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01 | "Zhi-Xing China: China-US Young Leaders Dialogue" Successfully Held

To implement President Xi's major initiative of "inviting 50,000 American youths to China for exchange and study over the next 5 years" and to build a dialogue and exchange platform for students from top universities in China and the United States, the "Zhi-Xing China: China-US Young Leaders Dialogue" was successfully held in Beijing on January 23, 2026. The event was co-hosted by the China Education Association for International Exchange and Tsinghua University. Vice Minister of Education Ren Youqun attended the event and delivered a message to the Chinese and American youth.

Over 150 young leaders from top universities such as Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New York University, Tsinghua University, and Peking University participated in this dialogue. Guided and joined by experts, scholars, and

industry elites, they engaged in in-depth discussions on three major topics: green development, scientific and technological innovation, and social governance. Combining their professional backgrounds and practical experiences, the students shared their views, exchanged ideas, deepened their mutual understanding, and built consensus during the communication.

01 | Traditional Chinese Medicine Connects Mountains and Seas, Writing a New Chapter of Mutual Learning

— Chinese and Greek Youth Co-paint a New Picture of Cultural Exchange

From February 6 to 15, a Greek exchange program themed "Harmony in China and Greece: Hippocrates Dialogues with Xinglin" was successfully held in Jiangxi. Thirty-nine teachers and students from the University of Patras and the International Hellenic University in Greece visited Jiangxi University of Chinese Medicine, embarking on a cross-mountain-and-sea journey of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) culture and Sino-Greek civilizational mutual learning. This project is a landmark achievement of cooperation in the education sector between Jiangxi Province and Greece, a vivid practice of TCM culture going global, and builds a bridge of friendship for mutual understanding and learning between Chinese and Greek youth.

- **Immersive Study: Grasping the Essence of TCM Through Observation and Practice.** Jiangxi University of Chinese Medicine fully leveraged its TCM disciplinary features to tailor a three-in-one study course of "theoretical teaching + clinical observation + practical experience" for the Greek youth. Students systematically learned basic TCM theories and attended special lectures on acupuncture and Qigong. At the Jiangxi Heat-Sensitive Moxibustion Hospital, they closely observed unique TCM therapies like acupuncture, moxibustion, and cupping, experiencing the profoundness and unique charm of TCM immersively.
- **Culture Up-Close: Understanding China's Charm Through Jiangxi's Local Customs.** Students experienced Hanfu in historical streets, tasted local delicacies like pot-roasted soup, learned about Hui-style culture and ceramics in Wuyuan, and participated in intangible cultural heritage workshops such as calligraphy, tea art, and making herbal medicine sachets.
- **Hand in Hand for the Future: Renewing Sino-Greek Friendship Through Youth Exchange.** The head of the Greek delegation stated that the exchange opened a window for Greek youth to understand China and TCM, and that the University of Patras is willing to continuously cooperate with Jiangxi University of Chinese Medicine to promote mutual visits, joint research, and course co-construction.

02 | A Two-Way Journey Across Mountains and Seas, Sino-French Study Tour Starts a New Journey

— Beihang University Hangzhou International Campus Welcomes the First French High School Study Tour

From March 2 to 7, Beihang University Hangzhou International Campus welcomed a study tour of 34 high school students from Cachan High School in France. This study tour was a reciprocal two-way journey following the visit of Beihang Sino-French Aviation Institute students to France in January 2026.

- **Lantern Festival Gathering in Hangzhou.** The study tour launch ceremony was held on March 3, coinciding with the Lantern Festival. Dean Hong Guanxin warmly welcomed the French students and highlighted the institute's achievements as a model of Sino-French cooperation in higher education and aerospace.
- **Empowerment Through Tech and Culture.** French students visited the Industrial Science 2.0 Laboratory, Aerospace Pavilion, and Tianmushan Laboratory to closely experience cutting-edge Chinese aerospace technology. Joint Sino-French classrooms explored physics and math, while activities like making Tangyuan for the Lantern Festival, French corner board games, and sports matches helped break down barriers and build friendships.
- **Connecting Hearts Across Languages.** French student Kilyan noted that the warm hospitality made him feel at home and that cross-language communication allowed him to appreciate the unique charm of Chinese culture. Chinese students Zhu Chenlü and Li Haolin expressed that the two-way exchange allowed friendship to cross mountains and seas, achieving cultural integration in daily interactions.

03 | Integrating Cultures, Connecting the World

— Beijing Jiaotong University and Bridgewater State University Youth Forum Successfully Held

From March 5 to 14, the Beijing Jiaotong University and Bridgewater State University Youth Forum was successfully held. Jointly hosted by the School of Languages and Communication, the College of International Education, and the Research Institute for Chinese and Foreign Humanities Exchange in the Transportation Industry of Beijing Jiaotong University, the forum focused on academic and cross-cultural dialogue under the theme "Integrating Cultures, Connecting the World."

- **Thematic Reports.** Teachers from both universities delivered reports covering contemporary China's development, urban rail transit, corporate culture, the Silk Road, and globalization.

- **Cultural Field Trips.** Teachers and students visited landmarks like the Palace Museum, the National Museum of China, the Great Wall, the Bird's Nest, and the Water Cube. A day trip to Tianjin via high-speed rail directly showcased "China Speed" and the achievements of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei coordinated development.
- **Group Showcases and Talent Performances.** Five Sino-US joint groups presented their findings in English on topics like civilization inheritance and transportation innovation. Talent shows featured electronic wind instrument performances, piano solos, group dances, and bilingual choruses.

04 | Liaoning University Brings Youth from Illinois, USA, to the Affiliated Secondary School of Lu Xun Academy of Fine Arts

On the morning of March 11, the "Integrating Sino-US Youth Perspectives, Co-exploring Chinese Civilization and Technological Innovation" youth study and exchange activity held a unique art dialogue. Twenty teachers and students from University High School in Illinois, USA, visited the Affiliated Secondary School of Lu Xun Academy of Fine Arts.

During the activity, American teachers and students paired up one-on-one with students from the Lu Xun Academy of Fine Arts to create portrait paintings. The Chinese students used keen observation and delicate brushwork to draw portraits for the American youths, offering a special blessing to their friends from afar. The American visitors also toured the school's art gallery, stopping to appreciate artworks rich in Eastern aesthetic significance. When leaving, they took with them over twenty portrait paintings filled with sincere intentions, cementing a cross-ocean friendship and solidifying the youth foundation for the friendly relationship between Liaoning Province and Illinois, which was established in 1982.

05 | Welcoming Guests in Sunny March: The 2026 "Splendid Jiangsu - US Youth Exchange Camp"

From March 12 to 19, the "Splendid Jiangsu - US Youth Exchange Camp" welcomed a group of 31 teachers and students from Heritage School in Florida, USA. Centered on STEM education exchange, the event allowed American teachers and students to experience Jiangsu's educational landscape and modern vitality through cutting-edge course interactions and tech innovations.

- **Nanjing Visit.** At Jinling High School (Jiangxinzhou Campus), students engaged in a "RoboMaster PK Match," experiencing the power of teamwork and cutting-edge tech in fierce offensive and defensive confrontations. In 3D design classes, American

students learned laser engraving principles, designing and executing their own patterns to experience the charm of Chinese "smart" manufacturing.

- **Changzhou Visit.** At Changzhou Tianjiabing Senior High School and Changzhou Vocational Institute of Industry Technology, American students showcased their self-developed pitching robot, "Rising Ninjas," sharing design concepts and technical skills. They also visited the Li Auto training base, Jiangsu Maternal and Infant Industry College, and Baidu Intelligent Connected Innovation Demonstration Base to observe new energy vehicle tech, e-commerce live streaming, and intelligent manufacturing, experiencing hands-on simulators like 5G cloud driving and robotic dogs.

05 & 06 | With Water as the Medium, Research and Thought Bear Fruit

— Southeast University - University of Manchester Nanjing Water Metropolis Spring School Successfully Held

From March 21 to 31, the Southeast University - University of Manchester Nanjing Water Metropolis Spring School was jointly hosted by the two universities.

- **Exploring Water City Codes.** Fifteen international students from the UK, US, Sweden, Poland, and 14 students from Southeast University focused on Nanjing's "river and lake interwoven" hydrological heritage. Guided by teachers from both countries, they built a three-dimensional study system of "academic empowerment - field verification - industry docking" and conducted field research along the Yangtze River, Qinhuai River, and Xuanwu Lake.
- **Five Major Themes Yield Results.** Focusing on core themes such as historical anchors of waterfront culture, sensory behavior, and water environment governance, nine groups formed research outcomes with academic depth and innovative perspectives. Presentations included physical models, creative videos, and survey images.
- **Message for the Future.** Outstanding works from this event will participate in the "Building China: People's Infrastructure" exhibition at the Confucius Institute of the University of Manchester in October 2026, showcasing Nanjing's harmonious construction achievements to the international community.

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