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SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight focuses on the major events that have bearing on the future development of Renmin University of China over the past few months. On the major breakthroughs concerning the academic achievements, partner network, and other aspects of the university's development, the establishment of the Cooperation and Research Center on Civilization Exchanges and Mutual Learning on May 7th amidst President Xi Jinping's arrival in Paris for a state visit to enhance the bilateral relationship represents the most important one, which, together with RUC's strengthened ties with Portugal, outlines the university's global ambition.

Paris Cultural Center to Improve Cooperation Between France and China



A cooperation and research center on civilization exchanges and mutual learning was set up in Paris on May 7th, as part of efforts to inject new energies into higher education cooperation and cultural exchanges between China and France. The center was jointly built by RUC and three French universities, namely Sorbonne University, KEDGE Business School and Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier 3.

When addressing the inaugural ceremony, Zhang Donggang, Party secretary of RUC, said establishing the center was an important move to implement common understandings of the two heads of state to promote high-level development between relations between China and France. “It was an effective means to boost local exchanges, education, and research cooperation between China and France, and between China and Europe”, Zhang said. “The center also served as a model for enhancing cultural exchanges and mutual learning, and promoting the harmonious coexistence and common progress of different civilizations”, he added.

Head of the KEDGE Business School, Alexandre de Navailles, hosted the inaugural ceremony and said the establishment of the center would build a long-term and effective cooperation mechanism to offer support and help in multiple forms to teachers and students and jointly explore new models of exchanges of civilizations. He said he hoped to further advance cooperation programs to make greater contributions to deepening education cooperation between China and France.

Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Sorbonne University, Beatrice Perez, said the center would promote cooperation between the two countries in the fields of humanities and social sciences to a higher level and provide more possibilities for deepening cooperation between the two countries. “Sorbonne University is willing to work together with

RUC to continue building bridges for communication between the East and the West”, she added.

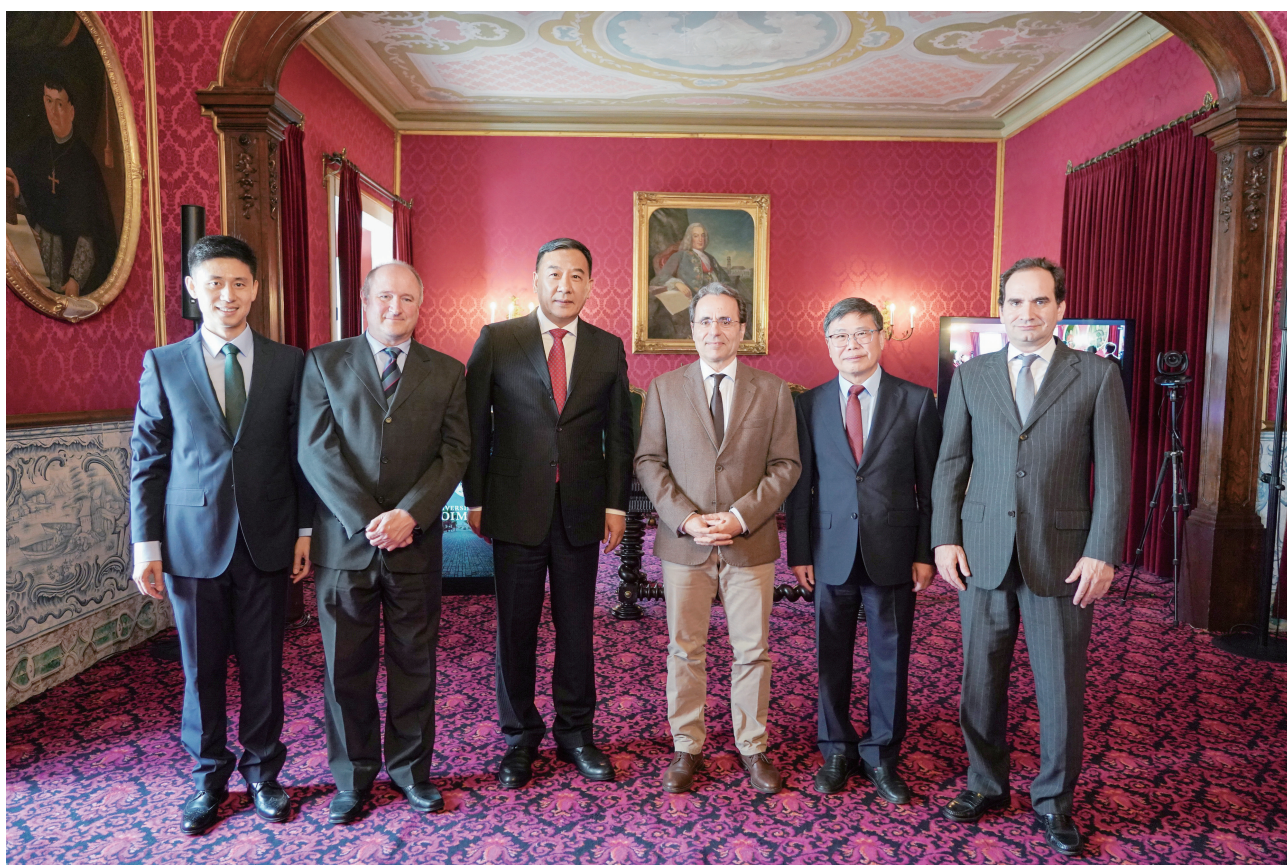
Calling education as a crucial part of cultural exchanges between the two countries, President Anne Fraisse of the UPVM3 said she believed the center would further advance the deep integration of teaching and research between the two universities.

“It’s believed that the center would cultivate promoters among exchange and dialogue of different civilizations as well as upholders of the diversity of civilizations”, she said.



With its permanent secretariat at KEDGE Business School in Paris, the center was built with the support of the Sino-French Institute of RUC, which was the first Sino-foreign cooperative educational institution in China primarily focused on humanities and social sciences.

RUC, University of Macau and University of Coimbra Signs MOU for Cooperation



On the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Portugal, the 25th anniversary of the return of Macau to China and the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in Educational and Scientific Research among RUC, the University of Macau, and the University of Coimbra was signed in Coimbra, Portugal, a move bearing witness to the consolidation of the political mutual trust, the fruitful economic and trade cooperation, and the encouraging progress in mutual cultural and educational enrichment between China and Portugal.

Zhao Bentang, Chinese Ambassador to Portugal, Zhang Donggang, Party secretary of RUC, Rui P. Martins, Vice Rector of the University of Macau, and Amílcar Falcão, Rector of the University of Coimbra, attended the ceremony.

The three universities held in-depth exchanges on deepening practical cooperation among them. Consensus were reached on jointly promoting the young generation to grow into messengers of Sino-Portuguese cultural exchanges, contributors of civilization exchanges and mutual understanding in the new era, and creators of a new form of human civilization so as to expedite the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative, the Global Development Initiative, the Global Security Initiative, and the Global Civilization Initiative, and to inject new momentum into the development of global higher education and contribute to the building of a community of shared future for mankind.

Zhang Donggang addressed the signing ceremony. He stressed that the establishment of a cooperation mechanism among the three universities is conducive to their efforts to seek common development and cooperation in the new era, greatly accelerating the civilization exchanges, mutual understanding and advancement of human civilization. RUC stands ready to work hand in hand with the University of Macau and the University of Coimbra to engage in diversified cooperation and exchanges, create a new mode of talent cultivation, integrate the advantages of resources, provide new impetus for scientific research, and to set up a new platform for civilization enrichment and mutual

understanding.

In their opening speeches, Zhang Donggang, Rui P. Martins and Amílcar Falcão, as representatives of the three universities, all echoed this sentiment, emphasizing that such a mechanism would significantly enhance their collaborative endeavors, foster greater cultural exchange and comprehension, and contribute to the overall betterment of civilization.

During his visit to Portugal, Zhang Donggang also met with Zhao Bentang, Chinese Ambassador to Portugal, and Luís Ferreira, President of the University of Lisbon and exchanged views on the cooperation and exchanges in education between Chinese and Portuguese universities.



Following that, the School of Arts, RUC signed cooperation agreement with the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Coimbra and the faculty of fine arts of the university of Lisbon respectively before unveiling the “High-level Art Talent Training Project for Mutual Learning of Sino-European Civilization”.

China-Hungary Joint Research Center Unveiled in Budapest



Lin Shangli, President of Renmin University of China, and Imre Hamar, Vice-rector of Eotvos Lorand University of Hungary, unveil the China-Hungary Joint Research Centre for Exchanges and Mutual Learning between Civilizations in Budapest, Hungary, on June 10, 2024. Representatives from Hungary and China unveiled the China-Hungary Joint Research Centre for Exchanges and Mutual Learning between Civilizations on Monday.

The center was established by Renmin University of China and Eotvos Lorand University (ELTE) of Hungary. Imre Hamar, vice-rector of ELTE, highlighted the importance of the new center in fostering collaboration, in a speech on behalf of Laszlo Borhy, rector of ELTE.

The center "expresses what we are working for in higher education institutions," the vice-rector said, adding, "We all wish to contribute a great deal to the future of societies, cultures, to the future of civilization."

Hamar also elaborated on the historical significance and current growth of the Chinese Studies Department at ELTE, which celebrated its centennial last November.

Meanwhile, Chinese Ambassador to Hungary Gong Tao said that the two universities will join forces

to further promote exchanges and mutual learning between Asian and European civilizations, promote the development of friendly cooperation between China and Hungary, and make contributions to deepening cultural and academic exchanges between China and the Central and Eastern European countries.

Lin Shangli, president of Renmin University of China, said that with the help of the research center, Renmin University will carry out in-depth cooperation with ELTE, to further promote academic exchanges between China and Hungary.

Two More Institutes Established to Empower RUC's Development



Recently, RUC unveiled two new research institutes: the Institute for Foreign-Related Rule of Law and the Center for Translation and Study of World Literature, respectively affiliated to the RUC Law School and the School of Foreign Languages. While the former was established to better tackle the major issues concerning foreign-related rule of law in the key areas of national diplomacy, international relations and global governance, the latter was designed to study the cutting-edge issues of world literature amidst great changes unseen in a century, carry forward the shared values of all humankind, and to deepen the exchanges and mutual enrichment of civilizations. By presenting the voice, theory, and thoughts of China to global audience, RUC's latest move bears witness to the university's ambition in promoting world peace and development and driving the construction of a community with a shared future for mankind.

The Institute for Foreign-Related Rule of Law

RUC has always been a front runner in the field of Law. To further accelerate China's rejuvenation drive, the Institute for Foreign-Related Rule of Law was established on May 30th.

The newly-established Institute will mainly focus on the following aspects:

1. Innovating talent training model in foreign-related rule of law;
2. Continuously deepening research on foreign-related rule of law;
3. Establishing RUC's foreign-related legal consultation and service center;
4. Enhancing the ability of foreign-related rule of law think tanks in providing political advice and services;
5. Strengthening the dissemination of research results concerning foreign-related rule of law and international exchange.

As a milestone in China's legal education, the newly established institutite is basking in the attention as its inauguration ceremony brought together many important political figures. Among them were officials from the Supreme People's Procuratorate, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China. Many distinguished scholars and experts were also present, including the ones from China Law Society and many prestigious Chinese universities.

At the inauguration ceremony, the attendees heaped praise on RUC's decision to establish the Institute, believing it will not only empower the university's development but also contribute to China's rejuvenation drive. In addition to congratulations, they

also expressed their high expectations on the institute to make differences in China's legal education.

Lin Shangli, President of RUC, addressed the ceremony in which he reviewed the close ties between RUC Law School and the country's rule of law development. He also confirmed the university's determination to further shoulder the responsibility of training top-notch talents in foreign-related rule of law. With its focus on global governance, the institute will endeavor to improve the service of foreign-related rule of law think tanks, open up new avenues of research, accelerate the construction of China's independent knowledge system of foreign-related rule of law, so as to ensure a greater voice in related field.

The Center for Translation and Study of World Literature

On May 31st, the Symposium on World Literature and China & Opening Ceremony of the Center for Translation and Study of World Literature was held. The event brought together many distinguished experts in liberal arts, among whom were theorists, popular authors, translators and critics. Lin Shangli iterated the significance of carrying forward the common values of all mankind and deepening people-to-people exchanges and mutual understanding. Ultimately, he affirmed that the institute will add to RUC's contribution to the construction of a community of shared future for mankind.



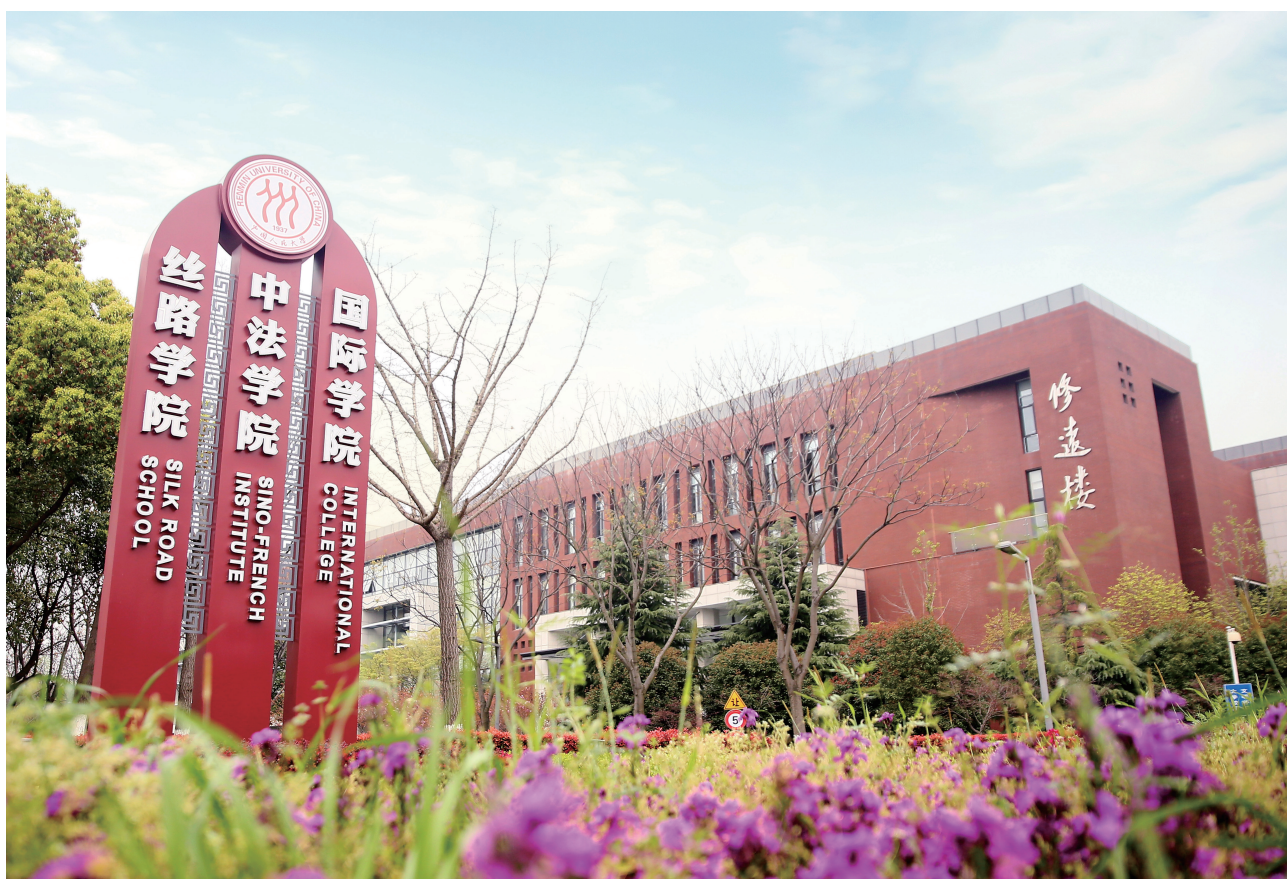
As the first Chinese academic research center focusing on the concept of common values of all mankind from the perspective of world literature, the Center for Translation and Study of World Literature is built on the translation of thematic literary works. It deals with the common values of all mankind, the diversity of human destinies, and the richness of human civilization presented in world literature. Also, the center encourages us to actively participate in the exchange of civilizations between China and other countries, and promote the exchange of literature and culture between China and other countries.

The newly-established Institute will mainly focus on the following aspects:

1. Building a platform for foreign literature translation;
2. Creating a sustainable publication mechanism of world literature translation;
3. Establishing a research platform for foreign literature;
4. Ensuring a constant output of academic results;
5. Building a platform for communication between Chinese and foreign literature;
6. Forming a sustainable mechanism for academic development.

At the end of the symposium, Chen Fang, Dean of the School of Foreign Languages of RUC, and Wen Zeyuan, President of Shanghai People's Art Publishing House, signed the Letter of Intent of Cooperation on behalf of the School of Foreign Languages of RUC and Shanghai People's Publishing House respectively. The signing ceremony was followed by the appointment ceremony of guest researchers and fellows of the research center. With concerted efforts from all parties, RUC is bound to usher in great breakthroughs in academic development.

New Heights Achieved for RUC Sino-French Institute amidst Closer Sino-French Cooperation



China and France, as representatives of Eastern and Western civilizations respectively, have developed a fruitful and forward-looking relationship. RUC has consistently valued its collaborative partnerships with French universities, adopting various measures to enhance their cooperation and mutual learning. Sino-French Institute, the first domestic institution specializing in humanities and social sciences under Sino-foreign cooperation, for example, was established in collaboration with Sorbonne University, Université Paul Valéry Montpellier 3 and KEDGE Business School. The following contents offer you a glimpse into the Sino-French Institute.

Encounter Suzhou, Encounter China

Following the successful state visit of China's President Xi to France, Suzhou Campus, RUC unveiled the Youth Dialogue Series, including a range of activities aiming to bring the Youth from the two countries together amidst the 60th anniversary of China-France diplomatic ties. Centered on the keyword of "encounter", the event brought together young representatives of both countries who engaged in in-depth dialogues and shared their experiences and insights in three groups around the three given topics: Suzhou Museum encounters the Louvre, Chinese Studies encounters Western Studies and Youth encounters the World.

In the "Suzhou Museum encounters the Louvre" session, young people from both sides shared their stories and reflections on the "encounter" between Jiangnan culture and French art, from which we come to realize why the two heads of state said that every encounter between China and France down through the ages can burst out great energy.

In the "Chinese Studies encounters Western Studies" session, young scholars from China and France who work on Sinology, Western Studies, and the history of Sino-French civilization exchange shared their thoughts on mutual learning and mutual appreciation of the two civilizations.

In the "Youth encounters the World" session, young representatives of China and France who contributed in building friendship and connecting the world shared the experiences and thoughts of contemporary youth who have the world in mind.

Three thematic exhibitions and a series of activities such as the Sino-French Music Festival were held in synch, of which the exhibition of "Wu Yuzhang, the Messenger of Sino-French Educational Exchange and World Peace" vividly demonstrated the outstanding contributions made by Wu in promotion

of Sino-French educational and cultural exchanges, the development of China's revolutionary cause and the international anti-fascist movement. Moreover, the "Jiangnan Essence" Suzhou Intangible Cultural Heritage Exhibition, featuring nine exquisite booths showcasing woodcut New Year's paintings, kernel carvings, gold and silver crafts, Suzhou embroidery, ceramics, jade carvings, inkstone carvings, copper art, and fan-making, which demonstrated the historical memories, common sentiments, and wisdom of the intangible cultural heritage of the region. Besides, the "Sentimental Power of Great Works" Sino-French Book Exchange Exhibition featured selected classic works of famous scholars, literati and philosophers from China and France. The "Sino-French Youth Exchange Carnival" & the final round of the Top Ten Singers at Suzhou Campus were also held on the same day in which young people of the two countries deepened friendship between China and France through singing.

Burgeoning Sino-French Institute



In the past few months, delegations of Sorbonne University and KEDGE Business School have visited RUC to further elevate their friendship. On the afternoon of April 9th, delegation of Sorbonne University, led by Béatrice Pérez, the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at Sorbonne University visited

RUC. On the morning of March 26th, delegation of KEDGE Business School, led by President Alexandre de Navailles visited Suzhou Campus. The frequent mutual visits between the two sides are symbols of the enhanced cooperation between RUC and its French partners.

Thanks to the close coordination of all parties, the Sino-French Institute has made remarkable achievements over the past decades. It has effectively trained numerous talents with global perspective. Its graduates have excelled in various fields, making contributions to China and the world at large. Sino-French alumni are making significant contributions across sectors such as governance, public service, academia, and global affairs.

The institute aims to become a hub for global learning and cultural exchange, fostering young scholars to become cultural ambassadors. Over the past decade, approximately 3,000 students have engaged in enriching overseas education experiences in France, significantly enhancing their personal growth. The Institute has pioneered a one-year study program for third-year students in France, integrating a rich array of domestic and international resources to develop an innovative model of study abroad education. This approach emphasizes fostering friendly interactions among Chinese and foreign

youth, facilitating cross-cultural understanding and collaboration. Going forward, the institute seeks to contribute to global progress and promote a shared future for humanity.

The Sino-French Institute currently offers majors like Finance, National Economic Management, French, Mathematics and Applied Mathematics, Human Resource Management, and Communication Studies. In this program, participants study at RUC and French partner institutions successively and obtain undergraduate degrees from both China and France upon completion of the training program. Students can also choose whether to study for a master's degree in a French partner institution after the undergraduate period and obtain a French master's degree.

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An aerial photograph of a large, modern university campus. The main building is a multi-story red brick structure with many windows. In front of it is a large, paved plaza where several people are walking. To the left, there are green trees. The sky is blue with some white clouds. A red banner is at the bottom of the image.

RESEARCH

The past few months have witnessed great academic development in RUC, including the holding of major forums and seminars to boost academic exchanges, publications in top-notch journals to facilitate the spread of knowledge, release of major books and the solving of decades-old math puzzle troubling scholars. This column selects the highlights of RUC's major academic developments.

China-Europe Civilization Forum: 2024 China-France International Conference on Population Aging



The “First and Largest” 2024 China-France International Conference on Population Aging themed “Population Aging in China: Humanities and Society” was hosted at Sorbonne University in France from April 29th to 30th.

The opening ceremony took place at Sorbonne University’s Faculty of Humanities on April 29th, featuring speeches from Professor Béatrice Perez, Vice President of Sorbonne University’s Faculty of Humanities, Professor Guillaume Fiquet, Vice President of Sorbonne University’s International Relations, and Professor Du Peng, Director of School of Population and Health and Director of the Institute of Gerontology, RUC.

The conference saw six thematic forums covering population development, aging policies, fertility and family support, family and elderly care, social participation of the elderly, and the development of social elderly care services. Twenty-seven scholars from Chinese universities and research institutes, including RUC, Peking University, Fudan University, and others, along with nearly twenty French scholars from European academies, contributed to discussions.

Notably, the papers presented by Chinese scholars were translated into French by the Sino-French team of the Sino-French Institute and compiled into a collection, marking the first comprehensive French-language documentation of Chinese aging-related research achievements.

On April 30th, the conference hosted a concurrent English-language symposium titled “The Changing Landscape of Population Ageing in the Contemporary World,” organized by the Economic and Political Studies Journal, RUC. Scholars from various Chinese and international institutions discussed new phenomena and challenges in global population aging from economic, policy, and social perspectives.

The closing ceremony, held on April 30th, featured summary remarks from Professor Philippe Monneret and Professor Du Peng.

Additionally, to deepen understanding of the French population aging issues, the organizers arranged visits for Chinese scholars to the Les Arcades nursing home, a medicalized nursing home for the elderly under the Korian group.

The conference was co-hosted by RUC and three French partner institutions (Sorbonne University Faculty of Humanities, Université Paul Valéry Montpellier 3, and Kedge Business School), with

support from RUC Suzhou Campus, Institute of Gerontology, and Population and Development Research Center. Collaborating organizations included the French Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (SFGG), RUC Institute of Research on France and French-Speaking Countries (IRIFF), Université Paul Valéry Montpellier 3 Institute of Cultural Studies (IRIEC), and RUC Economic and Political Studies Journal.



2024 marks the 60th anniversary of Sino-French diplomatic relations, holding significant importance for mutual academic exchange and modernization of governance systems in aging societies. In the fall, the second session of the 2024 China-France Conference on Population Aging will take place at Renmin University's Suzhou Campus, focusing on “Population Aging in France and Europe: Humanities and Society.”

RUC Suzhou Campus, as a new engine for internationalization, will continue to promote academic exchanges, disciplinary cooperation, and cultural dialogue between Chinese and French universities, contributing to mutual understanding and civilization exchange between China and France.

RUC Team Cracks Decades-old Math Puzzle



Recently, a modern cryptography research team headed by Prof. Zheng Zhiyong, Dean of the School of Mathematics of RUC, applied the theory of Ideal Lattice and the Chinese Remainder Theorem to propose for the first time an unbounded fully homomorphic encryption algorithm that does not rely on resampling technology. The groundbreaking research results, titled A Generalization of NTRUEncrypt —Cryptosystem Based on Ideal Lattice, were published in *Journal of Information Security*, a top academic journal in the field of information security. By now, Prof. Zheng has published six cryptography books in Chinese and English, including the world's first theoretical monograph “*Mathematical Theory of Post-Quantum Cryptography*”, which is the first systematic mathematical proof of anti-quantum cryptography, solving the world-class mathematical problem proposed by three cryptographers more than 40 years ago. Again, RUC team becomes the frontrunner of academic frontiers, making contributions to the development of basic academic disciplines.

Full homomorphic encryption is a famous conjecture put forward by three cryptographers more than 4 decades ago, which is a world-class problem recognized by the mathematical community, and is the core supporting theory and technology in the new generation of digital technologies, such as cloud-secure computing and privacy computing. The team constructed a privacy computing system that ensures security and promotes the maximization of data value, which not only cracks this puzzle, but also has great potential for application in the fields of digital signatures, authentication systems, and e-medicine.

In 2009 cryptographer Gentry proposed a fully homomorphic encryption system for the first time in the world using Bootstrapping technique and ideal lattice. In 2022, Gentry won the highest award in the field of theoretical computers, the Godel Award, for this work, and gave a one-hour keynote speech at the World Congress of Mathematicians. This is a strong indication that full homomorphic encryption is the world's most mainstream academic topic today.

In 2023, the RUC team proposed fully homomorphic encryption that does not rely on bootstrapping technology, realizing the unboundedness of fully homomorphic encryption for the first time. Once again, RUC scholars became pioneers in the academic vanguard, attracting the attention of global scholars. Today, China is fighting tooth and nail to boost the development of basic academic disciplines, trying to offer the wisdom of the ancient East to the rest of the world.

Until now, the team has published six monographs on cryptography in English and Chinese. Mathematical Principles of Post-Quantum Codes, among them, is the world's first theoretical monograph on systematic mathematical proof of anti-quantum codes.



These eye-catching achievements are the result of the team's decades-long efforts in the field of cryptography. To develop the Boundless Full Homomorphic Encryption Technology, in addition to the preparation time for the preliminary information and data, the team spent nearly two years just to conceptualize the technical model. It was only after hundreds of attempts that the team finally decided to take the Chinese Remainder Theorem as the theoretical basis of the research. The inherent advantages of the Chinese Remainder Theorem facilitate the construction of a secure and random public key.

"In academic research, one should never seek quick results; rather, one should pay attention to accumulating knowledge and making full preparations before making advances," said Zheng Zhiyong. Professor Zheng has been enthralled by math since childhood. For years, he rises before the dawn, the most productive period of the day for him, finding solutions to all sorts of math problems on paper. In instructing freshmen, he always refrains from imparting students with knowledge that is too old. Instead, he integrates the cutting-edge theory into his math instruction, helping students not only appreciate the charm of math but also explore the practical applications of the subject.

RUC Launches Digital Innovation Platform “Academic World”



RUC launched its groundbreaking digital innovation platform, “Academic World”, on April 25th, marking a significant leap in advancing China’s distinctive philosophy and social sciences autonomous knowledge system.

The launching ceremony, accompanied by a series of forums were a testament to the university's commitment to implementing the vision put forth by the General Secretary during his visit to RUC. The construction of an autonomous knowledge system with Chinese characteristics is of great importance and can promote the development of the "Academic World" platform.

Designed to disseminate Chinese academic masterpieces and drive knowledge innovation, “Academic World” integrates academic resources, exchanges, dissemination, and innovation into one comprehensive platform. It aims to foster an open and inclusive academic community, leading the paradigm shift in knowledge production in the digital era.



One of the platform's key features is its main literature aggregation, comprising over 20,000 articles of mainstream, classic, and essential literature in philosophical and social sciences. This provides scholars with a convenient one-stop entrance for accessing academic masterpieces and refining their knowledge.

Additionally, “Academic World” includes a preprint platform, emphasizing scholar collaboration and open sharing. This platform streamlines the process from result review to multimedia dissemination, fostering speed and efficiency in academic exchange.

During the launching event, speakers such as Hong Dayong and Zhang Donggang, Party Secretary of RUC, emphasized the importance of the platform in promoting academic innovation, exchange, dissemination, and disciplinary development. They highlighted the need to adhere to correct academic principles in the process of creating a healthy academic ecology.

Representatives from member universities of the University Alliance for Constructing China's

Autonomous Knowledge System delivered speeches, highlighting the importance of unity and cooperation in advancing the platform's goals. They stressed the integration of innovative theoretical systems, traditional culture, and academic evaluation systems into the autonomous knowledge system.

Following the launching ceremony, the Renmin University of China Press and Periodical Reproduction Index Conference was held, where important research reports were released. Subsequent theme forums focused on disciplines such as philosophy, finance, law, journalism, communication, information resource management, and agricultural and forestry economic management, showcasing existing achievements and discussing future development directions.

In the afternoon, various sub-forums delved into topics such as academic evaluation, digital empowerment of academic journals, innovation in humanities and social sciences theoretical construction, and youth innovation. These activities underscored the platform's multifaceted approach to advancing China's autonomous knowledge system.

The launch of “Academic World” represents a significant milestone in China's academic landscape, providing a robust platform for scholarly exchange, innovation, and collaboration. As the platform continues to evolve, it is poised to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of knowledge production in China and beyond.

Official Release of *The Development History of Marxism (Ten Volumes)*



On January 10th, RUC held a symposium and theoretical seminar to mark the official release of the ten-volume set *Development History of Marxism*. The event was attended by key figures such as Zhang Donggang, Party secretary of RUC, and Xin Guangwei, Editor-in-Chief of People's Publishing House.

The compiling of the book can be dated back to 2014. It took almost 10 years for the university to conclude the project. This book is by far the largest and most complete research work on the history of the development of Marxism. With a total of seven million words, the book completely expounds the historical process of the formation, development and deepening of Marxism over the past 170 years with a holistic vision, summarizes the

historical experience of the innovation and development of Marxism explores its basic laws and future trends, with a focus on the theoretical achievements and fundamental experiences of the Sinicization of Marxism. It systematically explains the latest theoretical achievements of Marxist theory in the fields of philosophy, political economy, scientific socialism and other related disciplines, presents the vitality of Marxist theory on the Chinese soil, and seeks to provide scientific theoretical support for the practice of socialism in the world, especially the practice of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era.

Zhang Donggang emphasized RUC's commitment to the compilation of the ten-volume set over ten years. He highlighted the publication's significance in confirming the essential nature of Marxism and showcasing its theoretical progress in contemporary

China. Zhang pledged that RUC will dedicate to promoting the development of Chinese Marxism and 21st-century Marxist theory.

Lin Shangli, during the release ceremony, underlined the timeless nature of Marxist theory and its relevance in understanding human social development. He expressed RUC's commitment to innovation, drawing on the strengths of human civilization, and allowing Marxism to demonstrate its vitality in answering questions about China, the world, the people, and the times.

The symposium included keynote speeches by experts like Yang Ruisen, Liang Shufa, Han Qingxiang, Zhang Leisheng, Wei Xiaoping, Qinzuan, and Zhu Andong. They delved into various aspects of the book, offering valuable insights.



IDEA

Since its inception, the Sino-French Institute, RUC has significantly contributed to Sino-French relations, marking a notable chapter in RUC's history. For over a decade, the Sino-French Institute has effectively educated numerous global-minded talents. On the occasion of President Xi Jinping's arrival in Paris for a state visit to France to embark on a new journey for the next 60 years of bilateral relations, students and teachers from China and France shared their insights into the Sino-French Institute.

“The Future of Sino-French Friendship Lies in the Youth”

– Student of Sino-French Institute

President Xi Jinping’s signed article in the French newspaper “*Le Figaro*” on the historical exchanges between China and France deeply touched me. He said “A hundred years ago, Chinese youth went to France to study, and some of them later made outstanding contributions to the establishment and development of New China.”

Like our predecessors, we set foot on this journey again a hundred years later, full of respect and admiration, in a series of root-seeking trips. We seem to return to the passionate “years in France”, seeing the group of youthful scholars in France who poured into their youth and enthusiasm. They crossed the ocean, gained advanced knowledge, and then returned to motherland, becoming pillars of various fields.

Under different historical conditions, the mission of studying abroad varies from “saving the nation” to “national rejuvenation”, but the heartfelt dedication to serving the motherland remains the same. In recent years, with the continuous growth of student exchanges between China and France, exchanges between young people of the two countries have played an irreplaceable role in promoting the deep and long-lasting development of Sino-French relations



and enhancing friendship and mutual trust between the two peoples. We firmly believe that the foundation of Sino-French friendship lies in the people, and the future lies in the youth. The power of youth can not only eliminate barriers, break prejudices, and shorten the distance between people, but also become the source of power for cultural exchanges and mutual learning.

In the future, we will take practical actions to enhance mutual trust among young people through exchanges, shoulder the glorious mission of exerting the strength of youth in the field of cultural exchange, inherit and enrich the deep friendship between the two countries, and contribute youthful strength to promoting the construction of a community with a shared future for mankind.

“We are Witnesses to Sino-French Cultural Exchange”

On May 5th, along with other Chinese students, overseas Chinese, and French friends from all over France, we welcomed President Xi Jinping’s visit, witnessing the historic moment of Sino-French friendship. Everyone’s faces were filled with joy, and an indescribable warmth and excitement surged in our hearts.

The Sino-French Institute of RUC is the fruit of the cultural exchange between China and France. On May 7th, we also witnessed the continuation of friendship between China and France in Paris with the cooperation among four universities. We jointly established the Sino-French Civilization Exchange and Mutual Learning Research Center. This important measure, in line with the consensus reached by the presidents of both countries on the high-level development of Sino-French relations, provides a higher platform for our studies, exchanges, and scientific research cooperation in France.

Today, we are participants and witnesses of the mutual cultural exchange between China and France. In the future, we will become the main promoters of the diplomatic spirit driving the relationship between China and France. We will illuminate the path ahead with the torch of history, deepen mutual exchanges and recognition with our French counterparts through the platform of RUC’s Sino-French educational cooperation. Together, we will play a wonderful part in the symphony of civilization during mutual cultural exchange.

“May We Build More Bridges Connecting China and France”



Fabien GARGAM

Teacher of the Sino-French Institute, RUC

This is President Xi Jinping’s third visit to France, and what I am most interested in is his signed article published in the French newspaper “*Le Figaro*”. This article has resonated across French society and holds significant and far-reaching implications for the development of bilateral relations, both looking back and looking forward. It shows us the past, present, and especially the future of the relationship between the two great nations.

In this article, what impressed me most was President Xi Jinping’s elaboration on the relationship between the two countries. “The establishment of diplomatic relations between China and France built a bridge between the East and the West and promoted the evolution of international relations towards dialogue and cooperation.” “Cooperation” is the important keyword that runs through it.

In my opinion, the Sino-French Institute is one of the exemplars of educational cooperation mentioned by President Xi Jinping. The students here have international perspectives and forward-looking visions, as well as youthful vitality and potential. They will be frontline messengers for deepening exchanges and cooperation between China and France and will undoubtedly shine brightly in the field of cultural exchange and mutual learning.

“Hoping to See More French Students Coming to China to Study”



Carlotta PENSINVALLE

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French exchange student in China

France is the first stop of President Xi Jinping’s “European Tour”. On the streets of Paris, the flags of China and France fluttered in the wind, and President Xi Jinping's visit was warmly welcomed. This marks a new milestone in the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and France, and I believe this visit will have a positive impact on cooperation between the two countries in various fields.

As a French student studying in China, I feel sincerely joyful and proud. I am fortunate to be studying at RUC during the important moment of the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and France. The campus here is a stage for international exchange and mutual learning. In addition to various courses, I have also participated in a rich variety of activities such as experiencing Chinese traditional culture and visiting Chinese companies, allowing me to experience Chinese culture from different perspectives and better understand today’s China.

Despite our cultural differences, we have been warmly welcomed by the university's faculty and students, fostering a harmonious atmosphere for communication. The quality of life here is both convenient and comfortable. Additionally, China's rich history and distinctive cuisine hold a great deal of appeal for me.

I hope that in the future, more French students will come to study in China! Long live the friendship between China and France!

“To Become Contributor of Sino-French Cooperation”



Zhang Qiming

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President Xi Jinping’s visit to France this time has resulted in many important consensus between the two heads of state, and the visit has achieved fruitful results, effectively promoting the development of China-France and China-Europe relations. As a student of the Sino-French Institute studying in France, I feel deeply proud and inspired.

Over the past 60 years, China-France relations have experienced changes in the international situation and have always been at the forefront of China’s relations with Western countries. I believe that President Xi Jinping’s visit will inject new momentum into cooperation and exchanges between China and France, as well as open up new opportunities for cooperation in education exchanges and other fields between the two countries.

From studying abroad in France during my third year of undergraduate studies to pursuing a Ph.D. in France now, during the six years, I have deeply felt the continuous deepening of exchanges between China and France. The prosperity of the motherland is our common expectation, and the everlasting friendship between China and France is our common wish. I eagerly look forward to deeper cooperation between China and France in education, culture, and other fields, and I also hope to become a witness and builder of friendly cooperation between the two countries, contributing to the advancement of China-France relations to new heights.

“Present Chinese Stories to French-speaking Audience”



Zhang Shanhui

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I am very grateful for the education that I received in RUC, which has given me the opportunity to draw wisdom and nourishment from both China and France during my five years of undergraduate and master's studies. It was five years of freely roaming in the ocean of knowledge, five years of in-depth observation of China and France, and five years of progress, free thinking, and mutual inspiration with Chinese and French classmates.

After graduation, I joined CCTV. In 2022, I served as the French anchor for the closing ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics. In recent years, I have been closely hosting, reporting, and commenting on Sino-French cooperation in fields such as diplomacy, climate, aerospace, food, energy, humanities, digital economy, and artificial intelligence. I am currently also connecting with foreign media to bring the freshest China's stories to the audience in the French-speaking world.

For 60 years, China and France have been sincere friends. The two countries “have become examples of mutual achievement and common progress between countries with different civilizations, systems, and levels of development”. For 60 years, China and France have been win-win partners. “The economies of China and France have developed a strong symbiotic relationship, where each is deeply intertwined with the other.”

In the future, I aim to serve as a cultural intermediary between China and France, sharing narratives of China's rich civilization, its innovative achievements, and its progressive path in socialism with audiences in the French-speaking world.

Long last the friendship between China and France!

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