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## Liaoning University Holds 2026 Commencement and Degree Conferral Ceremony



On June 27, the 2026, the commencement and degree conferral ceremony of Liaoning University (LNU ) was successfully held at Puhé Campus.

Pan Yishan, Secretary of the CPC Liaoning University Committee, and Yu Miaojie, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Committee and President of the university, attended the ceremony. Also present were university leaders Zhang Hongxin, Huo Chunhui, Qiu Huanguang, Yan Hai, Lu Hui and Lu Anhui, as well as Standing Committee members of the CPC University Committee Tong Yan, Wu Jilong and Bai Yongsheng. Liang Fuxin, an alumnus of the university, graduate

of the School of Chemistry and professor at the Department of Chemistry, Capital Normal University, was invited as a guest attendee. Members of the University Degree Evaluation Committee, and heads of teaching departments, administrative departments and relevant affiliated institutions also took part in the event.

Yu Miaojie delivered an address at the commencement. His speech, themed “Small Acts Shape a Righteous and Boundless Life” , shared heartfelt words of encouragement with all graduates. He urged them to embrace bold ambition to forge ahead

and shoulder responsibilities, while also cultivating an open-minded attitude toward life's ups and downs. Stay true to your inner self, conduct yourselves with integrity, walk through life with poise, and carve out a broad path that belongs solely to you.

He called on graduates to live with gratitude to the institution that they have received from. "Young people are born with lofty aspirations, yet scholars ought to stay humble when stepping into the world. Wherever life takes you, the trust, care and support offered by your organizations, platforms, relatives and friends constitute the most precious wealth you will ever possess." He advised graduates to cherish every bond and remain thankful at all times, repay all expectations with down-to-earth efforts, and live up to every ounce of trust through unwavering commitment.

He urged graduates to view personal gains and setbacks with equanimity. As an ancient saying goes, "Those who achieved great feats in ancient times possessed not only extraordinary talent, but also unyielding perseverance. In times of prosperity, stay alert to hidden risks and never forget where you came from amid fleeting successes; in adversity, keep your composure and never lose your integrity amid hardships." He told graduates not to obsess over social status and material gains. As a line of verse puts it, "A humble low house can embrace the bright moon; a towering mansion stays free of mortal dust."

He asked graduates to uphold Party discipline and national laws with reverence. Reverence means sincere respect deep in the heart, while restraint means disciplined words and deeds. How far a person can travel in life hinges not merely on their capabilities, but more on the self-discipline and high standards they set for themselves. He encouraged

them to practice prudence at the very start of every undertaking, in trivial matters, when alone, when holding power, and when choosing friends. "If you hold reverence in your heart, you shall fear no hardship; if your conduct never crosses the line, the whole world shall be yours to traverse."

Prior to the commencement ceremony, student representatives staged a flash mob performance featuring the tracks Farewell, Journey Ahead, No More Hesitation, Blooms of Parting, Flowers All Along the Way and New Chapter. Melodies blending heartfelt sorrow of graduation and soaring aspirations for new journeys echoed through the venue.

Zhang Hongxin presiding over the commencement ceremony, Yan Hai reading out the list of candidates to be conferred doctoral, master's and bachelor's degrees at Liaoning University, Liang Fuxin, an outstanding alumnus, delivering a speech. Professor Yang Gongyan, doctoral supervisor and Director of the Social Science Research Division, speaking on behalf of faculty advisors, delivering a speech, Li Chenning, a doctoral graduate majoring in Inorganic Chemistry from the Class of 2023 at the School of Chemistry, delivering a speech as the student representative of doctoral graduates, Yu Xinkun, a postgraduate representative majoring in Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature from the School of Arts, Class of 2023, delivering a speech, Ma Hongyuan, an undergraduate representative majoring in Mathematical Economics from the School of International Economics and International Relations, Class of 2022, delivering a speech.

After the commencement, the university held the degree conferral ceremony. Members of the University Degree Evaluation Committee performed the cap-tapping ritual and awarded degrees to graduate representatives.

## The 14th China-Russia Deep Rock Mechanics and Engineering Forum and Conference Held

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Recently, the 14th China-Russia Deep Rock Mechanics and Engineering Forum and Conference on “Exploration of Deep Earth Resource and Comprehensive Utilization of Underground Space” was held in Harbin. Themed “Exploration of Deep Earth Resource and Comprehensive Utilization of Underground Space”, the conference was aligned with the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era, and focused its academic discussions on core issues such as the safe and efficient exploration of deep earth resources and the scientific utilization of underground space. This conference was co-hosted by the Chinese Society for Rock Mechanics and Engineering (CSRME), Liaoning University (LNU), Heilongjiang University of Science and Technology, and the Siberian and Far East branches of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Co-organizers included over 50 universities, research institutes, and industry-leading enterprises from both China and Russia, as well as over a dozen core academic journals.

Distinguished attendees included: Academician Qian Qihu, Honorary President of CSRME and winner of the highest prize of the National Science and Technology Award; Academician Kang Hongpu, Member of the Party Committee of CSRME; Academician Zhao Yangsheng, Former Chief Supervisor of CSRME; Academician Pan Yishan, Former Vice President of the China National Group of the International Society for Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering(ISRM); Academician Li

Xibing, Former Deputy President of CSRME; Academician Liu Quansheng, Executive member of the Council of CSRME; Khmelinin Alexei, Director of the Institute of Coal of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences; Academician Zhussupbekov Askar of the National Engineering Academy of Kazakhstan; Tatyana Shebzukhova, Rector of North Caucasus Federal University; Zhou Hongli, Secretary of the Party Committee of Heilongjiang University of Science and Technology, and Meng Shangjiu, President of Heilongjiang University of Science and Technology. Over 300 experts, scholars, and industry and business representatives from countries including China, Russia, and Kazakhstan attended the conference.

At the opening ceremony, Academician Qian Qihu delivered a speech, expressing ardent expectations for China-Russia cooperation in deep earth engineering. Entrusted by Academician He Manchao, Party Secretary and President of CSRME, Academician Kang Hongpu, a member of the Society’s Party Committee, delivered the opening address on behalf of CSRME. He highlighted the importance of deepening international academic exchanges and advancing innovation in deep rock mechanics amid a new round of technological and industrial revolution. Representatives from the Mining Institute of the Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, North Caucasus Federal University, and Heilongjiang University of Science and Technology also delivered remarks. The

session was chaired by Professor Pan Yishan, Party Secretary of LNU and an academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering.

In the keynote session, several Chinese and foreign academicians and experts delivered invited academic reports, sharing cutting-edge ideas and core technologies on major research topics such as safe construction of deep earth engineering, deep rock mechanics research, and intelligent mine disaster prevention and control. Notably, Academician Pan Yishan delivered a report titled "Research on Critical Stress in Coalburst Mines," providing theoretical guidance for the prevention and control of coalburst mines in China. The conference set up multiple parallel sub-venues and held over 100 specialized academic reports. Covering popular research areas such as stability control of underground engineering, intelligent mining of deep minerals, underground space energy storage, and resource reutilization of abandoned mines, these sessions showcased comprehensively the latest research progress and technological innovations in deep earth engineering globally.

The conference specially set up an exhibition zone for scientific research achievements and technology products, centrally displaying new equipment, intelligent systems, and practical application achievements in deep earth engineering. It also served as an efficient platform for academic research, technology R&D, achievement transformation, and industry matchmaking. The conference also featured the unveiling of the "Qian Qihu Class" at Heilongjiang University of Science and Technology. Guided by top academicians, the class aims to carry forward the noble spirit of older-generation scientists who served the country

and the people and devoted themselves to scholarship. It also meets the talent demands of industrial and regional socio-economic development, striving to cultivate top-tier applied talents with a sense of national pride, scientific literacy, and practical skills.

The China-Russia Deep Rock Mechanics and Engineering Forum was co-founded by Mr. Qian Qihu, winner of the highest prize of the National Science and Technology Award and Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, Mr. Abalin, the late Corresponding Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and Mr. Pan Yishan, Party Secretary of LNU and Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering. Since its inception in 2011, it has become a highly influential brand academic conference in the field of rock mechanics and engineering for both countries, serving as a normalized, high-level platform for international academic exchange. As a co-founder and long-standing organizer of the forum, LNU has consistently supported the cooperation deployment in energy and resources between the two countries. It has strongly promoted academic exchange, joint research and development, and the sharing of research achievements in deep earth engineering between the two countries, while fostering friendships and a collaborative spirit among Chinese and foreign researchers. LNU's sustained investment and organizational efforts not only provide solid intellectual support for safeguarding national energy security and driving the green, low-carbon development of the deep earth industry, but also significantly advance global innovation in deep earth science and the sustainable, high-quality development of the industry.

## Yu Miaojie Invited to Attend 2026 Summer Davos Forum and Join Thematic Dialogue on International Trade Governance



The 17th Annual Meeting of the New Champions (Summer Davos Forum) of the World Economic Forum opened at the Dalian International Conference Center on June 23. Yu Miaojie, President of Liaoning University (LNU), was invited to attend the sub-forum themed “Less Talk, More Deals” and take part in relevant exchanges and discussions concerning the reform of the global trade governance system and the development of regional cooperation. This session was hosted by Ravi Velloor, Senior Columnist of Singapore’s *The Straits Times*, and other guests joining the dialogue included Kody Blois, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister of Canada, Kristen Hopewell, Professor at the School of

Public Policy of the University of British Columbia in Canada, Ana Fernanda Manguashca, President of the Colombian Private Sector Competitiveness Council, and Mark-Alexandre Doumba, Minister of Digital Economy, Digitization and Innovation of Gabon.

During the discussion, drawing on international trade theories and global economic and trade realities, Yu Miaojie shared his insights on the reshaping of the global trade landscape, development of regional trade agreements, the Belt and Road Initiative, and corporate international layout. He noted that regional trade agreements are growing increasingly important, and the global trading system is evolving into clusters of regional

cooperation represented by the USMCA, RCEP and the European Union. Amid mounting challenges facing multilateral trade governance worldwide, regional trade agreements have emerged as a key platform for advancing international economic and trade cooperation. In the long run, various regional cooperation mechanisms will not operate in isolation. Instead, they will pursue connectivity through diversified approaches, injecting fresh momentum into the improvement of the global trading system.

When talking about the Belt and Road Initiative, Yu Miaojie stated that the development of maritime and overland corridors is vital to deepening international economic and trade cooperation. Cities including Dalian enjoy unique geographical strengths in linking northern trade routes and expanding opening-up channels. Meanwhile, China should further strengthen economic and trade ties with ASEAN nations such as Indonesia and Singapore to

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continuously advance high-quality development of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road. He added that with deepening global value chains and fast-expanding cross-border production networks, economic globalization remains an irreversible historical trend. Regarding the implementation outcomes of RCEP and the advancement of high-standard trade agreements, Yu drew an analogy with WeChat Moments, pointing out that international trade cooperation also needs to focus on core partners with close ties and frequent interactions. On issues with strong spillover effects such as digital trade and climate change, targeted small-scale regional consultations tend to reach consensus and deliver results more easily, building experience for broader multilateral cooperation. When discussing enterprises' overseas expansion strategies, he applied the heterogeneous firm productivity theory, noting that companies should rationally choose between domestic expansion, export development or outward foreign direct investment based on their productivity levels and actual development conditions,

so as to boost international competitiveness through global resource allocation and supply chain optimization.

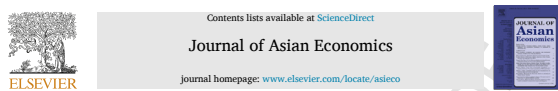
On global trade imbalances, Yu acknowledged the positive impacts of free trade on all countries, yet stressed that free trade does not guarantee benefits for every domestic industry. Turning to China-US trade, he explained that while China's manufacturing exports to the US may affect employment in certain US industries, American consumers as a whole gain substantial benefits from Chinese manufactured goods. On China's current trade surplus, he argued that once trade in services is incorporated into relevant statistics, the so-called large goods trade surplus disappears and even turns into a deficit. China never deliberately pursues trade surpluses; on the contrary, it is

actively expanding imports and encouraging corporate outward investment to achieve balanced trade. He further underscored the significance of regional trade agreements for economic growth across all nations.

Titled "Innovating at Scale", this year's Summer Davos Forum was held in Dalian from June 23 to 25. It brought together more than 1,700 representatives from governments, businesses, academia and social organizations across over 90 countries and regions. Participants held in-depth exchanges on cutting-edge technologies, industrial transformation, global trade, energy transition and other topics, jointly exploring new drivers of world economic growth and new avenues for international collaboration.



# Yu Miaojie and Professor Malik' s Co-Authored Paper Accepted for Publication in the *Journal of Asian Economics*



## Institutional divergence and technological upgrading in Southeast Asia: A firm-level comparison of the ICT sectors in Indonesia and Vietnam

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### ABSTRACT

This paper examines why the ICT sectors of Indonesia and Vietnam have followed contrasting upgrading paths, linking firm-level outcomes to differences in national institutional environments. Using cross-sectional data on more than 19,870 ICT firms, we compare profitability, scale, age, product portfolio breadth, and proxies for technological sophistication (industry complexity, technology distance, and value-chain positioning). Results are robust to controls despite unequal sample sizes, given the large number of small firms in Vietnam and the small number of large firms in Indonesia. Two stylised trajectories emerge: Indonesia's ICT sector is dominated by older, larger firms that serve domestic demand, deliver relatively high profitability, and exhibit lower technological complexity and narrower product portfolios. Vietnam's firms are younger and smaller yet display greater sophistication, with a stronger presence in more complex, manufacturing-oriented segments and upstream positions associated with exporting production, while generating more modest returns. These patterns are consistent with an account of institutional sclerosis in Indonesia—policy inertia, regulatory frictions, and protectionist incentives that dampen experimentation and upgrading—versus a more adaptive institutional setting in Vietnam that supports capability accumulation and engagement with global markets. The results highlight a trade-off between short-run profitability and long-run technological deepening. Indonesia needs to strengthen innovation incentives and pathways into higher-complexity segments; Vietnam needs to mitigate risks from excessive dependence on foreign capital and externally driven upgrading.

### 1. Introduction

Information and communication technologies (ICTs) have become a central pillar of industrial transformation in developing economies, shaping productivity growth, export diversification, and the quality of jobs created along new production networks. For policymakers, the stakes are concrete: weak upgrading in ICT can leave an economy locked into low-value-added assembly and domestically oriented services, limiting productivity gains and wage growth, and increasing dependence on imported core technologies (ILO, 2024; UNIDO, 2024). Yet the rapid expansion of the ICT sector does not automatically translate into technological upgrading.

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Recently, a joint research paper authored by Professor Yu Miaojie, President of Liaoning University (LNU), and Professor Tariq H. Malik, Chief Economist of the Center for New Structural Economics at LNU, titled *Institutional Divergence and Technological Upgrading in Southeast Asia: A Firm-Level Comparison of the ICT Sectors in Indonesia and Vietnam*, has been officially accepted for publication in the internationally renowned journal *Journal of Asian Economics*.

From the perspective of institutional disparities, this study focuses on a key phenomenon that why Indonesia and Vietnam, both ASEAN members exposed to identical global competitive pressures, have embarked on disparate paths of technological upgrading in the technological upgrading of Southeast Asia' s information and communications technology (ICT) industry. Drawing on micro-level data covering more than 19,800 ICT firms from

Moody' s Analytics Orbis Database spanning 1970 to 2024, the paper conducts a comparative analysis of the ICT sectors in the two countries across multiple dimensions such as firm age, size, profitability, product portfolio breadth, technological sophistication, technology gap, and global value chain (GVC) positioning. Empirical results reveal that Indonesian ICT firms are more established, featuring longer operational histories, larger scales and stronger short-run profitability. Nevertheless, they suffer from lower technological sophistication, narrower product portfolios, and are predominantly confined to the domestic market and downstream segments of global value chains. By contrast, Vietnamese ICT firms are younger and smaller with limited short-term earnings, yet they exhibit higher technological complexity, broader product ranges, stronger manufacturing orientation, and deeper integration into global value chains. Such divergence stems from differentiated industrial upgrading trajectories shaped by distinct institutional environments. Indonesia is plagued by notable institutional rigidities, where policy inertia, regulatory frictions and protective incentives have dampened firms' incentives for trial-and-error, market competition and technological upgrading. Vietnam, by contrast, boasts a more adaptive institutional framework that facilitates firms' capability accumulation and participation in global markets. The paper further identifies a critical trade-off for ICT industrial upgrading in developing economies: robust short-term profitability does not automatically translate into long-term technological deepening, nor does industrial expansion equate to genuine capacity upgrading.

## Breakthrough: Liaoning University Wins Its First National-Level Overseas Expertise Introduction Center for Discipline Innovation

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Recently, the Overseas Expertise Introduction Center for Discipline Innovation (111 Center) in the Digital-Intelligent Economy and Applied Economics, led by Professor Yu Miaojie, President of Liaoning University (LNU), was approved as one of China's 2026 newly established Overseas Expertise Introduction Center for Discipline Innovation. It is the first national-level 111 Center at Liaoning University, marking a historic breakthrough in the development of national-level overseas expertise platforms. The approval of this center also marks Liaoning University's first breakthrough in the development of national-level centers for 111 project, representing a major advance in attracting high-level overseas talents, promoting interdisciplinary integration, and enhancing its international research competitiveness.

The center is closely aligned with China's strategy for the high-quality development of industrial chains and central-local coordinated policies amid China-U.S. economic and trade standoff. Relying on Liaoning University's disciplinary strength in Applied Economics as a Double First-Class discipline, it deeply integrates AI and big data technologies. The chief expert of Chinese team is Professor Yu Miaojie, with Qiu Huanguang and others serving as leading experts. The overseas team is led by Russell W. Cooper as chief expert, with Hu Yongtai and others as leading experts. Together with scholars from ten countries across the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Oceania, the team will focus on frontier areas such as digital economy governance, smart finance, and digital trade. What's more, it also conduct high-level international collaborative research and talent

cultivating, aiming at constructing an internationally influential academic hub and innovation engine.

The 111 Project centers are jointly organized by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MOHRSS) and the Ministry of Education, designed to support Chinese universities in building world-class universities and disciplines, which are widely regarded as the highest-level national platform for overseas expertise introduction in Chinese higher education. Following a rigorous review by experts, Liaoning University stood out as the only representative university from Liaoning Province, securing recommendation and final approval. This achievement is another major milestone in the university's implementation of the Double First-Class initiative and its service to national strategic needs.

A range of tasks including topic selection, demonstration, project application and defense is organized and accomplished by LNU & CAITEC China Business Development Institute (Beijing) with support from the university's Talent Office and China Economic Research Institute. The base will be developed over two five-year phases, covering a total period of ten years.

Liaoning University will take the approval of the base as an opportunity to strengthen institutional responsibility, improve management services, and ensure that the base plays a leading and demonstrative role in attracting world-class international talents, producing original research outcomes, and serving local economic and social development, contributing own strength to building China as a leading country in education.

## The 34th Annual Academic Conference of the Chinese Society of Foreign Economic Theory Successfully Held at LNU

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From May 16 to 17, the 34th Annual Academic Conference of the Chinese Society of Foreign Economic Theory, themed “Foreign Economic Theories and the Construction of an Independent Chinese Economics Knowledge System” , was successfully held at Liaoning University (LNU). The conference was jointly hosted by the Chinese Society of Foreign Economic Theory and LNU, and co-organized by several institutions including the Research Center for Marxist Economic and Social Development of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), the Department of Marxist Principles at the CASS Institute of Marxism, the School of Economics at LNU, the LNU Northeast State-Owned Enterprise Revitalization Research Institute, the LNU Economics Top Talent Training Base, and the Jilin Provincial Das Kapital Research Society. Over 60 higher education institutions and research organizations, such as Peking University, Tsinghua University, Renmin University of China, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Nankai University, Sichuan University, Wuhan University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Jilin University, Sun Yat-sen University, Capital University of Economics and Business, Yunnan University, and LNU, were represented. Experts and scholars shared their latest research findings on foreign economic theories and the development of an independent Chinese economics knowledge system.

At the opening ceremony held on the morning of May 16, Professor Yu Miaojie, President of LNU, and Fellow of the Royal Economic Society, along with Professor Hu Leming, President of the Chinese Society of Foreign Economic Theory, delivered speeches. The ceremony was presided over by Professor Li Zheng, Dean of the School of Economics at LNU.

On behalf of LNU, Professor Yu Miaojie extended a warm welcome to all attending experts and scholars. He provided a systematic overview of the university’ s recent landmark achievements in building its economics disciplines and constructing an independent economics knowledge system, highlighting its academic foundation, disciplinary strengths, faculty influence, social services, international exchanges, and hosted journals. Subsequently, Professor Yu offered an in-depth explanation regarding why, what, and how to construct an independent Chinese economics knowledge system. He emphasized that the core lies in grounding the effort in the institutional strengths of the trinity of an effective market, a capable government, and a strong ruling party. This involves deeply grasping the operational laws of the socialist market economy with Chinese characteristics and expanding the theoretical scope and explanatory framework of political economy research. He further proposed coordinated efforts across textbook development, classroom teaching, scientific research, social service, and international communication to continuously enhance the originality, systematic nature, and global influence of Chinese economic theory, thereby contributing LNU’ s wisdom and strength to accelerating the construction of this knowledge system.

## Lecturer: Professor Yan Se from Peking University | The 29th Bai Qinxian Distinguished Lecture Series at Liaoning University

The 29th installment of the “Bai Qinxian Distinguished Lecture Series” was recently held at the Puhe Campus of Liaoning University. Professor Yan Se, Research Fellow at Guanghua School of Management, Deputy Director of the Institute of Economic Policy and the Comparative Economic History Research Center at Peking University, as well as Vice President of the Chinese Economic History Society, was invited as the keynote speaker. Professor Yu Miaojie, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee and President of Liaoning University, attended the lecture and delivered an opening address. Vice President, professor Qiu Huanguang attended the lecture. The lecture was hosted by Professor Dong Baomin, Deputy Director of the Division of Economics.

During the address, Yu Miaojie delivered a formal introduction to Professor Yan Se’s academic background and research accomplishments. Specializing in economic history, macroeconomics and China’s economy, Professor Yan boasts an

impressive portfolio of scholarly output. He has published several well-known monographs, including *Macroeconomics and China’s Policy* and *The Visible Hand: Insights into China’s Financial History*, alongside dozens of papers published in top-tier domestic and international journals such as the *Journal of International Economics*, *Economic Research Journal* and *Management World*. Furthermore, Professor Yan serves as the chief principal investigator for *Foreign Trade Volume of the Qing History*, a key component of the national project to revise the official *Qing Dynasty History*. Yu Miaojie spoke highly of Professor Yan, noting that he has consistently aligned his academic pursuits with the nation’s development imperatives. His internal policy advisory reports have repeatedly secured important instructions from China’s top state leaders, furnishing valuable intellectual support for the CPC and the country’s macroeconomic decision-making.

Thereafter, Professor Yan engaged in an insightful

academic exchange with faculty and students of Liaoning University centered on his talk titled *Of Cannon and Confucius: Military Technology, Ideological Control, and the Great Divergence*, sharing cutting-edge academic perspectives.

Upon the conclusion of the lecture, Yu Miaojie presented Professor Yan Se with a commemorative certificate. Qiu Huanguang gifted him the book *Humanities and Economy of Liaoning*. Liu Wenge, Dean of the School of International Economics and Politics, offered a commemorative photo as a souvenir, while Yang Gongyan, Deputy Dean of the School of International Economics and Politics, presented a university-branded cap to the professor.

Co-hosted by the Office of Social Science Research and the Division of Economics, undertaken by the School of International Economics and Politics, the lecture drew over 60 faculty and student representatives from affiliated institutions under the Division of Economics.

## Zhang Zhongxiang of Tianjin University Delivers Lecture at Song Zexing Distinguished Lecture Series

On the morning of June 9, Liaoning University (LNU)' s Song Zexing Lecture Series (32nd Lecture) was held in Conference Room 401 of the Administration Building at LNU (Puhe Campus). Professor Zhang Zhongxiang, Founding Dean of the Ma Yinchu School of Economics at Tianjin University, was invited to deliver an academic lecture entitled "The China-EU Electric Vehicle Anti-Subsidy Duty and Price Undertaking Dispute and Its Implications for Enterprises Going Global" . Professor Yu Miaojie, President of LNU, attended the lecture and delivered welcoming remarks. Professor Wang Weiguang, Deputy Director of the Division of Economics of LNU; Professor Han Liangliang, Dean of the Business School; Professor Zhang Guangning, Deputy Dean; and Professor Xu Yekun, Deputy Dean, attended the lecture. The event was hosted by Professor Huo Weidong, Deputy Director of the Division of Economics of LNU.

Professor Yu Miaojie warmly welcomed and thanked Professor Zhang Zhongxiang for visiting the university and giving the lecture, and gave a comprehensive introduction to the guest speaker' s academic experience and outstanding achievements. Yu noted that Professor Zhang has extensive study and work experience both in China and abroad, holds a number of important academic positions, and enjoys a distinguished reputation in the field. He has long been engaged in frontier research areas including energy economics, environmental policy, international trade, and climate governance; has a solid academic foundation and ranks among leading scholars worldwide in terms of academic influence. Yu also noted that Professor

Zhang' s research has consistently focused on major national development strategies, with many of his findings providing strong support for relevant policy decisions, while he has actively promoted international academic exchange and helped strengthen connectivity between Chinese and international academic communities. Yu said that the lecture offered a valuable learning opportunity and encouraged the faculty and students present to cherish the occasion, listen attentively, and fully absorb cutting-edge academic ideas and research findings.

After the lecture, on behalf of LNU, Yu Miaojie presented Professor Zhang Zhongxiang with a commemorative plaque for the Song Zexing Distinguished Lecture Series; Professor Wang Weiguang presented a commemorative photo; Professor Han Liangliang presented the LNU Think Tank Report; and Professor Zhang Guangning presented a university cap.

The lecture was hosted by the Division of Economics of LNU and organized by the Business School. Nearly 90 faculty and student representatives from units affiliated with the Faculty of Economics attended the event.



# LNU Tennis Team Achieves Outstanding Results at the 2026 Provincial Tennis Championship

The 2026 Liaoning College Students Tennis Championship recently concluded with great success. Competing against top collegiate teams from across the province, members of the LNU Tennis Team delivered an impressive performance. Through their solid technical skills, composed mindset, and unwavering determination, they secured multiple prestigious honors, fully showcasing both the vibrant spirit of students and the solid strength of LNU's competitive sports.

Hosted by the Educational Department of Liaoning Province, the championship is widely regarded as the province's premier university tennis tournament, featuring the broadest participation and the strongest level of competition. This year's championship attracted 216 athletes from 34 universities, including Northeastern University, Dalian Maritime University, and Liaoning Normal University. Featuring team events as well as singles and doubles competitions, the championship provided a rigorous test of participants' technical proficiency, tactical adaptability and teamwork capability, serving as a major platform for assessing the overall standard of university tennis in the province.

Throughout the championship, LNU's athletes approached every match with confidence and determination. On the court, they showcased strong serving, solid baseline play, and effective net skills and competed with composure and intensity from start to finish. Their consistent performances and competitive spirit enabled them to overcome a number of formidable opponents from across the province and deliver an impressive showing throughout the championship.

After intense competition, LNU tennis team

achieved excellent results. Li Xinrun from the Class of 2023 in Sunwah International Business School and Lu Yutong from the Class of 2024 in College of Foreign Studies won the Women's Division A Doubles championship. They also secured the runner-up in the Women's Division A Team Event together with Wang Jinghong from the Class of 2025 in School of International Economics and International Relations and Gao Ziqi from the class of 2024 in Sunwah International Business School. These achievements fully reflect the effectiveness of LNU's systematic and routine tennis training and highlight the high-quality development of LNU's competitive sports.

Looking ahead, LNU will continue to strengthen athletic talent cultivation, improve its training system, and enrich campus sports activities to foster students' character, enhance their physical fitness and build their perseverance. Students will also be encouraged to pursue their passions and challenge themselves in sports with an uplifting and determined youthful spirit. LNU will continue to promote the high-quality development of physical education, writing new chapters in its mission of educating students through sports!

