Campus News
Fudan Establishes Confucius Institute with University of Luxembourg

On the morning of October 26th, H.R.H Crown Prince Guillaume of Luxembourg, Chancellor H.E. Pierre Gramegna, and President of University of Luxembourg Rainer Klump visited Fudan University and attended the signing ceremony of Jointly Establishing the Confucius Institute with University of Luxembourg. President Xu Ningsheng and heads from Foreign Affairs Office, Confucius Institute Office and Fudan Development Institute were present on behalf of the University.

During the meeting, President Xu welcomed Guillaume’s visit and conveyed the greetings of Xu Lin, Director General of Confucius Institute Headquarters and Director of Hanban Office. Xu briefly introduced the history of Fudan and its new chapter of development planning. He expected the substantial cooperation with University of Luxembourg and
believed that the jointly-established Confucius Institute will become an important platform for bilateral exchanges.

Prince Guillaume learned the cooperation between Fudan and University of Luxembourg when he visited Shanghai in early May this year. It was quite a pleasure for him to witness the signing ceremony, which would greatly promote the exchange of language and culture between the two countries.

Chancellor Gramegna conveyed the Luxembourg government's concerns and wishes for the Confucius Institute. He said that the cooperation would further push forward the internationalization of University of Luxembourg and that the establishment of the Confucius Institute would help Luxembourgers strengthen Chinese language skills.

President Klump expressed his belief that the two universities would carry out closer and deeper cooperation in retrospect of his ten-year friendship with Fudan and the bilateral cooperation since he became the president of University of Luxembourg over the past two years.

Subsequently, the two parties made in-depth exchanges on future cooperation. Luxembourg is home to many European institutions, and also an important financial center in Europe and a European hub for cross-border RMB business. Both sides reached consensus on high-level cooperation in such areas as finance, EU and European law.

After the meeting, President Xu signed the cooperation agreement concerning the Confucius Institute at University of Luxembourg with President Klump.

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**Research Spotlight**

**20th National Forum of Deans of Schools of Life Sciences Successfully Concluded at Fudan**
Organized by Fudan School of Life Sciences, the 20th National Forum of Deans of Schools of Life Sciences was held on the Jiangwan Campus on October 15th an 16th. Vice Fudan President Jin Li and over 100 deans and secretaries from 65 universities attended the conference. The theme of this forum this year is “blowing the horn of life sciences in the 21st century”.

In his keynote address, Jin Li maintained that life sciences was to study health of humans and the earth and that its future development should focus on "precision measurement", "analysis and calculation" and "regulation and intervention".

On the morning of October 15th, the deans from each university delivered speeches. Jay Siegel, Dean of School of Life Sciences, Tianjin University, shared his approach to building an international health science research platform in Tianjin. Hua Zichun, Dean of School of Life Sciences, Nanjing University, introduced how to improve the assessment result of state key laboratory of medical biotechnology. Wang Hongwei, Dean of School of Life Sciences, Tsinghua University, presented the implementation of the six-year tenure-track reform. Xu Tao, Executive Vice President of College of Life Sciences, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, expounded on the role of integrating science and education in the cultivation of life sciences. Peng Jinrong, Dean of College of Life Sciences, Zhejiang University, believed that College of Life Sciences should interact with agricultural science, food science and horticulture science to achieve innovation. Cang Huaixing, Dean of College of Life Sciences, Northwestern Polytechnical University, gave a lecture entitled "understanding the society before serving: learning from the society." Wang Xuelu, Dean of Huazhong Agricultural
University College of Life Sciences, made a suggestion to undergraduate education focusing on knowledge enhancement, interdisciplinary study and critical thinking.

On the afternoon of October 15th, the deans were divided into 3 groups to discuss the issues of “discipline construction”, “talent training” and “social services”. Discussions were chaired by Wu Jiarui, Dean of College of Life Sciences, Jiang Zhengfan, Assistant Dean of School of Life Sciences, Peking University, and Zheng Limin, Dean of School of Life Sciences, Sun Yat-Sen University.

On October 16th, the deans went to Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park to visit the Shanghai Synchrotron Radiation Facility and the National Facility for Protein Science.

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**China ABC**

**8 Chinese cities staging acrobatic arts**

The 3rd Chinese Acrobatics Art Festival will be held in Luoyang, Henan province, from Dec 14 to 20.

During the week, Luoyang citizens will have the opportunity to see many performances by acrobatic companies from all over the world, including some Golden Chrysanthemum Award-winning programs.
The festival also includes seven parallel sessions in Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, Dalian, Harbin, Nanning and Wuqiao — each city with one acrobatic show.

Chinese acrobatics has a history of more than 3,000 years, and Luoyang is an important birthplace of Baixi (a hundred plays), namely traditional Chinese acrobatics. Baixi dates back to the Qin Dynasty (221-206 BC) and flourished in the Sui (581-618) and Tang (618-907) dynasties, and flourishes now in Luoyang.

The 3rd Chinese Acrobatics Art Festival is hosted by the China Federation of Literary and Art Circles, China Acrobats Association, Publicity Department of CPC Henan Provincial Committee and Luoyang municipal government. The first two festivals were held in 2001 and 2011 in Beijing.

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Upcoming Social Events

23rd – 25th, Dec  
19:15  
Topic: Swan Lake By Russia Royal Ballet In Shanghai  
Venue: Shanghai Oriental Art Centre

26th – 27th, Dec  
19:30  
Topic: National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine 2017 New Year Concert - Shanghai  
Venue: Shanghai Oriental Art Centre
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