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Building Bridges Through Law and Connecting with Hearts—The Chinese Law International Summer School 2025

On July 11, the 12-day Chinese Law International Summer School 2025, organized by the China-EU School of Law at the China University of Political Science and Law, concluded successfully. Twenty-four law students from Germany, Hungary, Italy, the United States, Canada, and Malaysia, among other countries, joined the program with the vision of "understanding Chinese law and experiencing Chinese culture" and left with fruitful achievements in "building bridges between Chinese and international rule of law", leaving behind a vivid footnote of "bridging civilizations through law".



A three-in-one curriculum system was meticulously designed to help the international students learn Chinese law and experience the profundity of Chinese culture in a systematic manner. The professional teaching module included core courses such as Overview of the Chinese Legal System, Chinese Legal Culture and Traditions, Chinese Constitutional Law, and Regulation of Market Access Through Licensing in China: Legal and Economic Analyses. For field exchanges, the international students were organized to visit various legal practice institutions, including Zhong Lun Law Firm, Xiaomi Corporation, and the Beijing Arbitration Commission. The cultural experience module included visits to the China National Archives

of Publications and Culture—Central Archives, the Summer Palace, the Chinese Archaeological Museum, and China Arts and Crafts Museum, as well as a night tour of the Juyong Pass section of the Great Wall and a silk craftsmanship experience. The international students also visited the Palace Museum, the Temple of Heaven, hutongs, the "Bird's Nest" (National Stadium), and the Yinshan Pagoda Forest during their free time.

Gilchrist David Dsouza from Newcastle University, the UK, said that the summer program had enriched his understanding of the Chinese legal system and cultural context. Through interactions with locals, he developed a stronger affinity for China. Mia Marisa Knoch from the University of Hamburg, Germany, believed that the international friendships built during the summer program would endure. As a student representative, she also extended a warm welcome to master's students from the China-EU School of Law at China University of Political Science and Law to study at her university as exchange students this September. Pietro Fantin from the University of Bologna in Italy said that the summer program had offered him a deeper insight into the Chinese legal system and he looked forward to reuniting with Chinese students at the University of Bologna in the future.

Vincent-Carlos Barduhn from the University of Bremen, Germany, noted that the program had been rich in content, balancing lectures and field visits. With the assistance of the teachers and student ambassadors, he gained a deeper grasp of Chinese culture and social thought, laying the foundation for more in-depth exchanges between China and Europe. Emma Bakos from Eötvös Loránd University of Hungary mentioned that by participating in local life, she had acquired a clearer understanding of the community operations

and lifestyles in Chinese society. Yitzchak Isaac Small from George Mason University of the USA said he was thankful for the support from the host school to facilitate his participation. He also noted that the experience had far exceeded his expectations, allowing him to witness firsthand a China he had only read about and to forge valuable friendships. He expressed his hope to return to China in the future.



The conclusion of the program is not an end, but the starting point of the "Community of China-EU Young Legal Professionals". Over the two-week summer program, the participants gained in-depth insights into the modern landscape of the Chinese legal system and the profundity of Chinese culture through professional courses, field visits, and cultural experiences. They engaged in deep exchanges with the Chinese student volunteers and young law students from across the world, laying a solid foundation for the cultivation of future international legal talent and international exchange and cooperation in the legal sphere.

Youthful Bonds in Three Cities and a Bridge of Friendship Across Land and Sea –The 2025 "Summer to the North and Hearts Grow Forth" American-Chinese Youth Exchange in Inner Mongolia

From July 20 to August 2, the 2025 "Summer to the North and Hearts Grow Forth" American-Chinese Youth Academic Exchange Camp, jointly organized by Inner Mongolia Agricultural University and Hetao College, came to a successful conclusion. A 23-member delegation of American faculty and students from the University of Hawaii, Yale University, and the University of Michigan visited Bayannur, Hohhot, and Beijing, taking part in cultural and academic exchanges with their local counterparts and gaining firsthand insights into the grandeur, heritage, and vitality of Chinese civilization in its northern frontier.



► Commencing on the Banks of the Yellow River

The first stop was Bayannur, a picturesque city in western Inner Mongolia set on a famous bend of the Yellow River. During the visit, the American faculty and students visited Hetao College and joined their Chinese peers in a Chinese class, reading a classical poem entitled "A Shepherd's Song". They also attended lectures on traditional culture and experienced the artistry of Chinese calligraphy. Off campus, the American and Chinese youth took part in intangible cultural heritage craft workshops, explored the Yinshan Rock Paintings, and

conducted ecological fieldwork at the Yellow River's "ji" (n)-shaped bend. They gained a deep understanding of Hetao culture while experiencing the rich historical heritage and dynamic development on China's northern border region.



► Visiting the Green City on the Grasslands

In Hohhot, the American youth held exchanges in the fields of international Chinese language education and medicine with teachers and students from Inner Mongolia Agricultural University, Inner Mongolia Normal University, and Inner Mongolia Medical University. The group visited the Inner Mongolia Museum, Hohhot Urban Planning Exhibition Hall, and Xilamuren Grassland, and watched the large-scale live performance "Eternal Ode to Horses". The program offered them a broad look at Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region's historical evolution, ecological development, technological advances, and educational achievements.



► Wrapping Up in Beijing, the Capital

The program concluded in Beijing, China's capital, where the American participants toured the Palace Museum (also known as the Forbidden City) for a direct "touch" of China's historical continuity and cultural depth. At Peking University (PKU), they took a Tai Chi class and visited the PKU Health Science Center to learn about the advancements in Chinese medical education and research. At Baidu's Apollo Park in Yizhuang, the group experienced driverless vehicles firsthand—an on-the-ground perspective on the rapid advancement of Chinese internet companies in AI technology.



The visiting American faculty and students thanked the organizers for their meticulous planning and warm hospitality. Citing rich takeaways throughout the program, they commended China's rapid socioeconomic progress and outstanding achievements, as well as the diverse charms and profundity of its civilization. Centering on immersive academic exchanges and cultural experiences, the exchange camp was designed to build bridges of mutual learning between American and Chinese youth and foster enduring friendships. The program also contributed to higher international recognition and reputation of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and offered an effective channel for expanding the international dissemination of China's "Northern Frontier Culture".

Walking Through Millennia-Old Architecture in Dialogue with Contemporary China –The "Ancient Charm and Modern Style" Summer Camp

The "Ancient Charm and Modern Style" summer camp, centering on Chinese architecture, came to a close at Jinhua University of Vocational Technology. During their 12-day journey in China, the delegation of teachers and students from Northampton Community College, Pennsylvania, the U.S., accompanied by their Chinese partners, traversed between historic alleys and modern skyscrapers, and paused by an ancient canal and new urban construction sites. Through this lens, they experienced the profound continuity of Chinese civilization and the dynamic vitality of contemporary China's development, discovering an authentic, multidimensional, and comprehensive China through this immersive classroom in motion.

Through activities such as field visits and specialized lectures, the program helped immerse the American teachers and students in the profound heritage of China's ancient architecture, while fostering mutual learning and exchanges between American and Chinese youth.



The youth of the U.S. and China should strive to be builders of bridges, not walls. Professor Weiler stated at the closing ceremony, "As young envoys, we now carry a vital mission to bring what we have learned and felt back home, to sustain our dialogues, and to deepen mutual

understanding. This journey does not end here; it is only the beginning. Let us continue to share the reverence we hold for the wisdom of ancient architecture, our gratitude toward the Chinese people, and the inspiration that has been ignited throughout this journey."

► Unlocking Timeless Craftsmanship: The Wisdom of Ancient Architecture

The American teachers and students who encountered traditional Chinese architecture for the first time were amazed by the mortise-and-tenon joinery. During a dedicated lecture on ancient Chinese architecture, a faculty member from the Architectural Engineering College demonstrated mortise-and-tenon wooden components and guided the students in assembling a dougong (a system of interlocking wooden brackets) model, with the components locking into each other seamlessly without a single nail or metal fastener. The students' eyes sparkled with wonder. This astonishment reached its peak when they visited a well-preserved Lu Residence architectural complex of the Ming and Qing dynasties with over 500 years of history.

Under the roof, layers of dougong rose between the white walls and dark-gray tiles, while wood carvings and painted decorations enhanced the vitality of this "folk Forbidden City" that stretched nine courtyards deep and five bays wide. Nathaniel never once lowered his camera, remarking with deep admiration, "The ancient Chinese were so ingenious in using wood as a primary building material. It's both structurally solid and beautifully expressive."

The American delegation also visited other historic sites, including the Ancient Town of Jinhua and the Liuhe Pagoda in Hangzhou, appreciating the craftsmanship of ancient China in depth. Kyla, an architecture student in the delegation, noted, "Chinese architecture

demonstrates a remarkable balance between tradition and modernity, humanity and nature, practicality and aesthetics." She added that the unique cultural charm and innovation have deeply inspired her own career path as a designer.



► China's Modern Metamorphosis and Future Vision

The visit to Jinhua's new countryside revealed a lesser-seen side of contemporary China's development. In Huayuan Village, a celebrated model of rural revitalization in Zhejiang Province, they were amazed at the clean streets, modern amenities, thriving industries, and dozens of shared artistic spaces spontaneously created by villagers using native materials like bamboo and pebbles. Their preconceptions of rural Chinese were completely overturned by what they saw there. While they were dining at a local specialty restaurant, the owner enthusiastically shared his story of returning to his hometown to start a business and leading the community toward shared prosperity. Angel, a student majoring in International Studies, remarked with appreciation, "We truly enjoyed chatting with the residents of Jinhua. It is these

returning young people who are revitalizing the villages in the modern society."

At the Jinhua City Exhibition Hall located on Yanweizhou, the American teachers and students learned the story of an entire city by visiting one building where photographs, micro-films, and personal narratives recorded the evolution of the beautiful city. A 1:900 scale model of Jinhua City amazed them, and the docent used it to introduce Jinhua's urban development blueprint—a vision encapsulated as "Two Mountains, One River; A Cross-Shaped Urban Framework; Dual City Cores; A City Nourished by Numerous Streams". Professor Levy, a historian, remarked that they had felt Jinhua's openness and inclusiveness to history, technology, culture, and nature.

► Science Outreach Empowering a New Era of Construction



The advancement of China's infrastructure and construction sector shows a perfect integration of "China speed" and "Chinese quality", revitalizing traditional industries through the empowerment of smart technology. During a visit to a modern prefabricated construction factory, the American visitors witnessed an industrial revolution where buildings were pieced together like toy building blocks. They observed high-speed automated production lines in workshops and storage yards neatly stacked with PC (precast concrete) components. In the product testing area, the workers were

conducting destructive mechanical load tests on PC panels. "PC slabs are now widely applied in China's construction industry," a faculty member from the Architectural Engineering College briefed the visiting group. He went on to explain that the office building in that very facility had adopted a fully prefabricated structure, with an assembly rate of approximately 80%, effectively embedding sustainability into its "DNA".

Watching a freshly produced PC block on the assembly line with curiosity, Xavier remarked, "Modular construction perfectly integrates smart technology with traditional building methods. Now I understand why China is developing so rapidly."

Nothing showcased China's modern transportation system better than the high-speed rail experience itself. In the departure hall, when the group leader asked the American delegation to guess the speed of China's high-speed trains, Angel immediately responded, "Over 300 kilometers per hour! Riding China's high-speed rail is on my To-Do List. I've heard that the tracks here are seamlessly welded with extreme precision. My Chinese teacher told me that this embodies China's craftsmanship spirit of the new era." Onboard the train, Professor Levy, who had traveled worldwide, was full of praise for the velocity of China's high-speed rail.

► Building Bridges of Culture & Co-creating a Shared Harmonious Future

The event helped foster sincere dialogues between American and Chinese teachers and students. "Explaining our hometown's history to American friends was not only a test of language skills but also an expression of our cultural confidence," said Hong Yishan, a Chinese student volunteer, candidly. "The key to dialogue between civilizations lies in sincere interaction and heartfelt resonance."

Najelah recalled, "Coming to Jinhua and talking with local students and residents made me truly see how rich and diverse Chinese culture is. It was my first time picking up a brush to learn to write Chinese characters. I learned how to order coffee using a mobile app, and I even watched a Chinese band's performances in a music festival. All these memories are so unforgettable."

On behalf of the American delegation, Professor Levy presented a commemorative gift from Northampton Community College to Jinhua University of Vocational Technology. "We thank your university for making this exchange possible. This program has allowed us to not only study distinctive Wu (Jinhua)-style architecture, but also experience local cultural treasures including Wu opera, Wu tea traditions, Wu culinary specialties, and Wuzhou kiln ceramics. These immersive experiences have given us valuable insights into the profound heritage of Wu culture. We look forward to further exchanges and cooperation in the future."



This program was designed to build a bridge of friendship between the youth of the two countries and further promote mutual exchanges between their students. We believe this journey to decipher the code of China across time and space has sown the seeds in the hearts of American and Chinese youth—seeds that are germinating into a harmonious future that spans the Pacific and connects the East and West.

Rendezvous in Chinese Cities and Dialogue Amid Lake and Mountain—An Immersive Experience for European and American Youth in Hangzhou

From August 2 to August 11, 2025, a program entitled "Rendezvous in Chinese Cities and Dialogue Amid Lake and Mountain—Understanding China Through Practice", was hosted by Hangzhou Polytechnic (HZPT) in Hangzhou. Invited to the program were 17 young representatives from Italy, the United States, and Germany who participated in an immersive exchange experience. In this city where ecological civilization, history, culture, and innovative vitality flow together, the young people from China and abroad were using vocational education as a bridge and culture as a vessel. Amid the gentle ripples of West Lake, they experienced the beauty of nature; in the lingering fragrance of Song-era tea culture, they savored the charm of civilization; through Hangzhou's innovative pulse as a city of the future, they felt the power of development, together composing a youthful chapter of friendship and mutual learning among civilizations.

► **The Charm of Nature in Elegant Hangzhou**

The participants strolled along West Lake, immersing themselves in the lush greenery and ecological wisdom of Hangzhou—widely known for its vision of living in harmony with nature—that unfolded with every changing view. Rachel from the United States lifted her camera and snapped photo after photo—the golden roof of Leifeng Pagoda glimmered through gaps in the clouds while willow leaves along Su Causeway brushed gently against the water. She exclaimed, "This looks more like a fairy tale than a movie scene." The participants agreed that West Lake perfectly embodies the Chinese ecological philosophy of harmony between humanity and nature.

In the bamboo forests of Yuhang, wooden boardwalks wound through the greenery. Turning a corner, the participants saw abandoned village houses transformed into glass greenhouses and old clay jars planted with mountain orchids. "Look at this wall!" called Pietro from Italy, pointing to the glass bottles embedded in a rammed-earth wall. "Here, old things aren't waste. They're jewels that shine."

Every renovation here showed the ecological wisdom behind China's rural revitalization, presenting a model of sustainable development. Through their experiences amid mountains and waters, the participants came to understand that China's approach to ecological civilization is not only visionary in concept, but also distinguished by its unique cultural expression.



► **Echoes of Millennia and Colors of Heritage**

At the Liangzhu Museum, the participants were deeply moved by the 5,000-year-old civilization of the ancient Liangzhu City. "The patterns carved on these jade artifacts actually carry the spiritual beliefs of ancient people," they said while gazing at yucong, a jade ware. "The wisdom of ancient Chinese people is truly astonishing." When they later tried carving by hand, they gained a deeper understanding of how difficult it was to preserve and pass down Chinese civilization through the ages.

At the China National Silk Museum, the tie-dyeing workshop thrilled Nicole from Italy. "This traditional craft is amazing!" she exclaimed,

holding up the blue-and-white hand-dyed scarf she had made by herself. "Each piece is one of a kind—this really shows the unique charm of Chinese culture." The participants all agreed that such an immersive cultural experience had deepened their appreciation and respect for China's traditional craftsmanship.

► Craft at Fingertips and Spirit of Inheritance

At Jingshan Tea Culture Park, the participants gathered around an antique tea table, watching an intangible cultural heritage master demonstrate the Song Dynasty traditional Qi Tang Dian Cha (whisking tea) ceremony. They were captivated by the refinement and artistry of Chinese tea culture. "I had no idea that people in the Song Dynasty had already mastered such an elegant art of whisking tea," exclaimed a student from Germany. After the teacher had gently dotted the tea paste onto the foamy surface to create delicate patterns, the participants took up their own tea scoops as painting brushes, immersing themselves in the refined aesthetic pleasures that had been cherished by the Chinese literati.



Later, at Guo's Villa, a century-old classical garden by West Lake, the participants were full of praise for the art of Chinese ink painting. "It's amazing that you can capture the texture of a panda's fur with only ink and water!" One student remarked. They learned to paint on circular fans with traditional Chinese brushes and, as the ink spread softly across the silk, felt the unique charm of Chinese traditional

art—the perfect harmony between the garden design and painting, and the essence of Eastern aesthetics.



► City of the Future and Pioneer of E-commerce



The participants visited the headquarters of Alibaba, Unitree Robotics, and other university-enterprise cooperative companies, gaining an in-depth understanding of Hangzhou's innovative vitality as China's No. 1 city in the digital economy. At Alibaba's headquarters, they were amazed at the innovative power of China's digital economy. Industry experts, using real-life examples, explained the applications of AI in intelligent product selection and precision marketing. When it was mentioned that the AI technology employed could quickly recommend products based on user preferences and greatly improve transaction efficiency, the participants kept nodding, their eyes filled with curiosity and admiration for digital e-commerce and AI.

At Future Sci-Tech City, the intelligent interactive devices sparked heated discussions. A variety of cutting-edge technological products captivated

the participants. The Italian participants stopped in front of one of the devices and experienced the convenience of an AI virtual assistant that could interpret multilingual conversations in real time and accurately generate scenario-based solutions.

At Unitree Robotics, quadruped robots performed agile jumping and spinning movements. The participants could not help but step forward to interact with the robots, feeling the amazement brought by advanced technology. "These cutting-edge technologies are not only changing our lifestyles," said participant Chaya, "but also demonstrating China's leadership in the field of digital economy."



"I am grateful to HZPT for creating such a wonderful experience. This journey is like a key that has opened a new dimension for understanding China, allowing us to see the diverse facets of the country's development," said Knob Valentin Tang, a German participant, expressing the sentiments of all the participants.

As a vocational college committed to integrating industry and education and promoting international education, HZPT has fully leveraged its distinctive strengths in disciplines such as cross-border e-commerce and its favorable geographical location across the "Three Rivers and Two Banks" area, with its four campuses. The college designed a customized cultural experience program for the visiting

European and American youth, innovatively structured around four thematic segments and covering over 20 carefully selected visit sites. Through a combination of cultural immersion and technological exploration, the program had Hangzhou as a case study to demonstrate to international youth both the historical and cultural depth and the innovative dynamism of the city's development while building an important platform for mutual exchange between Chinese and international youth.

American and Chinese Youth Embrace the "Culture + Smart Manufacturing" Journey Through a Bridge of Friendship Built by HEBPU

As the summer heat was gradually receding in Hebei Province in August, an American and Chinese Youth Exchange Program, themed "Oil and Danxia Illuminate Rehe", was held at Hebei Petroleum University of Technology (HEBPU). Young students from North Carolina joined Chinese teachers and students for a trans-Pacific journey centered on "Culture + Smart Manufacturing". This 12-day immersive program, covering "National Culture" and "Petroleum Smart Manufacturing" as two themes, allowed the American youth to experience both the profound Chinese civilization and the innovative vitality of China's vocational education and modern technology, building a solid bridge for mutual understanding and friendship between the youth of the two countries.



► In the Name of Youth—a Meeting of Civilizations

At the opening ceremony on August 3, Gao Zhongwei, Secretary of the University Party Committee, presented to the American students a camp flag bearing the emblems of both institutions. Liu Guoguang, head of the American delegation, then bestowed a flag on the Chinese students. HEBPU President Yu Liguo emphasized that the event represented a significant effort by the university to promote international exchange and mutual learning among civilizations. He remarked, "As young envoys of cultural exchange, you are taking steps that will introduce the real China to the world, and your friendship will strengthen the foundation of China-U.S. cooperation." President Yu's words captured the very spirit of the program.

Kathryn Monville, a student from the University of Alabama at Birmingham speaking on behalf of the American students, could hardly contain her excitement. "From the Great Wall to the Mountain Resort, from the petroleum training base to the 3D printing workshop, these scenes—once confined to books—will soon become our own living memories. I want to thank HEBPU for its meticulous arrangements, which allow us to see and experience China with our own eyes and hearts," she said. Xuan Mai, a 17-year-old Vietnamese-American girl from Heritage High School who has studied Chinese for five years, expressed her expectations in fluent Chinese: "I traveled in southern China in spring. Now, I want to understand the stories of the North and, more importantly, promote a two-way cultural exchange with my Chinese friends."

Wenjing Liu, the team leader and a Chinese language instructor at Heritage High School, noted that although most American students had studied Chinese before, this was their first

opportunity to experience Chinese culture in depth and up close. "This trip will allow my students to witness Chinese enchanting culture, time-honored history, and remarkable progress with their own eyes," she said.

► National Culture: From Historical Depths to Daily Life

Under the National Culture theme, a dialogue spanning millennia unfolded quietly for the American students. Their journey took them from Beijing's Palace Museum and Nanluogu Lane to the Jinshanling section of the Great Wall, the Chengde Mountain Resort, and the Putuo Zongcheng Temple—allowing them to experience the "diverse yet integrated" nature of Chinese civilization. During a tie-dyeing workshop, they learned the art of folding and dyeing white cloth. In a calligraphy session, they tried, brush in hand, to write the Chinese characters for "friendship" on rice paper. They felt the grandeur of imperial culture through the live performance of Peak Dynasty: Emperor Kangxi's Grand Ceremony, and experienced the rewards of effort and joy in a friendly pickleball match. By sharing interests in food, sports, and art, the American and Chinese students bridged the cultural gaps and grew closer.



► Smart Petroleum Theme: Touching the Pulse of China's Innovation

Under the Smart Petroleum Production theme, the American students gained a deep

impression of China's strengths in vocational training and the vigor of its modern science and technology. At the Virtual Simulation Training Base for Oil Exploration and Development, they put on VR devices and had a direct view of the entire oil extraction process.



At the Industrial Robotics Operation and Maintenance Base, the students saw how robots perform precise grabbing tasks. In the 3D printing training workshop, they marveled at how digital models were transformed into physical products—a true "thought-to-reality" technology. During a visit to Glodon Company's smart exhibition hall, they learned about China's innovative achievements in the field of smart cities.



As the American students boarded their return flight, their luggage was filled not only with souvenirs, but with an understanding of China and a strong belief in cooperation. Like a young sapling, their cross-border friendship is sure to grow into a towering tree that connects the youth of China and the United States.

Crossing Swords as Friends: Tsinghua 2025 International Collegiate Fencing Invitational & American and Chinese Cultural Exchange Camp

From August 16 to 20, the Tsinghua 2025 International Collegiate Fencing Invitational and America and Chinese Cultural Exchange Camp were held successfully.



Over 60 university students from the fencing teams of 11 American universities—Columbia University, Duke University, Harvard University, New York University, Northwestern University, Princeton University, Stanford University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Pennsylvania, and Yale University—along with teams from Tsinghua University, Peking University, Sun Yat sen University, and Jilin Normal University, competed side by side and forged friendships. Through the shared passion for fencing, the American and Chinese students deepened their mutual understanding and strengthened their friendship.



During the five day exchange, the young athletes from both countries not only trained together, honed their techniques, and contested matches, but also jointly ascended the Great Wall to experience its imposing grandeur and strolled

through the Summer Palace to appreciate the elegance of classical Chinese garden design. Each moment vividly illustrated that the event was not merely a sporting showcase of swordsmanship, but more importantly, a deep cross border cultural immersion.

From August 17 to 18, the collegiate fencers from China and the United States gathered at Tsinghua University Gymnasium for a two-day riveting competition. The tournament comprised individual events and mixed-team events, employing a hybrid format of round-robin groups followed by single-elimination matches. After two days of intense rivalry, champions, runners-up, and third-place finishers emerged from the men's and women's individual épée, foil, and sabre events as well as from the mixed-team category. This spirit of "competition fused with cooperation" transcended linguistic and geographical barriers, enabling the young participants of both countries to forge genuine connections through each bout and salute, strengthening their bonds of friendship.

Emese Domonkos, a sophomore at Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs and women's sabre champion at the 2023 Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships, remarked, "Half of our team members are Chinese and half are American — it is a truly mixed squad. I love this format; we never got to team up like this during the regular season. So, I'm particularly happy to play like this now. It's super fun."



Yang Bin, Deputy Chairman of the Tsinghua University School Administration Committee, noted the deepening and more frequent regular exchanges and interaction in recent years between Tsinghua students and their American counterparts. He expressed Tsinghua's consistent firm belief that youth represent a vital force in China-U.S. people-to-people exchanges and sports serve as the best bridge that connects diverse languages and cultures. He expressed the hope that through on-piste exchanges, the youth from both countries could comprehend each other's cultural DNA between attack and defense, and convey with their handshakes the respect that transcends victory or defeat. He encouraged them to take athletic competition as the starting point for spiritual communication and the exchanges off the piste as windows for understanding differences.

Representatives of the American and Chinese student delegations shared heartfelt feelings, stating that they were very pleased to have been able to participate in the event as it fostered friendship and deepened cultural insight between the American and Chinese students. They looked forward to more opportunities for mutual exchange in the future.

Also invited to the soiree were members of Tsinghua's Art Troupe and Martial Arts Team, which presented a vibrant cultural show including vocal performances, instrumental pieces, and a Tai Chi demonstration. Athletes from several universities enthusiastically joined in. Songs such as "Beijing Welcomes You" and "As You Wish" pushed the evening to a crescendo, producing a moving scene of cultural reciprocity and people to people affinity.

The athletes, coaches, and other participants together experienced the enduring brilliance of Chinese civilization at the Great Wall and the Summer Palace, forging deep bonds amid

laughter and conversation. By visiting these historic sites, they gained a tangible, three dimensional, comprehensive perception of China, thereby promoting China U.S. civilizational exchange and people to people connectivity. Alden Wood, a junior psychology major from the University of North Carolina, reflected, "In an unfamiliar place I felt the warmth of home, which convinced me that all people are closely linked—that is the truer reality, more vivid than any news report." Alexander Masiaras, head coach of Stanford University's fencing team and silver medalist in men's foil at the 2016 Rio Olympics, added, "When you personally experience the culture here, you can't help but exclaim, 'Wow, China is truly amazing.' In fact, we are not that different. This brings us closer as genuine friends."

The event not only provided a platform for American and Chinese universities to exchange and advance fencing techniques, thereby enhancing the sport's level in both countries, but also deepened friendship and cooperation among the youth of the two nations, continuously injecting warm, lasting vitality and momentum.

European Youth Explore the Frontiers of China's Intelligent Manufacturing at Liaoning University

An international study program bringing together young students from Germany, Switzerland, Hungary, Portugal, and Spain started at Liaoning University. This program, under the theme of "Secrets of Intelligent Manufacturing: Exploring Automation Technology", has helped build a bridge for technological dialogue between Chinese and European youth.

Leveraging the cutting-edge research platform of the Academician Workstation at its School

of Physics and the newly completed intelligent demonstration production line, Liaoning University designed for the program a tripartite teaching model integrating "theoretical understanding, equipment observation, and hands-on practice". It covered knowledge in intelligent detection, recognition, control, positioning, and communication of various equipment, spanning multiple disciplines such as mechanical engineering, electronics, computer science, and physics. This provided the international study group with a high-level scientific research and practice platform that combined theoretical exploration and practical innovation, helping the European youth fully grasp the practical application value of automation technology in industrial production and fostering their cross-cultural technological exchange capabilities.

During the on-site visit, Thomas, a student from Switzerland, paused attentively before the fully automated intelligent production line and exclaimed with genuine admiration, "The craftsmanship of these precision instruments is astounding! The design of every component can be called a classic example of engineering art and has completely reshaped my perception of China's intelligent manufacturing technological level."



After the tour, a senior laboratory engineer led his team in conducting specialized technical training for the young European technology

enthusiasts. The trainees systematically studied core modern intelligent manufacturing technologies such as the Automated Guided Vehicle (AGV) system and intelligent inspection and assembly production lines. Through a combination of theoretical explanation and hands-on practice, they delved into the technical principles and operational mechanisms of intelligent production systems.

The immersive hands-on teaching approach enabled the participants to not only grasp the key industrial applications of intelligent manufacturing technologies, but also personally experience China's cutting-edge scientific achievements and innovation capabilities in this field. The event vividly demonstrated the remarkable transformation of Northeast China's traditional industrial base from a "Rust Belt" to a modern "Smart Belt". Jesse Stella, a German participant, remarked after operating an intelligent sorting robotic arm, "The level of intelligence in Chinese manufacturing exceeds my imagination! This teaching method, which deeply integrates theory and practice, is much more illustrative and engaging than traditional classroom instruction."



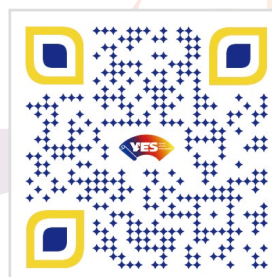
This study program not only allowed the visiting European youth to gain an in-depth understanding of intelligent manufacturing technologies, but also helped promote Sino-European interaction in science and technology education. When discussing their experiences after the course, one European youth stated,

"This immersive learning helped us truly understand the industrial application value of automation technology and appreciate China's leading position in intelligent manufacturing." As global manufacturing advances toward intelligence and digitalization, such intelligent manufacturing study programs undoubtedly provide a valuable platform for cultivating the next generation of international scientific talent.

Science knows no borders; education fosters exchange. In the future, Liaoning University will continue to actively expand international cooperation in organizing study programs, leverage its disciplinary strengths to boost the high-quality development of Liaoning's industrial clusters, persistently strengthen the construction of a system for cultivating top-notch basic discipline talent, focus on building high-level scientific research platforms, accelerate the cultivation of new quality productive forces, serve the construction of major technological innovation source zones, and enable more overseas students to experience the progress of Chinese technology and the vitality of its industry.

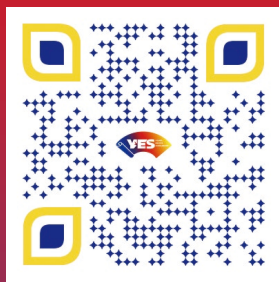
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