



NCI Ningbo Branch holds the 2nd "Chinese Bridge" Language Proficiency Nomination Contest

13 April - The 2nd "Chinese Bridge" Nomination Contest took place in the Si Yuan Auditorium, UNNC. 15 candidates representing nine nationalities from five organisations including UNNC and local international schools competed with short speeches, a quiz, a dubbing for a Chinese movie challenge; and a talent show. Their incredible performances received waves of applause throughout from the 100+ audience. [Read more](#)



Nottingham delegation led by President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Shearer West visit Fudan University

16 April - The delegation met with Fudan University President Professor Xu Ningsheng and staff from its Confucius Institute Office. Nottingham delegates also included PVC and Provost of UNNC Professor Chris Rudd, PVC for Global Engagement Professor Nick Miles, NCI UK Director Jason Feehily, NCI Ningbo Branch Director Prof Shujie Yao. [Read more](#)



Nottingham delegation visit Hanban/Confucius Institute Head Quarters

17 April - The UoN delegation led by President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Shearer West met with Hanban Deputy Director-General Zhao Guocheng, Director for European Division Yang Jincheng and colleagues. The meeting was warm and productive with a number

of critical issues discussed and agreements reached, including NCI's new strategic directions as a Model CI. [Read more](#)



Introducing "Chinese Character Chess" to UNNC Mandarin Learners
20 April - Mr Zhifu Ren, inventor of Chinese Character Chess, visited UNNC and introduced the game to 20 students and staff during a pilot session. The game was first introduced in 2014 as a fun way to learn Chinese characters and culture. NCI Ningbo Branch will trial it in its teaching and learning activities. If it goes well, NCI will also promote the game in the UK. [Read more](#)



NCI China Director attends "Chinese Character Chess Preliminary Course" launch
21 April - Professor Li Nan, newly appointed NCI China Director, attended the opening ceremony of the launch of "Chinese Character Chess Preliminary Course" and website in Ningbo. The game was invented by local inventor Mr Zhifu Ren with strong support from Ningbo government and Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese. [Read more](#)



Prof Shujie Yao speaks at "Luce Symposium: A Tale of Two River Regions", Trinity College, USA
24 April - Professor Shujie Yao, Director of NCI Ningbo Branch and UNNC Lee Dak Sum Professor, gave a speech at Trinity College on "The free trade area and the construction and opening of interior China". The conference was organised by Trinity College, Connecticut and Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

Upcoming events:

- 13 May, Chinese Character Chess Game: UNNC vs Ningbo University
- 19 May, HSK Test at both NCI and Ningbo Branch Test Centres