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News and Events

The University of Birmingham will be organising a series of lectures, seminars and other events to help promote our engagement with China.

You can find updates and news on these events below.

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Birmingham strengthens rail links with China, May 2015

The University of Birmingham has signed a cooperation agreement on railway research and education with one of the world's largest manufacturers of high-speed trains, CSR Sifang. Reflecting the University of Birmingham's position as a global leader in railway science and education and CSR Sifang's status, the two parties have agreed to cooperate to develop new technologies through cutting edge research. The two institutions also hope to promote Anglo-Chinese understanding and exchanges through education.

More details can be found on the **University news page (/news/latest/2015/05/csr-partnership.aspx)** .

Recent research - engineered cells to tackle the third most common cancer in Chinese males. March 2015

Medical researchers at the University of Birmingham believe that a new method of genetically engineering immune cells could lead to improved treatment of Nasopharyngeal carcinoma (NPC) patients. This particular cancer is unusually common throughout Southeast Asia, particularly in Southern China, where it is the third most common cancer in males. The work was funded by a Cancer Research UK Senior Cancer Fellowship Award to SPL, and by Hong Kong Cancer Fund.

More details can be found on the **University news page. (/news/latest/2015/03/Engineered-cells-could-help-tackle-the-third-most-common-cancer-in-Chinese-males-100315.aspx)**

Deepening collaboration with prestigious Chinese universities

It has been a fruitful few months since February as the University of Birmingham have deepened our engagement with four prestigious universities in China. We formalised our partnership with Peking university in the areas of Cultural Heritage and Public Health; we renewed an exchange agreement with another elite university - Tsinghua University; we broadened our engagement with our current partner Beijing Jiaotong University from research to also include teaching collaboration; and we signed a new agreement with the University of Electronic Science and Technology for a 3+1+1 collaboration.

Birmingham Business School's China Research Cluster

A China Research Cluster has been established within Birmingham Business School. This Research Cluster undertakes research to understand how and why China has developed and what this tells us about the future path of development and the challenges that China faces. Research on both financial and economic issues, and the interaction between them, is a distinctive aspect of the cluster's research.

More details can be found on the **Business School research cluster page. (/schools/business/research/research-clusters/index.aspx)**

Birmingham strengthens rail links with China

The University of Birmingham (UK) has signed a cooperation agreement on railway research and education with the Chinese rolling stock manufacturer, CSR Sifang.

Reflecting the University of Birmingham's position as a global leader in railway science and education and CSR Sifang's status as one of the world's largest manufacturer of high-speed rolling stock, the two parties have agreed to cooperate to develop new technologies through cutting edge research. The two institutions also hope to promote Anglo-Chinese understanding and exchanges through education.

Read the full story (/news/latest/2015/05/csr-partnership.aspx)

Educating China's elderly to fight obesity in the young

Academics from the University of Birmingham are engaging with grandparents in China, to help tackle the increasing problem of obesity amongst Chinese children in a trailblazing public health programme.

Read the full story on our **University news pages (/news/latest/2015/03/Educating-Chinas-elderly-to-fight-obesity-in-the-young.aspx)** or visit **CNTV (http://english.cntv.cn/2015/03/24/VIDE1427175484680194.shtml)**

Taiwan Scholarship 2015 applications

The Taiwan Scholarship programme 2015, sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Republic of China (Taiwan), is now open to applications from interested candidates. The deadline for submitting applications is Tuesday 31st March, 2015.

The programme was established to encourage outstanding international students to undertake degree programmes in Taiwan. While providing study opportunities for a wide range of disciplines at Taiwan's universities and colleges and improving future career prospects, this programme also aims to promote knowledge, understanding and friendship and to provide academic and educational links.

The scholarship provides an opportunity for UK nationals to study undergraduate and postgraduate degrees at universities in Taiwan. The award encompasses payment of tuition and certain academic fees as well as a monthly stipend of NT$ 15,000 for recipients undertaking undergraduate studies or NT$ 20,000 for recipients undertaking postgraduate studies.

Taiwan Scholarship recipients may study degree programmes taught in English or in Mandarin. A large number of English-taught courses are offered to international students by Taiwanese universities approved under the Taiwan Scholarship programme.

Please note that all scholarship applicants for programmes taught in Mandarin must have taken the "Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language" (TOCFL) at Band B or higher. If you would like to sit the TOCFL in London on the 27th February 2015, please register interest with the Education Division (see below) as soon as possible.

For more information and a Taiwan Scholarship application form, please contact **Olivia Saunders (mailto:eduuk3@btconnect.com)** , Education Officer.

Birmingham-Jinan MBA programme launches

The University of Birmingham (UK) and Jinan University (China) have joined forces to nurture management talent in and around South China as they launch the latest version of the Birmingham MBA.

The Birmingham-Jinan MBA is a part-time executive programme run by Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham and the School of Management, Jinan University, Guangzhou.

The programme aims to foster high-level management talent in South China and the neighbouring region, allowing students to be better able to meet the demands of Chinese economic and social development, as well as the internationalisation needs of local enterprises. It also focuses on the development of leadership skills, which include innovative thinking linked to professional knowledge providing students and managers with vital skills that will give them a long-term return on their studies, enabling them to confront the key challenges facing their organisation in a constantly changing business environment.

The programme is taught in English jointly by faculty from Birmingham Business School, who travel to Guangzhou to deliver modules and Jinan School of Management, who will be teaching a number of elective modules. The latest research ideas are incorporated into the programme to ensure relevant and up-to-date learning. On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded an MBA degree from the University of Birmingham and a certificate of completion from Jinan University.

The programme is led by Professor Derek Condon, Director of Postgraduate Taught Programmes, Birmingham Business School. Professor Condon taught the first module – International Business – with students from a variety of backgrounds and nationalities. He said:

"The launch of the Birmingham-Jinan programme establishes a competitive MBA program for senior managers of Chinese and international companies in South China. It does this by integrating resources from both Birmingham Business School and the Jinan School of Management, institutions that both enjoy a long history and strong reputation.

"With four intakes per year, we expect the programme to become very popular with both local and international students, who want to be based in South China while experiencing and benefiting from a UK, Russell Group, qualification."

One of the first students to enrol on the Birmingham MBA in China is Zach Wortham, Director of Manufacturing Operations at Skullcandy, an American lifestyle audio brand. Zach has been living and working in South China for eight years and oversees an office of 50 staff. Commenting on the Birmingham MBA, Zach said

"The University of Birmingham and Jinan MBA programme represents a unique and special opportunity to learn from some of the world's most experienced business minds, while based in the heart of the industrial workhorse that is South China. Add to that the high quality of the support staff and impressive calibre of the students who are signing up and you can see why it was an easy decision to choose the Birmingham MBA programme."

The opening ceremony on Thursday 11 September was attended by Professor Derek Condon, Director of Postgraduate Programmes, Birmingham Business School; Professor Di Deng, Assistant Dean, Director of MBA Programmes, School of Management, Jinan University; Peter Clack, Director International Relations at University of Birmingham; and Vivian Yingyi Zheng, China Director of Operations, University of Birmingham Guangzhou Centre.

The Birmingham MBA's latest incarnation in Guangzhou follows 21 years of successful delivery in Singapore. The programme has also been running in Hong Kong since 2002 and is delivered as part of a collaborative provision arrangement with the Open University, Hong Kong (OUHK).

Generation UK Scholarships, 24 November 2014

Time:14.00-15.00pm,

Venue: Aston Webb Semi-Circle lecture theatre, room WG5, ground floor

Generation UK was launched in 2013 to encourage and support student mobility to China. It aims to see at least 80,000 UK students participate in academic study or internships in China by 2020, shaping a new generation of more globally, culturally and business aware young people. British Council representatives will be on campus to give a presentation on 24 November on this scholarship scheme.

China-UK Health Policy Group seminar - 3 November 2014

Venue: Garden Room Park House, University of Birmingham

Time:14:00 - 16:30

The Health Service Management Centre at Birmingham and the Health Science Centre at Peking University Beijing have established the 'Chin-UK Health Policy Group'. The aim of the group is to bring together academics and practitioners with an interest in healthcare policy and practice across the regions. The seminar will have guest speakers from Peking University and it will present a platform for discussion and debate regarding key issues and trends related to healthcare reform across China and the UK. All are welcome to attend. You can view the **event flyer (/Documents/international/Global-engagement/CUK-Health-Policy-Group-Flyer.pdf)** .

For information please contact **Dr Ross Millar (mailto:r.millar@bham.ac.uk)**

Global China Lecture Series: Chinese 'Illegalities' in Colonial Southeast Asia: Lessons from the Fin-deSiecle Maritime World, Wednesday Oct 29 2014

Time:4.15pm,

Venue:the Senate Chamber, Aston Webb Building, University of Birmingham

The Global China Lecture Series are funded by the Taiwan Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange. The first lecture will be delivered by Eric Tagliacozzo from Cornell University. More lectures are coming at either Birmingham or Warwick university.

Download the **event flyer (/Documents/international/Global-engagement/Chinese-Illegalities-Flyer-(PDF-2MB).pdf)** and **poster with abstract (/Documents/international/Global-engagement/DDP-Seminar-poster.pdf)** for more information.

Li Siguang Sino-UK Joint Publication Award Ceremony, 24 October 2014

The China Institute launched a new Li Siguang Sino-UK Joint Publication Prize in the summer to encourage in-depth collaboration with Chinese researchers. We are delighted to announce that this year's Prize winner was a paper by Professor Xin Yao from Computer Sciences and his collaborators from the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC).

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