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# Newsletter

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### **OBE for Ningbo Provost and Chair of NCI Board**

On 18 May, Prof Chris Rudd, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Provost and CEO of the University of Nottingham Ningbo Campus (UNNC) and Chair of NCI Board, was formally appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire at Buckingham Palace after being named in the New Year Honours list. [Read more](#)



### **Final exams were held for Mandarin learners**

The final exams for Mandarin learners were held on the week of 9 May. Feedback would be available on Moodle.



### **NCI Ningbo Branch held the end of term Mandarin show**

12 May - Over 40 NCI Ningbo Branch students showcased their talents and language skills during the end of term Mandarin show at Tianwei Art Hotel. The event began with a welcome speech in Chinese from Prof Chris Rudd. Also in attendance were Professor Sir David and Lady Susan Greenaway. [Read more](#)



### **UNNC students won the first Chinese character chess game against Ningbo University**

13 May, the Chinese Character Chess Game between UNNC and Ningbo University was held in Teaching Building 119. UNNC students Xichen Zhao, Zike Li, and Xiuya Li won the first 3 places amongst 20 candidates from both UNNC and NBU. The competition was jointly held by Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Yinzhou District People's Government, Nottingham Confucius Institute China Ningbo Branch, Ningbo University and Ningbo Chinese Character Research Centre. [Read more](#)



### **34 candidates participated HSK in May**

The HSK test saw its peak season as it's approaching to the end of semester. 19 May and 27 May conducted two tests and 34 candidates participated.



### **The first HSKK was held on 19 May**

HSK Speaking Test (HSKK) assesses the test takers' oral Chinese abilities. HSKK consists of three levels, HSKK (Primary level), HSKK (Intermediate level) and HSKK (Advanced level). HSKK is conducted in the form of audio recording. The tests last 10 to 15 minutes according to the level of difficulty. Passing the specific level should receive 60% of the total mark.

For more detailed information please visit [here](#)

Upcoming events:

- The Chinese Economists Society 2018 Presidents' Forum will be held on 21 and 22 June in UNNC
- Computer based HSK test will be held on 23 June