, addressed the conference.

The conference was chaired by Tan Haozhe, Deputy Executive Director of the Center. According to the agenda, the conference would last until October 26th. Topics cover the significance of ecological aesthetics in China; the theoretical focus and prospect of ecological aesthetics; theoretical development of western environmental aesthetics and its relationship with western ecological aesthetics; the construction of modern ecological aesthetics and ecocriticism.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

“2009 China-Japan Aesthetics and Arts Forum” Held in SDU

On October 27th, the “2009 China-Japan Aesthetics and Arts Forum” was held in SDU. The forum was opened

by Vice-president Chen Yan and addressed by Prof. Aoki Takao of the Institute of Integrated Science, Hiroshima University as well as Prof. Zeng Fanren, Director of the Center for Literary Theory and Aesthetics, SDU and also Vice-president of Chinese Society for Aesthetics. Zeng awarded appointment letter to Prof. Aoki Takao, inviting him as part-time professor of the Center. The two, as representatives of the institutes, also signed an agreement on academic cooperation.

The forum was held in the form of dialogue among more than 50 scholars and Ph.D. students from the Center for Literary Theory and Aesthetics, SDU and the Institute of Integrated Science, Hiroshima University,



Prof. Zeng Fanren (left), Prof. Aoki Takao (center) and Prof. Chen Yan (right) were at the opening ceremony of “2009 China-Japan Aesthetics and Arts Forum”

Photo by Ma Yongjun

which co-sponsored the forum. Topics covered Zhou Dynasty's culture of protocol music, the origin of Chinese classical aesthetics, the aesthetic significance of Japanese landscape painting, the artistic view of Kaii Higashiyama, Chinese and western poetics discourse, ecological aesthetics of metaphysics and Buddhism, and the protection of cultural heritage.

The Center for Literary Theory and Aesthetics, SDU is a key ministerial research institute of humanities and social sciences. Literary aesthetics program that the Center offers is a state-level key discipline. Recent years observed increasing academic exchanges in this field between China and Japan. In the following years, SDU will carry out constant academic activities together with Hiroshima University according to the agreement.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)

EDUCATION & RESEARCH

2009 International Summer School Completed

The International Summer School of SDU organized by SDU is to promote student exchanges between SDU and friendly universities and provide an opportunity for foreign students to learn more about China. The 4th session of the school which included 17 international students from 14 universities of 4 countries started on August 2nd and ended on August 28th, 2009.

The Chinese course is an important component in the International Summer School. Students started their Chinese learning from basic pinyin and phonetics.

Different from traditional classes, teachers used a series of teaching methods such as theme dialogue and short plays which raised great interest in the foreign students. In summer school, international students were also provided with opportunities to attend famous professors' lectures on Chinese history and cultures which showed the students both the brilliant past and the bright future of China.

Apart from classes and lectures, the foreign students this summer also got a chance to sense Qilu culture for themselves by visiting many famous places and



Opening of SDU International Summer School

Photo by Sun Pengcheng



Students of SDU International Summer School at their Chinese calligraphy class

Photo by Sun Pengcheng

historical attractions in Qingdao, Zibo, Qufu and Mount Taishan. They marveled at the beauty of nature and brilliance of ancient civilization while rejoicing at the chance to see them themselves.

More than 10 students from SDU also took part in the summer school and had a good exchange with the foreign students, which proved to be a communication bridge. As a platform for exchange and study, the 2009 International Summer School of SDU turned out to be a great success.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)

Orientation for International Exchange Students

On September 12th, the Students International Communication Association (SICA) of SDU held an orientation meeting for new overseas students and there was a guided tour around the SDU campuses after the

meeting. The meeting was attended by overseas students from some European countries, Japan, South Korea, Australia, teachers of the International Office, and members of SICA.

The meeting was opened by Xu Bin and He Chengyuan who are members of SICA. Li Guoqiang, Deputy Director of the International Office, introduced SDU and Jinan, hoping the students



International exchange students and SICA students on campus tour. The exchange students study at SDU under the sponsorship of the exchange agreements between SDU and its partner universities abroad.

Photo by SICA

can grasp Chinese culture and wishing them a happy life in SDU. Afterwards, Liang Zihan, a member of SICA, made a presentation on SDU campuses, students daily life in SDU, and living in Jinan. Liang Zihan explained the curriculum structure, use of campus card, and public service facilities on campus. On behalf of all the international exchange students, Ms. Zheng Yingzhu, an exchange student from Changwon National University of Republic of Korea, expressed the joyfulness to study at SDU and their gratitude to SICA for organizing this event.

After the meeting, the overseas students started their

campus tour, which covered all the six campuses of the university spread out in different parts of the city. During the trip, the students introduced themselves, communicated with each other and enjoyed the beautiful sceneries of the campuses and the city. Bérengère, an exchange student from the University of Rennes 2, France, said though she felt a bit tired after a full-day orientation program, it was worthwhile. Not only did she get familiar with SDU, but also made friends with students from other countries.

(Translated by: Liang Lijuan)

Foreign Students Participated in the Opening Ceremony of the International Aero Sports Festival

On October 24th, 101 foreign students of SDU took part in the opening ceremony of the First International Aero Sports Festival beside Xueye Lake in Laiwu city, Shandong province and performed their folk dances.

The participants of this activity were from different countries. Corresponding with the festival's ideas: international, fashionable, and colorful, the dances were action-packed with outstanding characteristics. With their charm and vigor, the foreign students from

the College of International Education offered a special present for this festival.

From October 24th to 27th, the First International Aero Sports Festival & the Second National Aero Sports Meeting was co-held by the General Administration of Sport of China, the People's Government of Shandong Province, the Aero Sports Federation of China, the Sports Bureau of Shandong Province and Laiwu at the Aerial Sports Park of the



SDU International Students Participated in the Opening Ceremony of the International Aero Sports Festival

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Xueye tourism region in Laiwu.

In recent years, the College of International Education has

organized the foreign students to take part in social practices and commonweal work, offering the students opportunities to see the

development of Chinese society and feel the glamour of Chinese culture.

(Translated by: Cao Qingqing)

2009 China-Russia Art Festival of College Students at SDU at Weihai

On October 27th and 28th, four officers from Russian Federal Education Department and 48 representatives of teachers and students of 7 universities in Russia took part in a two-day cultural

exchange activity. The students from the two countries discussed topics of common interests such as college life and employment. Prof Han Shenghao, the President of SDU at Weihai, met with the guests

and watched the performance by the students.

The closing ceremony of this festival, a performance which included dancing, singing and music, was held in the music hall of the Fine Arts School.

This festival is one of the celebration projects in the Educational Department for the 60th anniversary of the relations between China and Russia, as well as a part of the “Russian Year”. This year was the sixth session of the festival and more than ten thousand college students from the two counties have taken part in the past six sessions.

(Translated by: Zhang Jin)



--- Russian students performing folk dancing at opening ceremony of the festival.

■ Photo by Liu Bo

Zhang Yun Won the Science & Technology Award of Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation

On November 10th, the 2009 Awarding Ceremony of the Ho Leung He Lee Foundation & Celebration Ceremony of the 15th anniversary of the foundation of the Fund was held at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing. Professor Zhang Yun, academican of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, was awarded the Science & Technology Award of Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation.

Zhang Yun was the pioneer in China in Doppler echocardiography and first developed the quantitative Doppler echocardiographic technique for the treatment of valvular and

congenital heart diseases in the world. The technique saved the patients from the painful cardiac catheterization. He was one of the first researchers in the world to develop multi-plane transesophageal echocardiography. He developed the first three-dimensional echocardiographic software system and first three-dimensional echocardiographic techniques for diagnosis of cardiovascular diseases in China. He also set up the first mechanical and animal models of atherosclerotic vulnerable plaque in the world and illustrated the inflammation mechanisms of

vulnerable plaque. He discovered new methods for the prediction of vulnerable plaque by plaque volumetric strain and concentration gradient of inflammatory and coagulation factors in coronary circulation, disclosing a number of new therapies using genes and drugs to prevent plaque rupture. He found that a combined use of angiogenic and arteriogenic factors can establish functional collateral network and improve regional blood flow and systolic function of myocardium, which provided new methods for the angiogenesis /arteriogenesis treatment for myocardial ischemia.

Zhang Yun has won 1 Second-Prize and 3 Third-Prize of the National Science and Technology Progress Award and 1 Top Science and Technology Award of Shandong and 5 awards of Shandong Provincial Science and Technology Progress. He has published more than 170 SCI papers and the domestic and international citations of the papers have exceeded 3000 times. He has won more than 20 national honors and was selected as the Fellow of American College of Cardiology (FACC) in 2008.



--- Prof. Zhang Yun Won the Science & Technology Award of Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation

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(Translated by: Zhang Jin)

■ 135 Graduates of SDU Go Abroad for Further Study Supported by the China Scholarship Council

Statistics released by the China Scholarship Council (CSC) show that in the year 2009, 135 graduates of SDU obtained support from CSC to study abroad in universities either through joint training or not. The number ranks 7th among the 60 domestic universities in China. Moreover, the number of Ph.D. candidates supported by the scholarship scheme ranks 4th. This number has been increased from 100 to 135 thus enabling SDU to recommend 162 candidates to CSC.

In recent years SDU saw an increasing number of graduate students go to study abroad. Many got overseas experience through

joint training programs of SDU and foreign universities. Graduate education of SDU has become more international considering the fact that some students have made their mark in the academic field. In November, 2008, Li Yan, a Ph.D. from the School of Mathematics, was invited to deliver presentation at the Third International Conference on Fractional Differentiation and Its Applications and won the Young Scholar Award. In September, 2007, Kong Li, a Ph.D. from the Medical School who has won support from CSC, spoke at the 29th Annual Conference of ASBMR and won the Young Scholar Award. In 2009, Qin Yingying, a Ph.D. from the Medical School who has studied

in America for a year through the joint training program, was awarded the National Excellent Doctoral Dissertation of PR China.

The Chinese Government Graduate Student Overseas Study Program initiated by the China Scholarship Council started in 2007. CSC signs contracts with universities to decide the number of students it will support annually. 21% of the receiving universities abroad rank within the Top 50 in the world, and 40% rank within the Top 100. The number of world top universities receiving the scholarship students is increasing rapidly.

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■ 2008 SDU SCI Index and Citation of International Papers Both Ranked 10th Among Chinese Universities

On Nov.27th, publication and citation of scientific and technological papers of domestic universities and research institutions in 2008 was released in Beijing. Papers from SDU

internationally cited and indexed by SCIE both ranked 10th among domestic universities in 2007 and 2008. Compared with that of last year, the index ranking of EI and ISTP declined

while the ranking of domestic indexed and cited papers increased compared with that of Chinese universities.

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