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Pan Yishan Joins the New Year Celebration of IIE and Closing Ceremony of Russian Student Winter Camp



On January 17, the 2025 “Vast Skies & Tranquil Lands of Liaoning” New Year celebration event and the Closing Ceremony of the Russian Student Winter Camp were grandly held in the Golden Hall on the first floor of the Institute of International Education at Liaoning University. Party Secretary Pan Yishan and Deputy Party Secretary Zhang Hongxin attended the event alongside international students from over 20 countries and 52 teachers and students participating in the Russian Winter Camp.

Party Secretary Pan Yishan congratulated the successful hosting of the Russian Student Winter Camp and highly praised the significant role of this event in cultural exchange between China and Russia. He noted that the Spring Festival, as the most important traditional festival in China, is a symbol of farewell to the old and welcoming the new, as well as a beautiful time for family reunions and harmonious celebrations. By organizing the New Year celebration event, not only have the international students been provided with a

better opportunity to understand China's history, culture, and traditions, but it has also served as a platform to showcase Chinese traditional culture and promote friendship and understanding between China and the world. Then he presented New Year gifts to the representatives of the Russian Winter Camp students and the international students. Deputy Party Secretary Zhang Hongxin awarded the "Best

Organization Award" to the leading teachers of this winter camp.

Dumplings are a symbol of unity and happiness, carrying the meaning of togetherness and prosperity. During the event, Party Secretary Pan Yishan and Deputy Party Secretary Zhang Hongxin joined the international students in making dumplings, experiencing the unique charm of Chinese traditional food culture. The international

students presented a variety of cultural performances during the celebration, expressing their love and best wishes for China through songs and dances, creating a festive atmosphere filled with joy and warmth.

Officials from the Office of International Affairs, the Institute of International Education, and the Confucius Institute, along with faculty members of the IIE, also participated in the event.



Ministry of Education Sends A Thank-you Letter to Yu Miaojie

The Ministry of Education sent a thank-you letter to Yu Miaojie, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Committee and President of Liaoning University a few days ago. It stated that in the past year, the new progress and achievements made in education could not have been achieved without the strong support of the

educational representatives and expressed heartfelt thanks and sincere respect to all them. It also extended expectation to representative Yu Miaojie for his continuous support to education and called for joint efforts build China into a leading country in education.

Spring Festival Greetings to All Members of LNU Family

“In joy we mark the turn of the year, welcoming the new and bidding farewell to the old.” On the Eve of the Spring Festival, President Xi Jinping visited Liaoning to conduct an inspection and extend his greetings to grassroots officials and the public. He visited disaster-stricken areas, explored markets, and entered communities, leaving behind warm footprints of the New Year, demonstrating his deep concern for the most important matters. In this Spring Festival, a time with more smiles and warmer hearts, we also extend our New Year’ s blessings and heartfelt greetings to all faculty, staff, and retired comrades who have dedicated themselves to the development of Liaoning University. We convey our highest respect to the extensive alumni and all sectors of society who have long supported and cared about the university’ s growth and development!

“A gentle breeze stirs the waves, scattering them like stars across the river.” The old year we are about to bid farewell has been extraordinary. In the Year of the Dragon (Jia Chen), we upheld the principle that “serving Liaoning is serving the nation” , and wrote a splendid chapter in the “Double First-Class” initiative through our unity and collective effort. We distilled the spirit of Liaoning University — “the red gene, the sentiment of the eldest son, inclusiveness and openness, diligence and self-improvement” — in our steadfast commitment and responsibility. The entire faculty and students “stepped out of the campus to find real-world scenarios, delved into society to identify genuine problems, and ventured to the forefront to seek pragmatic innovations” , advancing with renewed vigor and writing new glories in our concerted efforts. The resolute footprints have been recounted in the New Year’ s address, documented in the work summary, and will shine brightly in the history of LNU. It is precisely the dedication of every position, the passion of every student, and the contribution of every teacher that have converged into the mighty force of LNU, unfolding a scene of progress and endeavor. As a gentle breeze stirs the waves and scatters them like stars across the river, LNUers, in their soaring ideals, dedicated positions, and deeply rooted fields, set out time and again towards the future, reaching destinations and then setting forth once more. At this moment, we have every reason and every confidence to cheer for every ordinary yet extraordinary member of the LNU family! In the Year of the Snake (Yi Si), we will carry forward this legacy, move forward fearlessly, and strive for a newer self, a warmer campus, and a better LNU.

“With a brush of hues, I inscribe verses on phoenix leaves; Through poetic lines, I send whispers of peace.” Amidst

the glowing tapestry of countless household lights, the vibrant essence of Chinese New Year fills the air as warmth envelops LNU' s campuses. Even in this festive night, dedicated staff members stand steadfast at their posts. Their unwavering presence reflects professional commitment, a profound sense of duty, and heartfelt devotion to our academic community. This quiet dedication embodies both the nurturing essence of education and an enduring love for LNU. With the turning of the year and the chime of New Year

bells, gratitude resonates deeply within us. At this cherished moment of reunion and renewal, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to every member of the LNU family: Your efforts are truly admirable!

We wish all faculty and students a joyful Spring Festival, vibrant health, harmonious families, and success in all your endeavors!

Pan Yishan, Party Secretary of LNU

Yu Miaojie, President of LNU

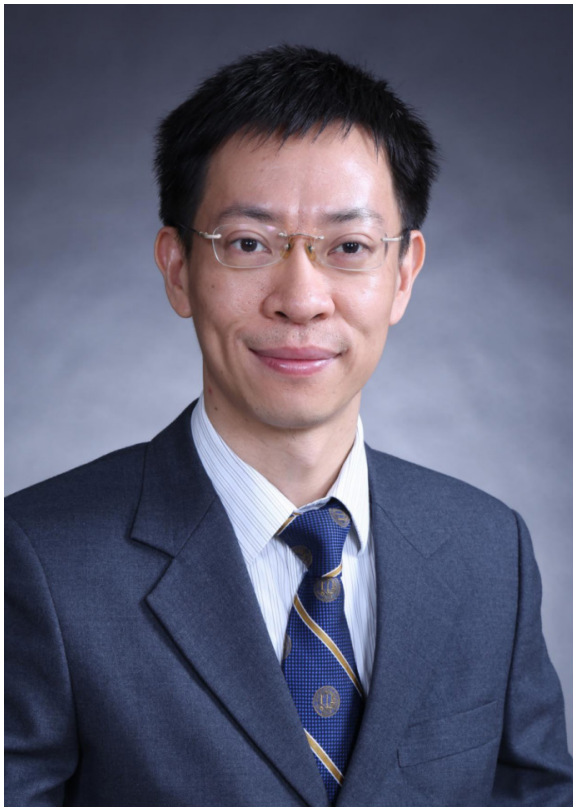
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Liaoning Office of Cyberspace Affairs Commission Sends A Thank-you Letter to LNU

The Office of Central Cyberspace Affairs Commission in Liaoning Province sent a thank-you letter to Liaoning University (LNU) for its long-term support to the commission a few days ago. The letter stated that, with the support of Pan Yishan, Secretary of the CPC Committee and Yu Miaojie, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Committee and President as well as the the joint promotion of Zhang Hongxin, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Committee and Li Yupeng, Vice President, the School of Network and Information Security, the first school of its kind in the province was successfully founded with the concerted efforts from the two sides. Both sides also worked hard on the integration of policies, industries, education, research

and application, the development of think tanks of network and information security as well as talent training. With the joint efforts, the work of admission of the first batch of undergraduates majoring in cyberspace security and the investigation and rectification of network security risks was completed. Teachers including Wang Yan, Wang Junlu, Tan Aiping and Chen Yanfeng from the school contributed a lot in the process. Meanwhile, the letter extended the expectation of cooperating with Liaoning University in the new year to make further progress and offering strong technical support for finishing the Liaoning Three-year Action Plan.

***Guangming Daily* Interviews Yu Miaojie: Persisting in Reform and Opening up to Fully Stimulate Innovation of the Society**



Guangming Daily forwarded one article published in *Liaoning Daily* a few days ago. The author is Yu Miaojie, a deputy to the National People's Congress, a fellow of the International Economics Association, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Committee and President of Liaoning University. The following is the full text of the article.

During his inspection tour in Liaoning Province, General Secretary Xi Jinping noted that for the overall revitalization of Northeast China, reform and opening up play a key role. Under the background of profound changes in the global political and economic structure, China has been continuously conducting deeper reforms and a higher level of opening up, providing a

strong impetus for building a new development paradigm. To promote the comprehensive revitalization of Liaoning, it is important to focus on problems, highlight key issues and solve difficulties. By conducting reform and opening up, the vitality of the whole society on innovation can be fully stimulated, which is conducive to achieve high-quality economic development and promote all-round social progress.

Persist in reform and innovation to promote the development of new quality productive forces

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China's Decision on Further Comprehensively Deepening Reform and Promoting Chinese Modernization adopted at the Third Plenary Session of the 20th CPC Central Committee noted that Chinese modernization has been continuously advancing in the reform and opening up and it will certainly enjoy a bright future. This fully embodies the relationship between reform and opening up and Chinese modernization.

The key in reform and innovation lies in cultivating and developing new quality productive forces. General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out that the new quality productive forces was generated from the revolutionary breakthroughs of technologies, the innovative allocation of production factors and the deep transformation and upgrading of industries. The basis is the upgrading of laborers, labor materials, labor objects and their optimized combinations. The core symbol is the substantial improvement of

total factor productivity. Its feature is innovation and the key is high quality. So, fundamentally it is about advanced productivity. To cultivate and develop new quality productive forces, the first thing is to promote technological revolutionary breakthroughs. The core in this process lies in innovation, including the original innovation from scratch and the continuous evolution from '1 to N'. Different enterprises have different roles and emphases in these two types of innovation. It is more critical for giant enterprises or large scientific research institutions to carry out original innovation. Promoting technological improvement is the most effective way for each enterprise to enhance its productivity and competitiveness. Second, it is vital to promote the innovative allocation of production factors. Factors of production cover capital, talents, land, data, etc. It is important to standardize the development of all kinds of capital, improve the quality of human resources, optimize land use, establish and improve the data governance system, creatively allocate factors of production according to local conditions, invest limited resources in the field of new quality productive forces that can create the most value so as to comprehensively promote the development momentum of new quality productive forces. Third, it is vital to promote the deep transformation and upgrading of industries. It is important to cultivate and expand a new generation of strategic emerging industries such as information technology, artificial intelligence, aerospace, new energies, new materials, high-end equipment, biomedicine and quantum technology, focusing on low-altitude economy and green development to promote industrial chain extension and complement to effectively enhance product value.

Promote the coordinated development

of productive forces and production relations. Productive forces determine production relations, which are counterproductive to productive forces. Good production relations can create a good institutional environment and resource guarantee for the development of productive forces, which in turn promotes the transformation and improvement of production relations, thus forming a virtuous circle. To promote the development of new quality productive forces, it is important to encourage more social capital to enter key areas, continuously expand foreign capital market access and stimulate market vitality. It is important to make full use of the government investment funds, encourage the development of patient capital and public offering of fund capital, collect idle social funds to invest in potential industries and projects through market mechanisms. By doing so, it will bring a positive effect on providing stable financial support for enterprises and promoting long-term R&D and innovation. It is also essential to continuously improve the business environment and enhance the development momentum. Measures such as simplifying the administrative examination and approval process, strengthening the protection of intellectual property rights and improving the market credit system can be implemented to create a fair, transparent and efficient market environment for enterprises. With these efforts, the innovation vitality and investment enthusiasm of enterprises will be greatly stimulated and the enterprises in Liaoning will be assured to develop their businesses.

Insist on opening up to the outside world and build a new paradigm of dual-circulation opening

'Openness is a defining feature of Chinese modernization.' General Secretary Xi Jinping noted that as we open wider to the outside

world, cadres at all levels should improve their ability of thinking, making decisions and carrying out their work. Promoting reform and development through opening up is an important magic weapon for Chinese modernization to continuously achieve new achievements. It is important to apply the new development paradigm fully and faithfully on all fronts.

Accelerate the building of a new pattern of comprehensive opening up. First of all, promote wider opening up, which includes not only commodity trade dominated by manufacturing, but also service trade, digital trade and green trade. Relying on the advantages of China's big market, international cooperation will be promoted and mutual benefit and win-win results will be achieved. Second, promote the opening up in a wider scope. Important measures should be taken to diversify export destinations, expand import scale, actively introduce foreign capital, promote FDI enterprises to go global and conduct differentiated policies under the Belt and Road Initiative. Third, promote deeper opening up. It is vital to steadily expand institutional opening up, take the initiative to work in line with high standards, rules, regulations and management. Work should be done in promoting the reform of relevant domestic institutions and mechanisms in line with the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (CPTPP) and other rules. It is important to create a business environment that meets international standards, further promote the liberalization and facilitation of trade and investment and form an institutional environment for the smooth flow of goods and factors where fair competition among business entities can be guaranteed.

Build a pacesetter for opening up. Northeast China is an important gateway for China to open

to the north, playing an increasingly important role in strengthening regional cooperation in Northeast Asia and connecting domestic and international dual circulations. Liaoning should actively build a new frontier for opening up to the outside world and integrate into the new development paradigm. By seizing the opportunity of opening up to the north and east, Liaoning should participate in building of the BRI and expand new open space. It should also seize the opportunity of deepening the comprehensive strategic partnership of cooperation between China and Russia in the new era, open wider to the outside world and increase cooperation with Japan and South Korea. It is important to continuously deepen the reform on institutional mechanisms, take the lead in improving procurement trade methods and cross-border e-commerce rules, continuously reduce trade costs, break down trade barriers and promote regional trade cooperation. At the same time, Liaoning should make good use of China-Europe freight train services and promote cooperation with Japan, South Korea, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and other countries and regions.

Accelerate the development of a unified domestic market. It is vital to speed up the development of an efficient, standardized, fair competition and fully open unified market in China, which can provide strong support for comprehensively transforming China into a strong country and the national rejuvenation with Chinese modernization. It is important to ensure that all ownership economies use production factors equally in accordance with the law, participate in market competition fairly and enjoy equal legal protection. It is also important to complement advantages for different ownership economies, make state-owned enterprises bigger and stronger

and develop the private economy. Measures should be taken to promote the rational and sufficient flow of talents in China, optimize the supply of talent policies, create a high-quality talent environment so that they can give full play to their potential. Work should also be done to promote the two-way, free and orderly flow of land elements between urban and rural areas and the development of digital government, innovation of the data trading system, market risk supervision of data elements and the safe and controllable data flow. It is important to optimize the layout of transportation network, strengthen the development of transportation infrastructure, optimize the logistics management process by using advanced technologies such as big data and Internet of Things to improve the

quality and efficiency of transportation services. It is imperative to improve the commodity quality system, strengthen the management of the whole supply chain, the whole industrial chain and the whole product life cycle, improve the standards and measurement system and comprehensively improve the quality of consumer services. Meanwhile, it is vital to promote fair and unified market supervision, further standardize improper market competition and market intervention, accelerate the construction of a unified domestic market and promote high-quality economic development to lay a solid foundation for Chinese modernization.

(Author: Yu Miaojie, Deputy Secretary and President of the CPC Committee of Liaoning University, originally published in Liaoning Daily)

MNI Interviews YU Miaojie: China Needs Further CNY3 Trn To Keep 5% GDP

- MNI (BEIJING) - China will need to provide around an additional CNY3 trillion in fiscal funds in 2025 alongside greater economic reforms to maintain 5% GDP growth, a senior policy advisor told MNI, adding Beijing should raise the deficit-to-GDP ratio 100 basis points to about 4%.

Yu Miaojie, president at Liaoning University and a deputy to the National People's Congress, said that in addition to the expected CNY22-23 trillion of fiscal revenue this year, total fiscal funds available will amount to more than CNY33 trillion, up from about CNY30 trillion in 2024. "Except for resolving risks of local off-balance-sheet debts, these funds should be mainly invested in major infrastructure projects related to national security," he said.

This would compare to total fiscal funds of about CNY30 trillion in 2024, stemming from a

CNY4.06 trillion deficit, CNY1 trillion in special treasuries, CNY3.9 trillion of local government special bonds, and estimated CNY20-21 trillion in revenue.

CONSUMER SUPPORT

The National Development and Reform Commission revealed plans earlier this month to expand its consumer trade-in scheme to include electronic devices to support spending. Some advisors expect the funding support to grow by at least 50% from 2024's CNY150 billion via special treasury bond issuance. (See MNI: Special Treasuries To Boost China's Consumers In 2025)

However, authorities should also support residential income especially for lower socioeconomic groups and prioritise full employment to boost consumption, Yu argued,

noting increased healthcare subsidies and lower taxes and fees will help lift livelihoods and encourage spending.

M2 will grow due to looser monetary policy this year, but authorities should target about CNY260 trillion - or twice the level of GDP, Yu argued.

Authorities will also need to implement longer-lasting measures to boost demand, he added, pointing to the proposed creation of a unified domestic market.

Encouraging the free flow of high-quality labour, goods and services domestically will lift economic activity, but will require the removal of internal trade barriers, the implementation of cohesive regulations and nationwide standards, he said.

The Central Economic Work Conference in December identified the establishment of a unified national market, first proposed in 2013, as a key

task for 2025.

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Beijing should shift its trade focus to the BRICS and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation amid U.S. tariff threats, as well as strengthening cooperation with Russia, said Yu, who also acts as a trade policy consultant to the Ministry of Commerce and participates in State Council economy advisory meetings. (See MNI INTERVIEW: China Preps For U.S. Tariffs, 10% Manageable)

China will continue to increase imports to improve supply, he added, and particularly of intermediate products in order to help domestic producers lower costs and increase profits.

Beijing could also agree to share electric vehicle technology with the EU in exchange for market access, he said, noting China's carmakers will maintain competitiveness through continuous innovation.

Liaoning Daily Interviews Yu Miaojie: Opening up Wider and Deeper to a Larger Scale

***Liaoning Daily* interviewed Yu Miaojie, a Deputy to the National People's Congress, a fellow of the International Economics Association, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Committee and President of Liaoning University a few days ago. The following is the full text of the message.**

'It is of vital importance to conduct high-level opening up to achieve high-quality development.' Yu Miaojie believed that for Liaoning Province to become a hub of opening up, it is important to actively integrate itself into the national development paradigm and serve the strategy. On

the one hand, it is important to actively integrate itself into the unified national market. On the other hand, it is also important to improve its connection with the global economy.

He proposed that it is vital to seize the opportunity of opening up to the north and the east and better participate under the 'Belt and Road Initiative' so as to achieve a number of major cooperative results. For the 'Land Silk Road', it is important to seize the opportunity of deepening the comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership between China and Russia in the new era and strengthen cooperation. For



the 'Maritime Silk Road', it is important to strengthen cooperation with Japan and South Korea to make Liaoning Province a pacesetter for free trade in the Asia-Pacific region.

He noted that it is important to focus on equipment manufacturing, energies and electricity, grain processing, transportation, cross-border logistics and other fields, continue to expand the

scale of projects and trade with Russia and build innovative demonstration zones for international economic and trade cooperation with Russia.

'Platforms play a vital role in opening up.' Yu Miaojie believed that a bigger platform could create a bigger market. He noted that first, it is important to continuously deepen institutional reform and conduct pilot practices on procurement trade and cross-border e-commerce to reduce trade costs, break down trade barriers and promote regional trade cooperation. Second, it is important to give full play to the role of international transportation and make good use of China-Europe railway express services to promote cooperation with Japan, South Korea, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and other countries and regions.

He added that it is important to increase the opening up of talents. Governments at all levels should optimize the talent policies, create a high-quality environment, attract more talents and promote the free flow of talents in regions and industries.

A sound business environment can play a supportive role in high-level opening up. He believed that at present, the business environment in Liaoning Province had changed tremendously. It is important to build a market-oriented, rule-based and international first-class business environment to reassure enterprises to invest and develop their businesses in the region. It is also important to reduce all kinds of transaction costs, including both explicit and implicit costs. By applying a unified market access system, private economy can enjoy an equal market position with the state-owned economy in obtaining factor resources.

Project by Faculty of History of LNU Wins 2024 'Six New Archaeological Discoveries in China'

On February 19, 2025, the '2024 Archaeological Forum of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences New Archaeological Discoveries in China', hosted by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and undertaken by the Institute of Archaeology of the academy was held in Beijing, which revealed the selected projects, awarded projects and foreign new projects in 2024. The Dadong Paleolithic Site in Helong City, Jilin Province was awarded as one of the '2024 Six New Archaeological Discoveries in China'. The project, was jointly undertaken by the Faculty of History of Liaoning University. Professor Xu Ting from the School of Archaeology and Culture of the faculty was the project leader.

From 2021 to now, Professor Xu Ting as the project leader has been conducting active archaeological excavations for four consecutive years. With the help of different teams, he has exposed nine cultural horizons and unearthed more than 20,000 stone products and animal fossils, confirming that the age of the site is 50,000-15,000 years ago.

The newly discovered evidence showed the earliest utilization of obsidian raw materials, the earliest technology of pressing fine stone leaves, conscious grinding of stone tools, symbolic sculptures and the use of stone circle relics and animal bones that may be related to ancient human habitation in Northeast Asia.

Dadong Paleolithic Site is located in Dadong Village, Chongshan Town, Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture in Jilin Province. It is located on the basalt lava platform where the Tumen River and Hongqi River meet at the eastern foot of Changbai Mountain with a distribution area of over four square kilometers and a core area of about 500,000 square meters.

Dadong Paleolithic Site is the largest wild site in Northeast Asia. It has the earliest and clearest cultural sequence of the Late Paleolithic in Changbai Mountain area of China and even Northeast Asia. It is the earliest site to develop and utilize obsidian raw materials in Northeast Asia.

The archaeological discovery of Dadong Paleolithic Site

constantly refreshes the original cognition of the production and lifestyle of the ancient people in Northeast Asia in the late Paleolithic period and also enriches the culture of Changbai Mountain area and even the whole East Asia in the late Paleolithic period. It is of great value for discussing the key academic issues such as the evolution and interaction of prehistoric culture in Northeast Asia, population diffusion and environmental adaptation and the origin of fine stone leaf technology. It is a world-class important discovery of paleolithic archaeology in East Asia in recent years.



Deepening Sino-Russian Educational Cooperation: Liaoning University's Commitment to Excellence



Educational cooperation among Chinese and Russian universities is an important part of China-Russia comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership in the new era. As a national university under the 'Double First-Class' initiative in Liaoning Province, Liaoning University (LNU) has always been committed to serving the national strategies and helping local revitalization. Huge achievements have been made in talent training, academic research cooperation, high-level scholars' visits and cultural exchanges, making positive contributions to promoting China-Russian educational cooperation to a higher level.

Since the 1990s, Liaoning University has established long-term and stable friendly cooperative relations with nearly 20 well-known Russian universities and scientific research

institutions, including Moscow State University, St. Petersburg State University, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation, Ural Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences, Ural Federal University, Far Eastern Federal University, Irkutsk State University, Ufa University of Science and Technology and the National University of Science and Technology.

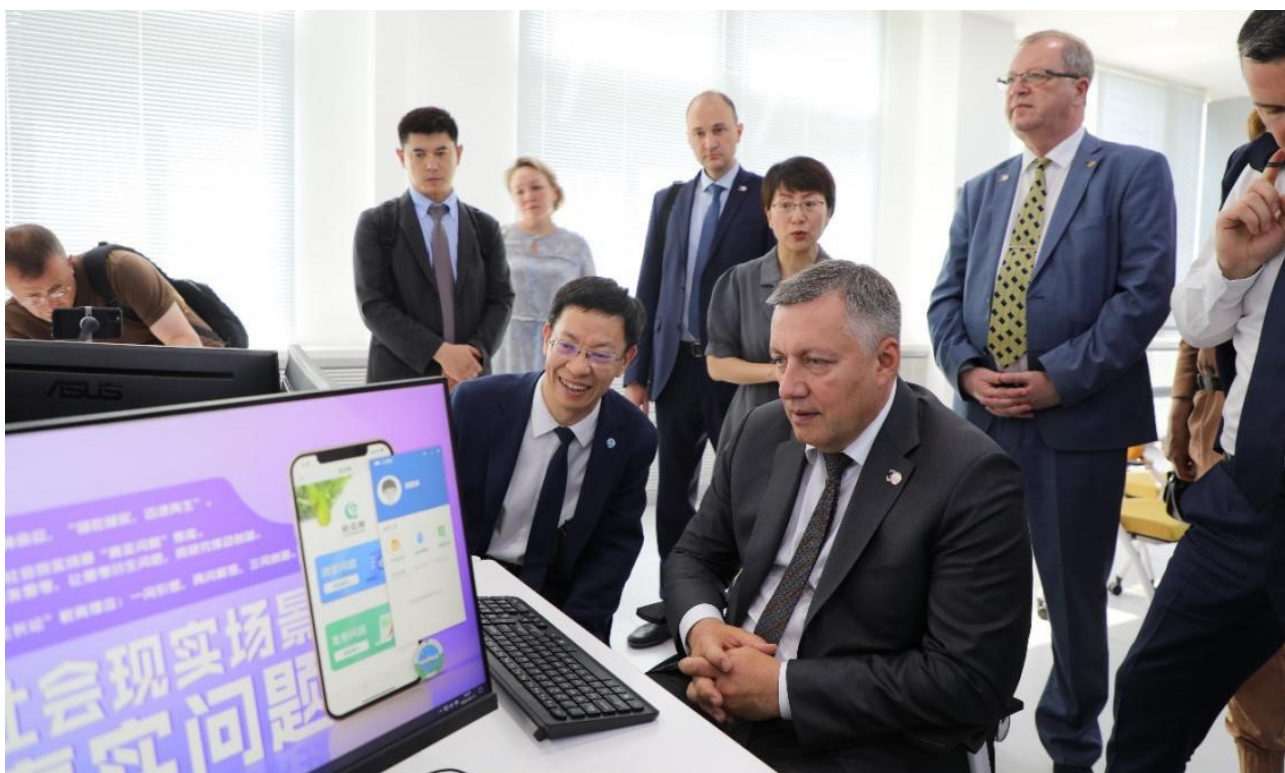
In terms of talent training, Liaoning University adheres to the goal of cultivating high-level talents with a global vision and international competitiveness. Liaoning University actively sends students to participate in the study programs in Russia supported by the China Scholarship Council. So far, a total of 62 students have been able to study in Russian universities. Since 2015, Liaoning University and Ufa University of Science and Technology have

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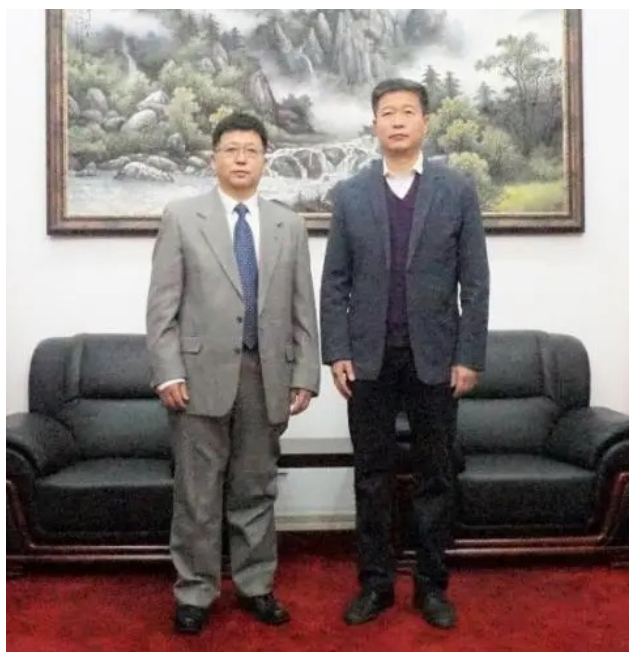
carried out the '2+2' joint program and sent undergraduates to each other's universities to study. At the same time, Liaoning University has established a stable cooperation mechanism with well-known universities such as Moscow State University and Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation. Through these exchange programs, the normal exchange of visits among teachers and students has been realized, which has further broadened students' horizons and laid a solid foundation for the in-depth exchanges between Chinese and Russian universities. In 2024, at the ninth Eastern Economic Forum, Liaoning University and the Russian Far Eastern Federal University formally signed an agreement to start the joint training program on 'International Business and Project Management'. The program will be taught in English and students will study at Liaoning University and Far Eastern Federal University and receive systematic training on transnational culture and international management.

In terms of academic exchanges and scientific research cooperation, Liaoning University has

carried out fruitful scientific research cooperation with famous Russian universities in the fields of economics, international trade, diplomacy, international politics, history, archaeology, Russian language and literature. Relying on the provincial scientific research platform, China-Russian Far East Cooperation and Development Institute, the scientific research teams from both universities have worked closely together and achieved research results with important academic value in regional economy, cultural exchanges and international relations, which provided solid theoretical support for deepening cooperation between the two sides. At the same time, Liaoning University closely follows the research trends of Russian think tanks in international issues and China-Russian cooperation. Chinese and Russian experts also conducted in-depth exchanges on topics such as educational cooperation and regional development and shared their views through academic discussions, which enhanced mutual understanding. Since 2022, the international academic



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conference on economics jointly organized by Liaoning University and Ufa University of Science and Technology has attracted scholars from China, Russian Federation, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and other important countries under the Belt and Road Initiative to conduct in-depth discussions and academic exchanges on frontier issues in economics. In 2024, the international academic conference 'Building a Cultural Bridge from Baikal to Bohai Bay -Prehistoric Cultural Exchange in Northeast Asia in 2024' organized by the Faculty of History from Liaoning University attracted the participation of famous Chinese and Russian archaeologists such as Jilin University, Peking University and Irkutsk State University, which promoted the in-depth cooperation in the field of archaeology between China and Russia.

As for the reception of high-level experts, Liaoning University actively invited famous Russian scholars to visit the university and further deepened the cooperation between the two sides through diversified activities. Liaoning University arranged different kinds of activities for visiting Russian scholars, including academic exchanges, laboratory visits, university history museum visits and cultural experience, which fully demonstrated the academic and

cultural features of Liaoning University. In recent years, many famous Russian scholars have visited Liaoning University, including Professor Prokofiev, President of Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation and Professor Maslov, Dean of the School of Asian and African Studies of Moscow State University, Russia. Among them, Professor Prokofiev gave a lecture at the Lectures of Overseas Principals during his visit, which brought the latest frontier trends on international economic development to teachers and students.

Looking forward to 2025, Liaoning University will adhere to serving the country's strategy of cooperating with Russia and actively promote China-Russian educational cooperation. Liaoning University will further deepen cultural exchanges, carry out exchange activities, promote friendly exchanges between scholars, teachers and students and continuously enhance mutual understanding and traditional friendship between the two peoples. Liaoning University will deepen its cooperation with Russia with a more open attitude, inject new vitality into China-Russian educational exchanges and continue to contribute insights to the development of comprehensive strategic partnership of cooperation in the new era!



Confucius Institute of Irkutsk State University Holds 'China Happy Year' Activities

On February 8, 2025, the Confucius Institute of Irkutsk State University held 'China Happy Year' activities to help Chinese language learners understand the culture of Chinese Spring Festival and Lantern Festival.

The teacher at the institute introduced in detail the historical origin, traditional customs and cultural significance of the Spring Festival and the Lantern Festival. As the most important traditional festival in China, the Spring Festival symbolizes reunion, hope and the beginning of a new year. The festive atmosphere of the festival was passed on to every student through the lecture, enabling them to experience the significance of Chinese culture.

In Chinese culture, the Chinese character 'Fu' represents happiness and good luck. During the Spring Festival, every household will affix 'Fu' onto their doors, meaning good luck and great fortune throughout the whole year. The students used rubbing tools to print the Chinese character 'Fu' on red paper. By doing so, they could feel the joy and peace of the Spring Festival.

The students also learned to make a red lantern for the Lantern Festival. They cut colored paper and pasted them together to make beautiful colored lanterns. The teacher wrote her good wishes on them, hoping the students good luck of the whole year and success in everything. By making colored lanterns, the students gained a more intuitive understanding to the custom of the Lantern Festival.

The last activity was to make a Chinese zodiac seal. As China's zodiac culture enjoys a long history, those zodiac images not only represent the cycle of time, but also present rich culture. The students learned more about the significance of the zodiac culture by looking for their own



calligraphy works. Later, they stamped the seal of the zodiac to make it a special memento. The activity not only made the students feel the personalized expression of Chinese culture, but also stimulated their strong interest in traditional culture.

The youngest student in the activity was Anna, a ten-year-old girl. From beginning to end, she was very happy and completed all activities. She was the first to make a small and lovely red lantern and the 'Fu' printing was also her favorite. She happily said to the teachers: 'I love Chinese and I like the activities'.

'China Happy Year' activities not only provided the middle school students at the Confucius Institute with an opportunity to learn about Chinese traditional culture, but also further promoted the cultural exchanges between Russia and China. Such exchange transcended time and space and connected the hearts of different peoples.

The Confucius Institute at Irkutsk State University will stay committed to promoting the Chinese culture by holding more colorful activities so that more Russian students will know more about Chinese culture.