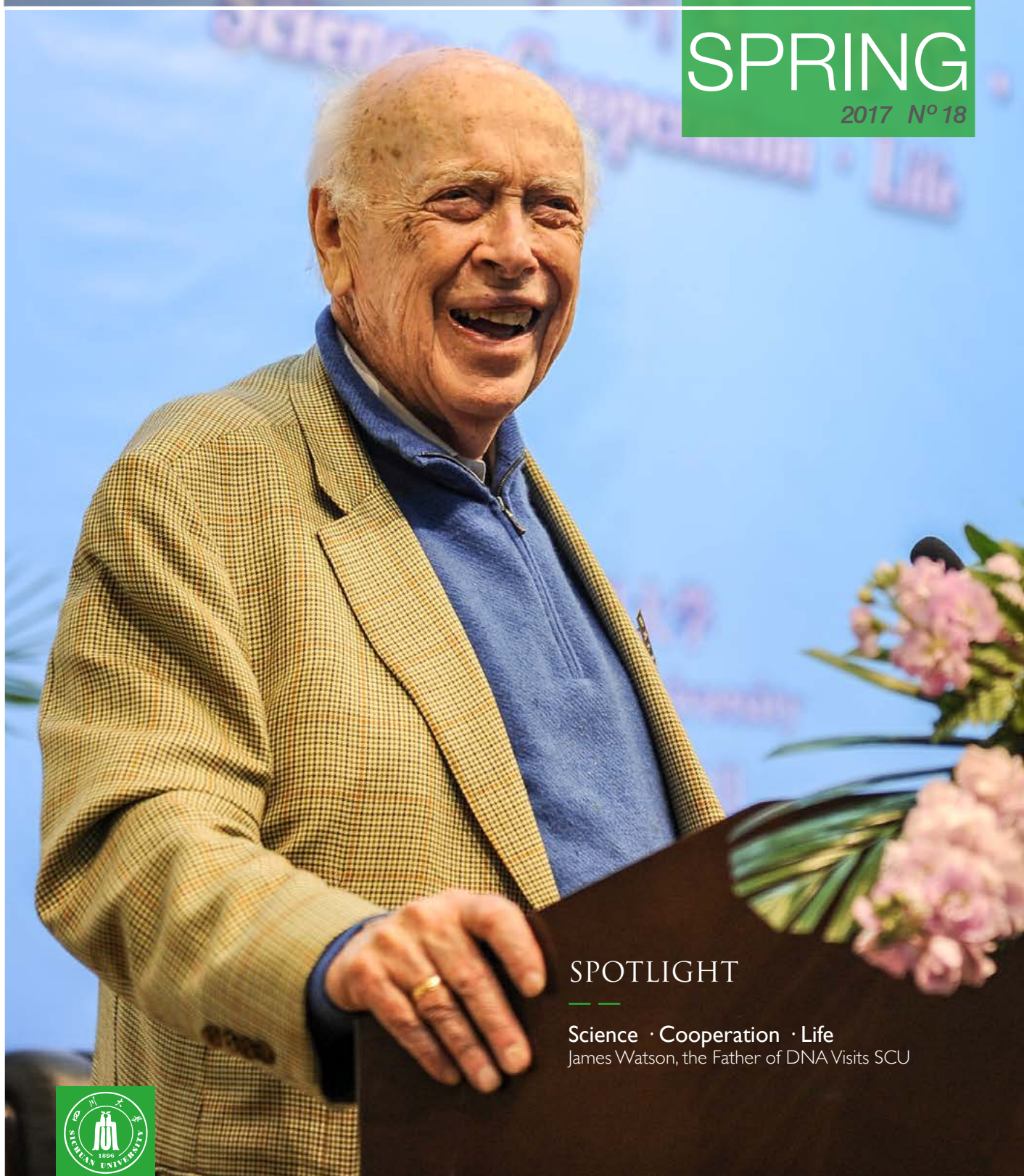


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James Watson, the Father of DNA Visits SCU



Warmly Welcomed – the Father of DNA

April 1st, afternoon, one of the greatest biologists in the 20th century -- James Watson, laureate of Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine who is reputed as "Einstein in the Field of Bioscience" and the "Father of DNA", paid a visit to Sichuan University.

President Xie Heping extended a cor-

dial welcome to Dr. James Watson and his delegation. President Xie indicated that, Sichuan University has the largest single hospital worldwide – West China Hospital, and the sole State Key Laboratory of Biotherapy in China; the research projects of SCU's several institutes have some intersection with Dr. Watson's research. Then he expressed his desire that Dr. Watson could pay attention and offer support to SCU's development of biomedical treatment-related disciplines, and cooperate with SCU in relevant research.

Dr. James Watson expressed his appreciation to SCU's warm reception, and he humorously remarked that SCU is a highly modernized university, hoping that the books won't vanish from the campus due to advanced digital teaching apparatus.

James Watson received warm cheers from students while visiting our university's seminar room. This senior scholar in nearly 90s was touched by the students' passion, and drew in person the schematic diagram of the classic DNA double helix on the whiteboard of the classroom and signed his name. This is the first time he wrote down his epoch-making findings at a Chinese university. And this board will be specially collected by SCU.

After being aware of James Watson's 90th birthday is coming, the university specially prepared a birthday cake for him. As President Xie and the faculty members and students present sang the birthday song, James Watson, with flowers in his hand, smiled really happily. Moreover, more students eager to see James Watson packed outside the room.

The meeting was joined by Ma Weihua, Director General of National Fund for Technology Transfer and Commercialization, Liu Ruyin, CEO of Cheerland Investment Group, Lan Xinguo, former Chairman of Sichuan Airlines Group, Guo Xiaoyong, Vice Chairman of China International Public Relations Association, Wei Yuquan, Vice President Yan Shijing of SCU, along with the heads of the University's relevant departments.

Acceptance of SCU Honorary Professor

April 2nd, afternoon, Dr. Watson arrived at, amid the lines of welcoming crowds, the studio of SCU's Wangjiang Campus, which was also filled with students on tiptoe of expectation. President Xie, on behalf of SCU, granted the certificate of SCU's honorary professor to Dr. Watson, since then the "Father of DNA" becomes a member of SCU. The students on site greeted with the warmest applauses Dr. Watson's official joining, who is expected to help the SCU to build itself into a world-class university.

In his speech President Xie remarked that the visit of Dr. Watson and his brilliant speech can not only offer us more insight into the latest frontier knowledge and development tendency of bioscience research, but broaden our innovative thinking and research vision to explore academic frontier. He expected that there could be an opportunity to establish a "Watson Precision Medical Center" in SCU as well as in Chengdu together with Dr. Watson, and jointly launch precision treatment of cancer based on genome and life health big data, so as to make greater contributions to the solution of major medical puzzles and the enhancement of human well-being.



James Watson Delivers a Keynote Speech to Share His Special Experiences in His Science Life

Amidst the warm applause, Dr. Watson delivered a keynote speech titled "Science•Cooperation•Life". During the lecture, Dr. Watson shared with the students his personal experience accumulated in reading and researches. He believes that "reading" is the foundation for learning knowledge and making innovation; "having a goal" is the precondition of a success career; "a strong enterprising spirit" is the impetus for engaging in scientific researches; and "working with excellent people" is the key to success.

According to Dr. Watson, he doesn't talk that much, while instead he spends half of everyday reading, as he thinks books are more exciting than people, and reading can help generate inspirations. By reading, a person can not only accumulate knowledge, but also motivate thinking and exercise thinking.

"You should only spend much time with someone who does something better than you", said Dr. Watson, "and always have someone you can learn from"; for a successful career, one must learn from people who are smarter, and learn how to work with other people; and a great team is critical to the success of research. Citing his own story, he attributed the discovery of the DNA double helix structure to his cooperation with Mr. Crick, plus the guidance from many outstanding professors.

Particularly, Dr. Watson highlighted the importance of family education and school education to personal growth. He believes the most important trait of

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a great university is its cultural inheritance. Beyond formulas, the university teachers should guide students, teach them culture, ideas, and spirit that will benefit students through life. He added that, the happy time he spent and the quality education he received in the University of Chicago laid a foundation for his success, and the most important things taught by the university were culture and thinking training; meanwhile, his family, since his childhood, gave him culture, and gave him a desire for success, which later became a strong impetus for him.

Interaction with Students and Encourage to challenge the World's Science Conundrums

After the lecture, the teachers and students present had a dialogue with Prof. Watson on such questions as "How to read scientific journals and write scientific papers?", "What kind of research system should be established by the developing countries?", "How to grow into an excellent scientist?", and "What is the most necessary personality for a scientist?"



Prof. Watson commented that the person who wants to become a scientist must put dedicate himself/herself to think about and research on major issues, and the key to success lies in a vision to discover key problems and unremitting efforts. In his words, Sichuan University is a great university which provides students with great research facilities, thus the students should take full advantage of the university's quality resources, learn from distinguished professors, study hard, concentrate on researches, and join hands to overcome series of world-class science conundrums such as cancer.

When one student asked about "What is the most necessary personality for a scientist", Prof. Watson tastily answered: "Do not be selfish". He holds the opinion that, as a scientist, one has got to spend more time with smart people, learn to cooperate with others, respect others' wisdom and achievements, and acknowledge others' contributions; only by making friends with the people better than self can one learn from other people and make continuous progress.

During the whole lecture, Prof. Watson was sometimes humorous, sometimes straightforward, sometimes contemplative, and sometimes laughing heartily, and his speech was greeted with bursts of laughter and applause. After the lecture, SCU's students said that it is exciting and honorable for them to see the legendary person in textbooks deliver a report in our university and serve as our honorary professor. Huang Cheng, a postdoctor in SCU's State Key Laboratory of Biotherapy, expressed that, "the dialogue with such a



James Dewey Watson

Dr. James Watson is one of the most notable scientists in the 20th century, and one of the most influential scientists in today's world as well.

As the discoverer of DNA's double helix structure, Dr. Watson was awarded the 1962 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, and was reputed as "Einstein in the Field of Bioscience" and the "Father of DNA".

Dr. Watson is also the founder and flag-bearer of molecular biology, as well as the first director of Human Genome Project. In his nearly 70-year career, he promoted the development of biology towards molecular biology and biomedicine, and built the Harvard University and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL) into global powerhouses in that field successively.

Since early 1980s, Dr. Watson has visited China for several times, offering help to a host of Chinese scientists of different ages, including Tan Jiazhen, Wang Yinglai, Li Zaiping, and Chen Zhu; meanwhile, he invited and sponsored a great number of Chinese students and scholars to join in Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory or other institutions for further education, thus having made remarkable contributions to the cultivation of Chinese high-caliber talents in the domain of bioscience. In recent years, he has been absorbed in the research of cancer treatments, in the belief that rather than DNA sequencing, only the combination of biology and chemistry can find a way to really cure cancer. He hopes the Watson Bioscience Laboratory to be built could guide Chinese specialists in the field of biochemistry to conduct far-reaching bioscience researches, and better facilitate the discovery of solutions to cure cancer.

great scientist as Prof. Watson gives us a great inspiration, especially for me at the beginning of my research career; it further steadies our ideal and belief in concentrating on scientific researches and serving our nation”.

The lecture was chaired by Wei Yuquan, Vice President of SCU, and attended by Zhou Xuedong, Vice Chairman of SCU University Council, Yan Shijing, Vice President of SCU, Liu Ruyin, CEO of Cheerland Investment Group, and Lan Xinguo, former Chairman of Sichuan Airlines Group, as well as over 500 teachers and students of SCU.

It is learned that one of the important goals of this visit is to facilitate the settle-down of “Watson Precision Medical Center” in China. On the afternoon of April 2nd, right before the lecture, the delegation led by Watson made a special visit to SCU’s State Key Laboratory of Biotherapy for a negotiation on cooperation issues. As a core unit of Major Special Project for “Significant New Drugs Development”, a national comprehensive new drugs R & D platform, the State Key Laboratory of Biotherapy has set up a series of key technology platforms ranging from gene discovery to drugs R & D, pilot production and clinical treatment. In 2013, the Biotherapy Collaborative Innovation Center headed by SCU, with the State Key Laboratory of Biotherapy as the core unit, was listed in the first batch of national “Collaborative Innovation Center 2011”. In 2015, the State Key Laboratory of Biotherapy, as a core unit, was approved by the state to establish “National Major Science and Technology Infrastructure for Translational Medicine (National Biotherapy Translational Medicine Center)”. 🏢

SPECIAL EVENTS

A Cooperation Agreement Was Signed Between Sichuan University & University of Warsaw



On the morning of April 20th, the signing ceremony between Sichuan University (SCU) and University of Warsaw (UW) of Poland was held. Vice-Rector of UW Jolanta Chojińska, hab. Maciej Duszczczyk, Advisor Marta Kicińska-Habior, SCU President Xie Heping and Vice President Yan Shijing attended the ceremony along with relevant officers.

President Xie briefed the background of cooperation between both universi-

ties, the current achievements and significance of cooperation to the mutual development, adding that the partnership between SCU and UW maintains a good momentum from its inception of cooperation; besides, the major of Polish language jointly operated by SCU and UW is given high priority and vigorously supported by the Chinese Ministry of Education, Sichuan Provincial Government and Chengdu Municipal Government. SCU is determined to make every effort to accelerate smooth

implementation and development of the cooperation. Based on our own advantages, we could jointly develop high-quality and international programs for undergraduates, postgraduate and doctoral students; meanwhile, both universities shall be dedicated to the education and training of the first batch of freshmen, and spare no efforts to set the Polish language as an excellent example for both universities, he noted. Also, he believed that the cooperation programs would be helpful not only to the educational and academic exchanges of both universities, but also to the personnel exchanges between both countries. SCU is confident to run this major well and explore for further cooperation between the two universities.

Jolanta Choińska, Vice-Rector of UW, expressed that the cooperation between two universities is the result of concerted efforts made by both sides. At present, the cooperation is mainly focused on 3 subjects, including Polish language, economics and international relations; UW had set up the courses for related subjects, therefore the SCU students studying at UW could receive a comprehensive training on academic and scientific research. She hoped that, by virtue of superior resources of first-class university, UW could conduct scientific research and teaching in an innovative way, provide students with the best-quality education, and also contribute to cooperation and exchanges between the two countries. UW intends to consistently expand the partnership with peers beyond EU, making it a significant development goal and orientation; the cooperation with SCU is of utmost importance to the implementation

of this goal. During the cooperation, both universities could explore more opportunities in other fields, and conduct more exchanges, she added.

Vice-president Yan Shijing signed a cooperation agreement between SCU and UW with his counterpart Jolanta Choińska. ㊦

Prof. Chen Jidong Awarded Pakistan Civil Award of 'Tamgha-i-Imtiaz'

On Mar. 23, 2017, former Executive Director of the Center for Pakistan Study, Prof. Chen Jidong was awarded Pakistan Civil Award of 'Tamgha-i-Imtiaz' by the President of Pakistan Mamnoon Hussain at the President's House of Islamabad for his excellent work and contribution both to the Center and to Sino-Pakistan friendship and cooperation.

Sichuan University has in long-term valued understanding and research on our friendly neighbor---Pakistan, dedicated to introduce the developments, changes and fruits of Pakistan to our Chinese people, done large quantities of jobs and born a series of important fruits in academic and non-governmental communication between China and Pakistan, and become one of the academic centers for Pakistan studies in China.

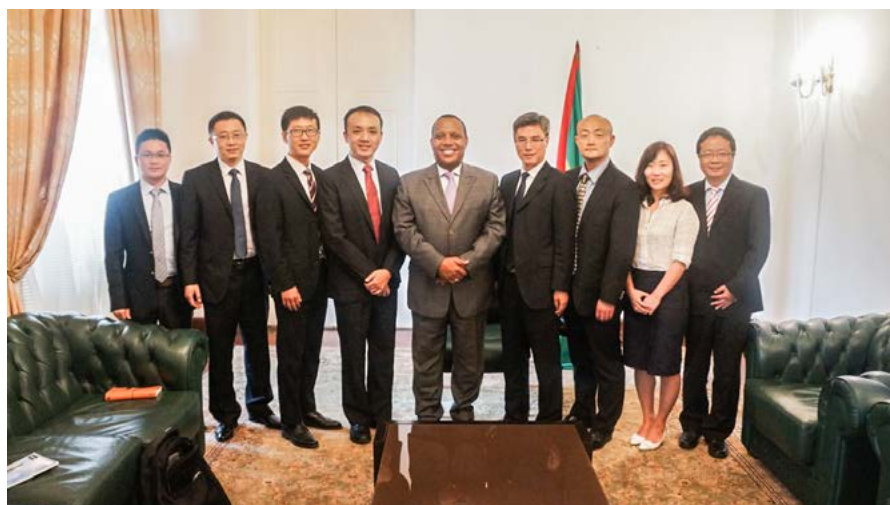
Pakistan Prime Minister Aziz licensed for the newly established Pakistan Study Center during his visit to Sichuan University on April 20, 2007.

PSC takes the goals of promoting Sino-Pakistan friendship, improving communication and cooperation in the areas of economy, culture, education and social affairs. It is a window for introducing Pakistan, serving as a platform to carry out academic researched of Pakistan, it is also a bridge for promoting Sino-Pakistan exchanges. All these activities will strengthen mutual understanding and communication between people of China and Pakistan, particularly the young students of both countries. ㊦



P. M. of Sao Tome and Principe Met with Chinese National Medical Team

January 26th, 2017, 5 members of our Hospital joined a Chinese medical team heading toward Sao Tome and Principe. The 5 members are Ma Yukui, chief physician of Vascular Surgery Department, Luo Fengming, chief physician and deputy director of Respiratory Medicine Department, Jiang Lingyun, attending physician of Cardiology Department, Mo Peng, interpreter of Operation and Management Department, Wang Yong, chef of Dietary Nutrition Center. At present, the medical team has been carrying out rescue operation in Sao Tome and Principe in an orderly manner.



On the morning of February 13th, Prime Minister Patrice Trovoada met cordially with all the members of the first batch of Chinese medical team in aid of Sao Tome and Principe, and exchanged the views about the future of this nation's medical treatment and public health with the team.



Prime Minister Patrice Trovoada highly appreciated the medical aid conducted by the medical team sent by the Chinese Government, and voiced the expectations that: the team could bring high-level and quality medical service to Sao Tome and Principe, helping solve difficult and complicated diseases suffered by local residents; the team could select, train and guide local outstanding young doctors, and foster a number of excellent medi-

cal workers for the state; and the team could help the health administrative departments of Sao Tome and Principe in addressing some thorny issues related to mechanism and system, and reforming the health care system of this country.

The medical team made their commit-

ment to the PM that they will try their utmost to fulfill the mission of medical aid, and give advices on the reform of local medical system. The whole process of meeting was aired by the National Television Station of Sao Tome and Principe, and a special interview was conducted after the meeting. 🏠

Professor Jian Shi Attends the 200th Anniversary of Ghent University of Belgium

gown, in the celebration parade and the anniversary ceremony.

Attaching great importance to its cooperation with Asian universities, Ghent University invited Professor Jian Shi to accept a 15-min interview as a representative of Asian universities, for a brief introduction about the cooperation between Sichuan University and Ghent University in the EU ASIA Programme. During the interview, Professor Shi talked about the increasingly closer people-to-people exchanges and closer cooperation in higher education between China and Europe, as well as bilateral cooperation status between Sichuan University and Ghent University. Finally, he expressed our satisfaction with the progress and achievements of the existing cooperation between the two universities, and our expectation of further strengthened cooperation in the future.

Sichuan University and Ghent University maintain an intimate cooperative relation. In addition to the excellent cooperation between the Centre for European Studies Sichuan University and Ghent University's Department of Political Sciences, as well as the Centre for EU Studies Ghent University, both universities have forged a close tie in field of medicine. Ghent University has voiced the desire to beef up the cooperation in engineering and environmental protection with SCU.

During the conference, Director Jian Shi also friendly exchanged views with the presidents of Uppsala University of Sweden, University of Gottingen and Ghent University that have maintained a long-term relationship with our university, and communicated with the guests from some other institutions. 🙏

March 23rd and 24th, 2017 witnessed the 200th anniversary of Ghent University of Belgium. At the invitation of Ghent University, Professor Jian Shi, Director of the Centre for European Studies of Sichuan University, attended the two-day academic activities during the anniversary.

Mainly in the form of academic seminar, the anniversary was conducted under

the themes including "Social Influence of University", "University and Digital Revolution" and "Competition and Academic Partnership". Hundreds of guests and representatives from the universities around the world attended the event. Professor Jian Shi took an active part in the keynote discussion and, together with the guests and professors from Ghent University and other universities, was invited to participate, in the PhD



SCU's President Met With Warsaw University Delegation

January 11th, afternoon, President Xie Heping met a delegation of the University of Warsaw (UW), led by Prof. Marta Kicinka-Habior, former Vice-Rector of the UW, Poland. Vice President Yan Shijing and the leaders of departments concerned participated in the meeting.

The UW is one of the best universities in Poland. Under the context of forceful implementation of "One Belt, One Road" in China and "Chengdu-Europe+" Strategy in Chengdu, Sichuan University is increasingly gearing up its exchange and cooperation with UW. Not long ago, Mr. Jarosław Gowin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Science of Poland, paid a special visit to our university to inaugurate the Centre for Poland and Central Europe Issues Studies and the Centre for International Relations Studies co-built by SCU and UW, thus having turned a new page for the cooperation between the two universities. The "Polish+" joint education program under progress will foster scores of inter-disciplinary talents for cultural exchange and economic ties between the two countries.

Both universities have reached a common aspiration to strengthen in-depth cooperation in talent cultivation, faculty

exchange, and scientific research among others, and make a contribution to the win-win cooperation between China and Poland. 🏛️



University of Warsaw

University of Warsaw, listed in the Top 500 Universities of the world, is the largest national university of Poland. Sichuan University paid high attention to the exchanges and cooperation with University of Warsaw. Both parties had signed a memorandum of understanding as early as 2013, and started favorable cooperation under the drive of "EU Erasmus+" program. In October, 2016, the Centre for Poland and Central Europe Issues Studies & the Centre for International Relations Studies, co-built by Sichuan University and University of Warsaw, was officially founded; Mr. Jarosław Gowin, Poland's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Science and Higher Education, made a special visit to the scene and inaugurated it

A Bulgarian Delegation Visits SCU



Feb. 15th, 2017, a delegation led by Mr. Kostadin Kostadinov, Educational Assistant to the Prime Minister of Bulgarian Government and Academician of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, paid a visit to Sichuan University, with a companion of President Radostin Vazov, Vice President Detelina Smilkova and board members of Sweet University, as well as the counselor of education of Bulgarian Embassy in China. Prof. Yan Shijing, Vice President of SCU, together with related personnel of the University, met with the guests.



Vice President Yan Shijing noted in the meeting that, Sichuan University is willing to establish a favorable partnership with the institutions of Bulgaria, and strength the economic and cultural exchange between the two countries and the friendship between their peoples, through scientific research cooperation and talents exchange in the domain of stomatology with Sweet University and other topnotch Bulgarian universities.

Mr. Kostadin Kostadinov expressed his hope that this visit could facilitate the exchange and cooperation between Sweet University and Sichuan University, I a bid to jointly cultivate more talents with international competitiveness.

Mr. Radostin Vazov (President) and Ms. Detelina Smilkova (Vice President) introduced separately basic situations of the university. They voiced the desire to establish a good partnership with Sichuan University with a broader range of cooperation, and extended their wel-

come to SCU's students to for exchange visit and further education in their university.

After the meeting, the delegation visited SCU's West China School of Stomatology Teaching Laboratory, State Key

Laboratory of Oral Diseases, and Stomatology Museum, and had a symposium on international communication and cooperation in the field of education and health care with the leaders of West China School of Stomatology and relevant departments. 🏛️

Delegation of Macquarie University at SCU



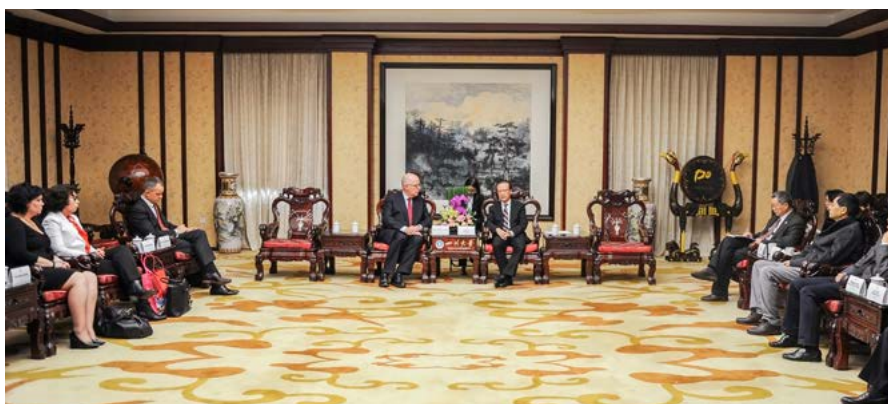
March 15th, morning, Vice President of SCU, Prof. Yan Shijing met with the delegation led by Bruce Dowton, President of Macquarie University. The two parties had an in-depth discussion on how to further enhance cooperation in talent cultivation,

technology innovation and some other domains. The heads of related departments and schools of SCU attended the meeting.

Vice President Yan Shijing indicated that, since the conclusion of inter-

collegiate cooperation agreement, Sichuan University and Macquarie University have achieved abundant fruits through cooperation in the field of education, research and so on. Then he expressed the hope that both sides will further make use of their advantages, share resources, and strengthen cooperation in advantageous disciplines and commercialization of research findings, and make the cooperation more concrete and productive by jointly building research center and other means.

President Bruce Dowton extended his



appreciation to SCU for the warm reception, expecting that the two universities will strengthen the cooperation

in mathematics, medicine, computer science, audiology, lalopathology and research fruits transformation. ㏏

SCU-UW “Belt and Road” Youth Leadership Training Course Has Launched

March 13th witnessed the kicking off of SCU-UW “Belt and Road” Youth Leadership Training Course. Ms. Katarzyna, Consul-general of Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chengdu, Lukasz Zamecki, Deputy Dean of Faculty of Political Science and International Studies of University of Warsaw, and Yan Shijing, Vice President of Sichuan University, attended and addressed the opening ceremony. The ceremony was attended by 23 leaders (of faculties) and teacher representatives from University of Warsaw, the leaders of relevant departments of Sichuan University, as well as the student representatives of the two universities.

Vice President Yan Shijing remarked in the opening ceremony his strong belief that, under the joint support of Chinese and Poland governments, and with the concerted efforts of both universities, the SCU-UW “One Belt & One Road” Youth Leadership Training Program is bound to be pushed forward smoothly; it will make contributions to the development of China and Poland, and serve as a new milestone for the cooperation in higher education of both countries.

Consul general Katarzyna highly praised China’s “One Belt and One Road” strategy, as well as the friendly cooperation relationship between Sichuan University and University of Warsaw. She indicated

Background Information

The Centre for Poland and Central Europe Issues Studies & the Centre for International Relations Studies, co-built by Sichuan University and University of Warsaw, relying on SCU’s School of International Studies, the Centre is dedicated to in-depth studies on issues covering politics, economy, culture and society of Poland and Central Europe, as well as the relationship between China and Poland. It targets at building itself into an intelligence-type research institution with international influences, mainly serving the “Belt and Road” initiative-related countries.

that China and Poland had enjoyed friendly relations for 68 years, the "Belt and Road" Strategy initiated by China is also critical to Poland. Propelled by this strategic initiative, China-Poland relations, as well as China-EU relations enjoy further development. She hopes that the training course could deepen the friendship and cooperation between Sichuan University and the University of Warsaw, so as to play a desired role in promoting the ties between the two countries to a higher level.

Deputy Dean Lukasz Zamecki expressed their appreciation to SCU's warm reception in his speech, and he expects that the training course will harvest rich fruits and the students from both countries will have more communications and cooperation in the future.

This time, the five-day training course had special trainings on topics like "One Belt and One Road" Strategy and China's Periphery Diplomacy, China's



Modernization of Local Governance, "One Belt and One Road" Strategy and Development of Western China, "One Belt and One Road" Strategy and Sichuan's Investment in and Cooperation with Foreign Countries, as well as the

Changes of Chinese Culture in the Context of Globalization. Meanwhile, the delegation of University of Warsaw had in-depth discussion with the teachers and students from relevant schools of SCU. 山

SCU President Met with Co-Chair of Advisory Committee of Asian Institute of Technology, UN

March 24th, President Xie Heping met with Mr. Rajib Shaw, co-chair of the Advisory Committee of UN Asian Institute of Technology, senior researcher of the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and professor of Keio University. Vice-

president Yan Shijing, together with the heads of relevant departments of SCU, attended the meeting.

President Xie expressed SCU's desire to draw upon the international influence of Chair Rajib Shaw, as a world-

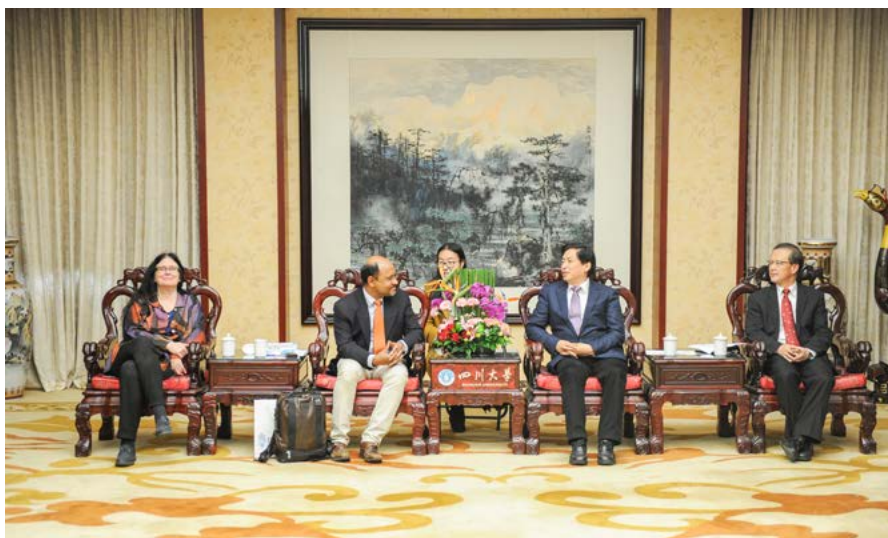
renowned expert on disaster and environmental management, to attract more elites and research forces specialized in disaster prevention, in a bid to further promote the cultivation of high-end talents and innovative research in cutting-edge disaster-related science and

technology in its Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction, and contribute to sustainable development of human's disaster prevention and mitigation causes.

Rajib Shaw represented that it is an honor for him to participate in the research project of SCU's Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction; then he voiced his expectation to leverage the convergence effect of the "Asian University Network of Environment and Disaster Risk Management" (AUEDM) to gather international high-level scientific research forces in disaster risk reduction, and promote cooperation, innovation and information sharing between SCU's Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction and its peers in the world, so as to nurture more and better young talent echelons to cope with the threats and challenges of various natural disasters.

The Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction co-built by SCU and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University is the world's first of its kinds. It employs Prof. Kalonji, UNESCO's Assistant Director-General, as its Dean. The Institute brings together a group of international high-caliber experts and scholars, built the first globalized, topnotch and interdisciplinary base nationwide for scientific research and professionals in related domain. It is committed to cultivating internationalized talents in disaster risk treatment and management for international organizations, and providing professional service to countries or regions affected by geological disasters as well.

According to presentations, "Asian University Network of Environment and Di-



saster Risk Management" (AUEDM), led by Kyoto University, has been joined by 24 universities from 17 Asian countries. It is committed to supporting capacity building to meet the growing demands

of young professionals in the field of environmental and disaster management, sharing experiences and leveraging others' experiences, and building a platform for collective learning. ㏿

DCM of the Indian Embassy in China, Mr. Narang and His Delegation Seeks Partnership with SCU

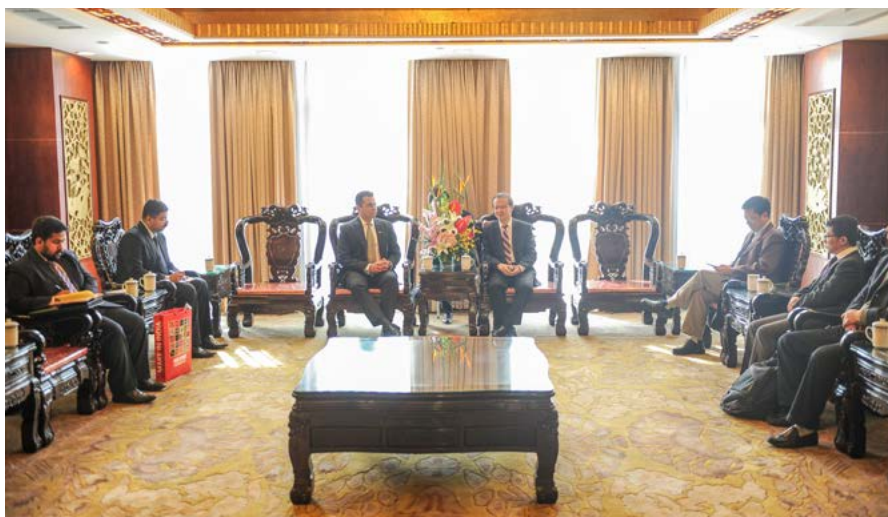
March 30th, morning, Vice-president Yan Shijing met with the delegation headed by Mr. Amit Narang, the deputy chief of mission (DCM) of the Indian Embassy in China.

Yan Shijing, on behalf Sichuan University, extended his appreciation to the Indian Embassy for their support to SCU

and its Institute of South Asian Studies; he briefed the guests about the basic information of SCU and represented that, as one of the universities with the longest historical standing, the largest scale and the most complete disciplines in China, SCU boasts a high level in the study of South Asia, and especially in the study of Indian issues; the university

is willing to serve as a bond in facilitating the academic and cultural exchanges between China and India, and play an active role in consolidating the friendship between the two countries.

Mr. Narang expressed his gratitude to the hospitalities of SCU; he remarked that, China and India, both countries with ancient civilization, were the two largest emerging economies on the globe. He was so glad to find that many Indian students study in SCU, he added. And he hopes that SCU could go deeper in India-related academic studies and do a lot more in boosting the interaction and exchanges between the youths of the two nations.



The heads of SCU's relevant departments attended the meeting. Two sides had a heated discussion on the "India

Week" activity to be held in SCU and other cooperation-related issues. 卐

Delegation of Bashkir State Medicine University, Russia, Has a Meeting with SCU President

On the afternoon of April 7th, Mr. Xie Heping, President of Sichuan University, met with the delegation led by Valentin Pavlov Nikolaevich, President of Bashkir State Medicine University, Russia, and Associate Academician of Russia Academy of Sciences. Li Hong, Vice Executive President of SCU, and Yan Shijing, Vice President of SCU, as well as related officers, attended the meeting.

SCU and Bashkir State Medicine University are the members of Sino-Russian "Medical Alliance" and the "Alliance of



"Two Drainage Basins" (the upper reaches of the Yangtze River and the Volga River Federal District), both of which have gained fruitful achievements based on their close relationship. During the meeting, Present Xie highly praised the long-term and favorable partnership between the two universities, and expressed his hope to have a further insight into the notable universities in Russia, including Bashkir State Medicine University, so as to carry out more practical cooperation and communication in talents cultivation and scientific researches, etc, thus making more contributions to promoting the cultural and educational exchanges between both countries.

President Valentin Pavlov Nikolaevich briefed the basic situation of Bashkir City, especially Bashkir State Medicine University; and he also agreed with the suggestions proposed by President Xie. He said, I hope both universities could implement a comprehensive cooperation with much breadth and at higher level, in an effort to facilitate the development of both sides.

The delegation will attend the "Conference of Chinese Urine Therapy Association", visit the West China School of Medicine/West China Hospital, and hold discussions with the teachers and students.

Bashkir State Medicine University, founded in 1932, was located in Bashkir City, Russia. In Nov. 2013, the delegation of the University visited SCU and signed a cooperation agreement. Until now, both universities have carried out several programs of teachers and students exchanges. 🏠

SCU Signs Memorandum of Cooperation with Prague Institute of New Silk Road, Czech

Feb. 23rd, 2017, morning, SCU campus witnessed the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Cooperation between Sichuan University and Prague Institute of New Silk Road, Czech. Kohut, Counselor to the President of Czech Republic and founder of "Prague Institute of New Silk Road", Academician Xie Heping, President of SCU, Prof. Yan Shijing, Vice President of SCU, and other leaders at-

tended the signing ceremony.

During the ceremony, President Xie Heping, on behalf of SCU, firstly extended a warm welcome to the visit of the delegation led by Mr. Kohut, Counselor to the President of Czech Republic, then hoped that the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation can facilitate both parties to carry out extensive and intensive research projects in a joint



effort, so as to make contributions to the construction of "One Belt and One Road" by related European and Asian countries.

Mr. Kohut claimed that the Institute of New Silk Road, as Czech Government's major think tank, is willing to develop partnership with SCU,

and amplify SCU's influence in Czech and other Central and Eastern Europe countries by leveraging its network in this region; the Institute will exhibit SCU's research results in terms of "One Belt and One Road" initiative and the cooperation achievement of the two parties through its periodicals and website,

so as to pace up the exchange and cooperation between Sichuan University and Czech institutions.

President Xie Heping and Czech Presidential Advisor Kohut signed the Memorandum of Cooperation on behalf of Sichuan University and Prague Institute of New Silk Road respectively. 🏛️

Inter-school Cooperation Agreement Signed by SCU and Kobe University

March 13th, the signing ceremony of the Inter-School Cooperation Agreement between Sichuan University and Kobe University was held officially. Inoue Noriyuki, Director and Vice President of Kobe University, and Yan Shijing, Vice President of Sichuan University, together with the leaders of relevant departments of both parties, attended the ceremony.

During the ceremony, Yan Shijing indicated that, SCU and Kobe University have established a good cooperation relationship in the domain of earthquake disaster researches for a long time, expecting enhanced exchanges and cooperation in commercial science, economics, science of law, and engineering science and some other disciplinary fields.



Inoue Noriyuki spoke highly of SCU's achievements in earthquake reliefs and disaster studies. He hopes that Kobe University and SCU, both as notable universities with a history of over 100 years, will have more intensive cooperation in the aspect of student exchange

and scientific research and so on.

Subsequently, Yan Shijing and Inoue Noriyuki, on behalf of Sichuan University and Kobe University separately, signed the inter-school cooperation agreement. 🏛️

Two Sci-tech Achievements of SCU Won the 2016 National Science and Technology Awards

On January 9, 2017, the “2016 National Science and Technology Progress Awards Conference” was held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Two sci-tech achievements of SCU, including “Construction and Application of the Prevention and Treatment System of Dental Caries and Endodontic Disease”, were honored with the 2nd prize of the 2016 National Science and Technology Progress Awards.

The “Construction and Application of the Prevention and Treatment System of Dental Caries and Endodontic Disease” was completed under the guidance of Prof. Zhou Xuedong from the West China School/Hospital of Stomatology, Sichuan University. It helped to establish the biobank of the Chinese oral microbiology for the first time; developed a new technology for comprehensive prevention and control to maintain the oral micro-ecological balance; discovered the molecular mechanism of repairing endodontic periapical lesions; studied large samples of anatomical characteristics of root canal system for the Chinese people, established the database of root canal anatomy and prepared the criteria for clinical



Team members of the project of “Construction and Application of Prevention and Treatment System of Dental Caries and Endodontic Disease”

cal evaluation of root canal therapy, providing a guide to the clinical treatment of endodontic diseases.

Meanwhile, “Study on Pathogenic Mechanism of Retinal Disease Gene as well as Application and Promo-

tion for Prevention and Treatment”, with the concerted efforts of Prof. Zhang Ming et al., from the West China School of Medicine (West China Hospital), also won the 2nd prize of the 2016 National Science and Technology Progress Awards. 🏆

SCU Dentistry Ranks the 38th in QS University Subject Rankings 2017

On March 8th, QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017 was released, and Sichuan university ranked the 38th in the list of the world's top 50 universities that specialised in

Dentistry.

It is reported that QS World University Rankings by Subject is the world's largest academic rankings, at the same time,

one of the most influential rankings in the world. In 2017, QS evaluated totally 1127 universities from 74 countries around the world, covering 46 subjects in more than 11,000 places. 🏠

2017 QS World University Rankings by Dentistry

2017	2016	University	Location	Total points
1	1	The University of Hong kong	China	91.4
2	2	University of Michigan	United States	90.1
3	6	Tokyo Medical and Dental University	Japan	90.0
4	4	King's college London	United Kingdom	88.8
5	11	Harvard University	United States	87.7
6	8	UCL(University College London)	United Kingdom	86.6
7	3	Karolinska Institutet	Sweden	86.1
8		Academic Centre for Dentistry Amsterdam (ACTA), Amsterdam the Netherlands	Netherlands	85.9
9	7	KU Leuven	Belgium	85.7
10	5	University of Gothenburg	Sweden	85.6
11	10	New York University(NYU)	United States	84.7
12	14	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	United States	84.5
13	16	Peking University	China	83.9
14	15	University of Washington	United States	83.7
15=	19	University of Los Angeles (UCLA)	United States	83.6
15=	21	University of Pennsylvania	United States	83.6
17	17=	Aarhus University	Denmark	83.2
18	9	Universidade de São Paulo	Brazil	83.1
19	17=	University of Birmingham	United Kingdom	82.2
20	13	University of Copenhagen	Denmark	81.8
21	30=	University of California, San Francisco	United States	81.7
22	23	University of Bern	Switzerland	81.6
23	22	University of British Columbia	Canada	81.4
24	34=	The University of Manchester	United Kingdom	81.2
25	28	Seoul National University	South Korea	80.9

2017	2016	University	Location	Total points
26	38	Osaka University	Japan	80.5
27	20	Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp)	Brazil	80.1
28	27	The University of Melbourne	Australia	79.9
29=	12	University of Otago	New Zealand	79.8
29=	25=	University of Zurich	Switzerland	79.8
31	29	The University of Adelaide	Australia	79.1
32	37	Newcastle University	United Kingdom	78.7
33=	25=	UNESP	Brazil	78.4
33=	44	University of Minnesota	United States	78.4
35	30=	Malmo University	Sweden	78.2
36=	24	Boston University	United States	78.0
36=	33	University Complutense Madrid	Spain	78.0
38=		Sichuan University	China	77.8
38=	50	University of Bristol	United Kingdom	77.8
38=		Wuhan University	China	77.8
41=	41	Radboud University	Netherlands	77.7
41=	42	The University of Sydney	Australia	77.7
41=	39	University of Southern California	United States	77.7
44	32	Columbia University	United States	77.6
45	34=	University of Helsinki	Finland	77.3
46		University of Oslo	Norway	77.1
47	45=	University of Florida	United States	76.7
48	47	University of Toronto	Canada	76.5
49		Yonsei University	South Korea	76.4
50=	45=	National Taiwan University (NTU)	China	76.3
50=		Tufts University	United States	76.3

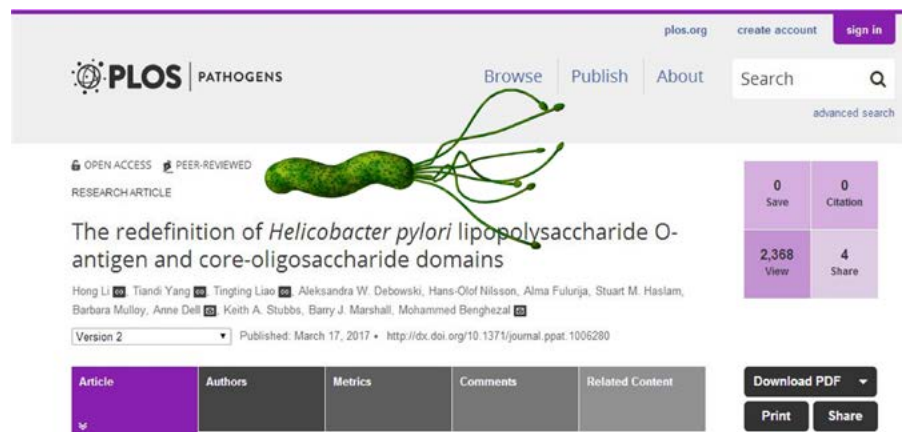
PLOS Pathogens

The Latest Nobel Laureate-led Research Reveals How the Ulcer-inducing Bacteria Survive in the Stomach

PLOS Pathogens recently published an important scientific paper titled "The Redefinition of *Helicobacter pylori* Lipopolysaccharide O-antigen and Core-oligosaccharide Domains". Dr. Hong Li, the first author of this paper, is from the international collaboration center: "West China-Marshall Research Centre for Infectious Diseases", Center of Infectious Diseases, West China Hospital of Sichuan University. This novel study represents an outstanding achievement of the academic collaboration between Sichuan University and The University of Western Australia (UWA).

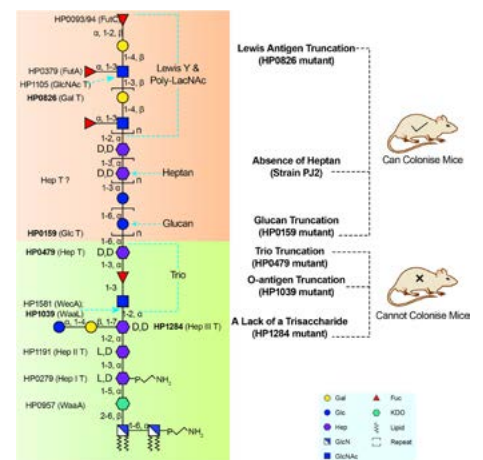
H. pylori, discovered by UWA Professor Barry Marshall and Emeritus Professor Robin Warren, chronically infects the human stomach and causes ulcers and gastric cancer. Professors Marshall and Warren were awarded the 2005 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the "discovery of the bacterium *H. pylori* and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer disease".

Lipopolysaccharide (LPS), an important biomolecule that "covers the surface of the bacterium like a shield and has unique properties compared



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to most other bacteria in that the molecule promotes lifelong infection by helping the bacterium evade the host's natural immune system". *H. pylori* LPS is structurally composed of three domains: 1) the hydrophobic lipid A (or endotoxin); 2) the core-oligosaccharide domain; and 3) the O-antigen domain. Previous studies suggested *H. pylori* core-oligosaccharide domain comprised of the canonical outer core and inner core. However, prior to this study, the structure and biological functions of the *H. pylori* core-oligosaccharide domain remained



The conserved Trio and the short core of *H. pylori* LPS are important for colonisation.

unclear. Using a combination of mass spectrometry and NMR spectroscopy, Dr. Hong Li et al. redefined the core-oligosaccharide domain of *H. pylori* LPS to comprise solely the inner core conserved hexasaccharide of the previous model. Furthermore, the putative heptosyltransferase HP1284 was found to be required for the transfer of the third heptose residue to the core-oligosaccharide. Mutant deficient in HP1284 was unable to colonise the mouse gastric mucosa. Given the unique *H. pylori* LPS is a key determinant for establishing colonisation and persistence, elucidating the complete *H. pylori* LPS structure and its biosynthetic pathway represent an important step towards the development of novel anti-*H. pylori* drugs targeting the LPS biosynthesis.

"West China-Marshall Research Centre for Infectious Diseases" was established by West China Hospital and UWA on June 25th, 2015. Professor Hong Tang from West China Hospital, and Professor Barry Marshall from UWA are the coordinators. Since its establishment, this collaboration center has received great attention and support from Chengdu municipal government and Australian government. The collaboration center is proudly to be visited by delegation led by the former Australian Consul-general in Chengdu Ms Nancy Gordon in 2015, and subsequently visited by delegation led by Australia's Ambassador to the P. R. China H.E Ms Jan Adams in 2016. "West China-Marshall Research Centre for Infectious Diseases" will continue to serve as the collaboration platform between West China Hospital and UWA to further strengthen bilateral academic exchange. 🏠

19 SCU Scholars from 13 Academic Fields Selected into Elsevier MCCR List 2016

19 SCU scholars from 13 academic fields were selected into the list of 2016 Most Cited Chinese Researchers released by Elsevier on February 27th. The list is as follow:

Academic Realm	Name
Biochemistry, Inheritance and Molecular Biology	Kang Yujian
Biomedical Engineering	Qian Zhiyong
Chemical Engineering	Chu Wei
Chemistry	Feng Xiaoming
Computer Science	Xu Zeshui
Computer Science	Zhang Yi
Decision Science	Xu Xiaozhan
Dentistry	Cheng Lei
General Engineering	Zhu Zheming
Materials Science	Fu Qiang
Materials Science	Li Yubao
Materials Science	Chu Liangyin
Mathematics	Huang Nanjing
Mathematics	Fang Yaping
Mathematics	Xu Daoyi
Medicine	Hu Jing
Medicine	Tian Weidong
Neuroscience	Xiao Bo
Ocean Engineering	Lin Pengzhi



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International Workshop on Smart City Development and International Project Cooperation held in College of Architecture and Environment

On January 6, 2017, a delegation consisting of Academician Deo, Scientia Professor AO of The University of New South Wales (UNSW) and CEO of Australian National Cooperative Research Centre for Low Carbon Living, Dr. Fan Hua, Manager of Innovation Technology Transformation Center of UNSW, and other guests visited College of Architecture and Environment, Sichuan University, and attended International Workshop on Smart City Development and International Project Cooperation. Pro. Xiong Feng, Dean of the College, Xie Lingzhi, Associate Dean of Institute of New Energy and Low Carbon Technology, Pro. Long Enshen, Associate Dean of Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction, and other faculty representatives participated in the workshop.

The attendees discussed research prospect and potential cooperation in the fields of smart city, including integrated smart city module, intelligent building, intelligent components of open space, components of ventilation and indoor air environment. Later on, Pro. Matt of UNSW on a visit to Singapore was connected via remote video and he introduced other embedded smart city technologies, including intelligent-response



building, digital-response community, reversible hydrogen fuel cell, and one type of battery with safety, low price and high energy density. The attendees also exchanged their opinions on the orientation of future cooperation.

After the workshop, College of Architecture and Environment, in association with Sichuan Society of Architects and Civil Engineers, and the delegation led by Academician DEO launched a seminar, specific to cooperative colleges, relevant enterprises and public institutions in the headquarters of Huashi Group. 🏢



2017 International Forum “Functional Membrane” held at SCU

On March 20 to 23, 2017 International Forum on Functional Membranes, organized by Membrane Science and Functional Materials Group of Sichuan University (SCU), was held in the University.

More than 60 representatives attended the forum, initiated by Professor Chu Liangyin of SCU and Honorary Professor Shin-ichi Nakao of University of Tokyo (also former president of Aseanian Membrane Society), including nearly 20 invited experts from University of Tokyo, Kogakuin University, Yamaguchi University, RIKEN, Kurita Water Industries Ltd, Tsinghua University, University of Science and Technology of China, Beijing University of Chemical Technology, Beijing Scinor Membrane Co. Ltd., Jiangxi Normal University, Sichuan University and other universities and companies who had contributed too much to the field of functional membranes, as well



as over 40 postgraduates. The attendees explored the role and contribution of functional membrane science and technology in addressing major issues of global energy, resources, environment and human health, and shared the latest achievements in the field of functional

membrane science and technology. The conference was greatly instrumental in intensifying the international exchanges and cooperation in the field of functional membrane science and technology, but also promoting the common development of the research on it. 🙏

Writer Witi Ihimaera introduces New Zealand's Literature and Culture to SCU Students

On March 21, 2017, Mr. Witi Ihimaera, a famous New Zealand writer and former diplomat,

offered a sharing session named Discovering New Zealand Literature in SCU. His lecture was so attractive among the teach-

ers and students of the University that no seat was left in the room.

By means of various forms, such as short films of Maori culture, recitation of self-created poem "Our mother is the earth" and videos of stage creations, Witi Ihimaera vividly showed us the Maori culture and tradition.

When speaking of Sino-New Zealand relation, he hoped that, besides economic and trade cooperation, cultural exchange could function as the bridge for communication and understanding between the people of

both counties, especially youngsters and young writers. He had repeatedly said that "Maori is descended from the human ancestors in Africa who migrated into New Zealand through China".

Record the world you live and dare to speak to the world - This is the enlightenment left by Witi Ihimaera for the students. 🙏



Famous American Scholar Eric Foner Gives a lecture at SCU

On March 22, 2017, Eric Foner, Academician of American Academy of Arts and Sciences and Chair Professor of Columbia University, brought a high-end academic feast to the students and faculty of School of History and Culture of SCU.

From the background of academic history, Professor Foner questioned and criticized the long-standing "American exceptionalism"; from the perspective of global history, he reviewed the interaction between the United States and the rest of the world during Civil War and Reconstruction Period; from the aspects of politics, economy and value system, he demonstrated the formation and influence of American nations and state; he also explored the relationship between political democracy and economic democracy; with a



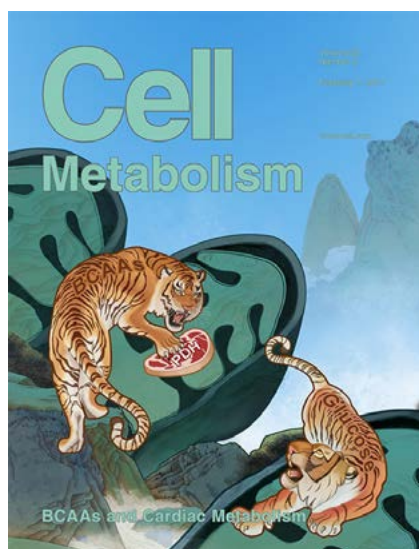
brief analysis on a series of overseas actions by the United States in the late 19th Century, Professor illustrated the role of Civil War and Reconstruction in the rise of American liberal empire.



He had an active Q&A interaction with the students and faculty and gave wonderful answers to all of the questions raised by the students. The lecture ended in enthusiastic applause of the audience. 🙏

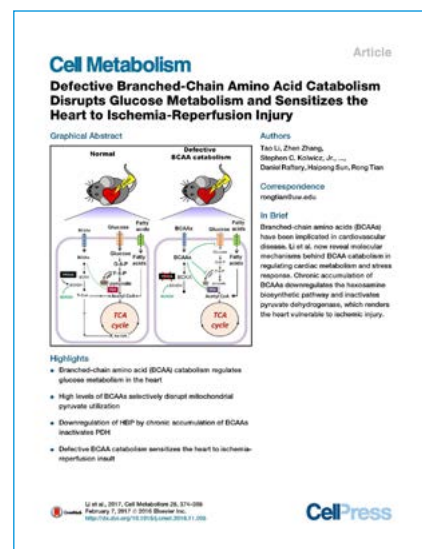
Associate Professor Tao Li Published a Cover Paper in Top Journal *Cell Metabolism*

A study from West China Hospital, Sichuan University entitled “Defective Branched-Chain Amino Acid Catabolism Disrupts Glucose Metabolism and Sensitizes the Heart to Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury” was recently published in *Cell Metabolism* (IF2016: 17.303) and selected as the cover paper. This is the first high-impact publication from the West China-Washington Mitochondria and Metabolism Center led by professor Rong Tian (Corresponding author). The first author Tao Li is an associate professor working in West China-Washington Mitochondria and Metabolism Center, Department of Anesthesiology and Translational Neuroscience Center, West China Hospital, Sichuan University. Their work identified a critical role of branched-chain amino acid (BCAA) catabolism



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in the homeostasis of cardiac metabolism and stress response. They open doors for future research on the disease



mechanisms caused by abnormal BCAA metabolism as well as provide a basis for developing novel therapies. 🏠

Article of professor Yuping Ran was published on the cover of *British Journal of Dermatology*

Not long ago, an article from Professor Yuping Ran titled 'Dermoscopy in vivo to the life-cycle of *Phthirus pubis*' was published within the influential *British*

Journal of Dermatology, where the image was chosen as the journal's cover. Professor Ran works for the department of dermatovenereology, West China Hospital, Sichuan University.

He is the correspondence author. Jiao-qing Tang (postgraduate) and Xin Ran (resident) are co-first authors.

Professor Ran has always been dedi-



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cated to the usage of dermoscope to ascertain medical, teaching, patient education, and scientific research. Additionally, Ran encourages the precision diagnosis and treatment of skin diseases. To date, Professor Ran's team has published more than 10 papers in clinical researches relevant to dermoscopy, and offers numerous lectures at international and domestic academic seminars.

Professor Ran's academic achievement titled 'Hair fungal infection - using dermoscopy for precise diagnosis and therapeutic effect evaluation' was selected for the poster on 25th annual conference of European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV). Additionally, another article titled 'Ultraviolet dermoscopy for the diagnosis of tinea capitis' was published in another influential academic journal named 'Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology'. In a word, professor Ran's remarkable achievement has been recognized by international and domestic counterparts and holds substantial academic influence. 卐



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

SCU "Belt and Road Scholarship –ISAS" Overseas Students Training Program Kicked Off

March 14th, morning, the Wangjiang Campus of SCU hosted the opening ceremony of Sichuan University's "Belt and Road" Scholarship – Short-term Overseas Students Cultivation Program for South Asian Studies. Luo Zhongshu, Executive Vice Chairman of the SCU University Council, delivered a speech on behalf of the university, and extended a warm welcome to all overseas students for their studies and exchanges in Sichuan University.

uan University.

Sichuan University is taking advantages of the "Belt and Road" strategy to speed up its internationalized development in a holistic manner. For this purpose, the University has set up the "Belt and Road" Scholarship with a capital pool of CNY 0.1 billion, specially for subsidizing and encouraging overseas students from the "Belt and Road" initiative-related countries, South Asia in particular,





to study in SCU; meanwhile, it has organized two short-term courses for international students exchange, and several high-end training courses for the civil servants from the countries along the “Belt and Road”, it has also established such international cultural exchange platforms as Himalaya Multimedia Database and Himalaya Museum.

The short-term overseas student cultivation program subsidized by the “Belt and Road” Scholarship is executed by the University’s South Asia Research Institute together with relevant departments. It is aimed at

introducing and lecturing on China’s development and regional cooperation under the backdrop of the “Belt and Road” initiative, catalyzing the communication and friendship among the countries concerned, so as to make contribution to implementing the “Belt and Road” Strategy, and facilitating international peace and security.

During the ceremony, the leaders of relevant departments and the teachers of South Asia Research Institute gave the international students an insight into the University’s policy towards foreign

students and related information, as well as the general information about the University’s research in humanities and social sciences, and then expressed their hope that all overseas students will study hard. The representatives of international students from Afghanistan, India, Nepal, and Poland made their presentations successively, expressing that they will cherish this study opportunity, pick up on China’s current development situation and external policies, and try to serve as a bridge of cooperation and friendship between China and their respective countries. 🙏

School of Public Administration



| Message from the Dean

As a multi-disciplinary school, the School of Public Administration of Sichuan University (SPA-SCU in short) promotes the interaction between humanities and social sciences, and emphasizes both theories and practice, which is the foundation for SPA to form its new growth pole. We stick to seek disciplinary development direction based on the realistic need of social development, focus on exploring new social characters and demands created by social reform, and visualize new disciplinary development strategies.

We hope you can feel the sense of vitality and creativity here. Our faculty members bring unique perspectives and insights into the management of important social and governmental

challenges. Coming from diverse backgrounds, our students take pride in fostering debate on important issues, creating a vibrant learning environment, and strengthening a sense of social responsibility and citizenship. With an eye on current trends, the governance of Chinese society should put people's livelihood issues at first, regard civil rights as its core, and take fairness and justice as principles. Confronted with social trends like globalization of economics, political democratization, administrative internationalization, and social informatization, we should not only rethink about the society and our life coordinates, but also solve social issues and realize public interest. We need not only thinkers, but also people with strong execution.



Prof. Jiang Xiaoping

Chang Jiang Scholar
Dean, School of Public Administration

| History

The School of Public Administration of Sichuan University (SPA-SCU in short) was founded in June 2001. The SPA-SCU is a new type of school, which can realize the interdisciplinary studies and

complement each other's advantages. Our motto is "all under the Heaven is equal, the law of management follows nature". Attached to the comprehensive advantages of SCU, SPA-SCU insists on our mission-- to cultivate talents who have upright personalities, care about their country and na-

tion, and regard the nation affairs as their own duty; to explore the charm of thinking and asking, the wisdom of administration, and the rules of our society; to lead the direction of social development, innovate social value, and hold fast to the responsibility of public spirit.



| Faculty

Qualified teachers' team is the key element for the development of SPA. The School has made full use of relative policies of training high-level talents made by our country, Sichuan Province, and SCU, and focuses on the construction of faculty team in order to further optimize the talent structure. Presently, the SPA-SCU consists of 131 faculties and staffs, including 2 Yangtze River Scholars Distinguished Professor, 12 experts who enjoy the State Council Special Allowance, 5 Teaching Steering Committee members of the Ministry of Education, one committee member of the National MPA Steering Committee, one excellent talent of the new century, one Outstanding Creative Talent of Sichuan province, 6 academic leaders of Sichuan province, 6 specialists who are titled as provincial experts with outstanding contributions of Sichuan province, one teaching master of Sichuan province, 18 back-up can-

| Discipline

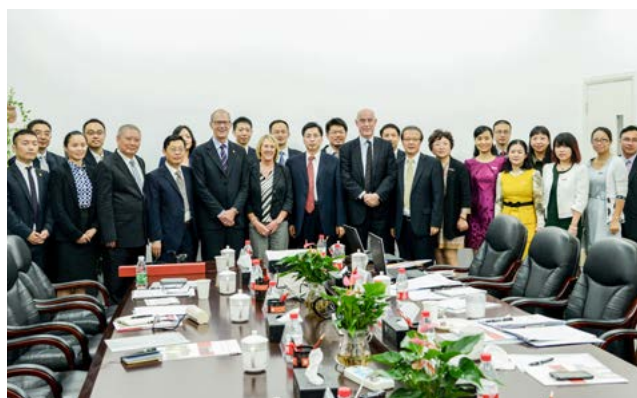
SPA-SCU now has 9 undergraduate programs, 15 postgraduate programs, 2 primary disciplines, which offers doctoral degrees, 1 postdoctoral research station and 4 disciplines that offer professional degrees. The school has 8 National First Level Disciplines which are Philosophy, Public Administration, Library Information Studies

and Archives Management, Business Administration, Management Science and Engineering, Sociology, Politics and Psychology, including 4 basic disciplines and 4 applied disciplines, and they are under the four disciplinary categories of Philosophy, Management, Law and Education. The public administration programme currently ranks first in West China and among the best nationally according to China's Ministry of Education.

didates academic leaders of Sichuan province, 8 young academic talents of SCU, 2 teaching masters of SCU, and 2 candidates for the teaching masters of SCU. SPA offers many faculty exchange programmes and facilitates faculty's international academic exchange and cooperation. Through various cooperative programmes, some faculty members have studied or paid academic at Oxford University, Princeton University, Syracuse University, etc. In SPA, Over 50% teachers have visited abroad as Fulbright Scholars or visiting scholars. Foreign faculties from Oxford University, UCLA, and Pennsylvania State University have taught in SPA-SCU for long and short-term periods. Now SPA has full-time faculty from five countries and regions in the world. We have three foreign teachers who respectively come from Germany, Sweden, France, and five teachers from Hongkong and Taiwan. Over the years, SPA has gained a variety of achievements in teaching and researching. We aim to promote advancement of the knowledge and practice of public administration for the betterment of society.

Research

Having productive research teams and strong research bases, SPA-SCU enjoys a strong reputation for excellence in researches. With a great of publications, grants, and awards, our faculty members are top researchers in local governance, public policy, public budgeting and finance, urban and rural balanced administration, educational administration, social security, organizational theory, human resources man-



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agement, collaboration, innovation, and emergency management.

Over the past seven years, 25 papers have been published on leading journals and 515 papers have been listed in CSSCI. Furthermore, our faculty

members have issued 100 Monographs and textbooks, 39 major reports and 107 research reports.

At present, in terms of scientific research projects, SCU-SPA is granted from both horizontal projects fund with



A. 2016 IIAS-IASIA Joint Congress

B. Faculty Delegation of SPA-SCU Visited Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford

C. A Delegation Led by Prof. Keith Gull, Fellow of Royal Society and Principal of St Edmund Hall at University of Oxford, Visited SPA-SCU

D. German Chancellor Merkel's Visit

total amount of over CNY 40 million and vertical projects fund with the sum of over CNY 14 million. Among these projects stands 5 major projects of national science fund, 32 general projects of national science fund, 1 major entrusted project of Ministry of Educa-

tion of China, 21 projects by Ministry of Education of China, 1 youth project of Ministry of Education of China, and 70 provincial projects of social science and soft science.

Currently, SPA has established several prominent national and provincial scientific research institutes such as Centre for Chinese local governance Innovations of Sichuan University, CCGI, Sichuan University, Institute of Philosophy, and Research Center for Career Development of the Disabled, etc.

By the end of 2016, SPA has 2434 students in total, including 70 doctoral students, 930 master students, and 1434 undergraduate students. Our mission is to cultivate highly qualified and all-round talents with "knowledge, morality, wisdom, responsibility and dream". In recent years, our students have made great performances in "Challenge Cup", National Business Plan Competition, National College English Competition, the Model United Nations and many other national competitions. Particularly, in 2016, our students have won the first prize in two national subject competitions.

International Exchange and Cooperation

SPA has identified collaboration as a key component to the success of disciplinary development and the ability to address public sector issues. The school focuses on international collaboration and has established cooperative relationships with renowned

colleges and universities from more than 20 countries and regions. SPA has also established more than 30 well-round education programmes of multiple levels with well-known foreign universities. We offer joint degree programmes and provide students many opportunities to study abroad. We have full time overseas students from a variety of countries including U.S., France, Russia, Bangladesh, etc. We offer some short-term programmes, including the Immersion Program. Many students from Stanford University, University of Chicago, Michigan State University, Queen Mary University of London, etc. have participated in our programmes. We have successfully offered advanced training programmes for senior government officials from Nepal, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, etc. SPA has successively upheld several large-scale international academic conferences and cross-strait academic conferences. For example, SPA held two international academic conferences in 2016 successfully, which was the "2016 IIAS-IASIA Joint Congress" and the "12th Sino-French Symposium on Psychoanalysis". SPA has invited over one hundred well-known experts and scholars home and abroad to give lectures; received exchanged students from America, France, Turkey, Sri Lanka, Korea and Vietnam; sent students via undergraduate international cooperative programmes and government-sponsored postgraduate exchange programmes to University of Oxford, St Edmund Hall, Rutgers University, Stanford University, Michigan State University, Uppsala University, Queen Mary University of London, Waseda University, Tohoku University. 🏯

2017 Overseas Study Fair, Spring

On April 17th to 21st, Sichuan University (SCU) launched a publicity week for Overseas Study Program. The activity consists of publicity days for European Program, American & Oceania Program, Asia Program and HK, Macao and Taiwan Programs. Experts and professors from

world-class universities, including the University of Nottingham, University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, Duke University, and University of Minnesota, attended this event and exchanged with the students.

The awareness to become international

talents and mould the international perspective has been deeply-rooted in the mind of SCU students. Meanwhile, the international communication platform provided by the University also makes it easier to realize their desire of overseas study.





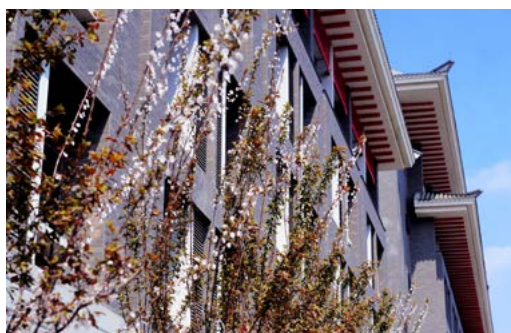
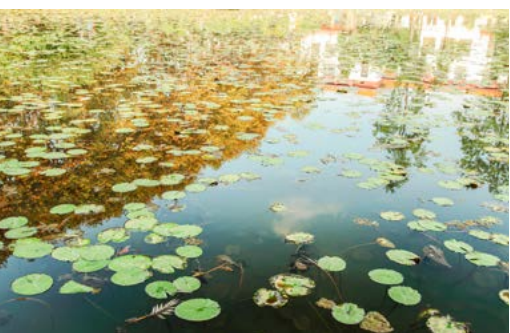
In recent years, SCU is dedicated to beefing up the international training of students and pushing forward this fundamental, far-reaching mission, so as to ensure that all students could enjoy at least one opportunity for overseas study and international exchange experience. Currently, SCU has concluded exchange agreements with hundreds of well-known universities in foreign countries, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Japan, Canada, South Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan, etc. Of which, over 90 universities have signed Undergraduate Exchange Program with SCU in various forms, covering exchange learning program, joint-degree program, all-English international courses (including Summer Schools), international exchange camps, scientific research, practice, subject contest, visit, academic conference, etc. In recent decade, there are a growing number of students benefited from various international joint-training programs in association with some foreign countries, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan. SCU hopes that more opportunities will be created to the students, spurring them to study abroad and explore a wider world. 山





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“ who does something better than you, ”
and always have someone
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