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NCI Ningbo Sponsored and Co-Organised Sino-UK Health Forum

10 – 11 May at Siyuan Auditorium UNNC, the Sino-UK Health Forum - *Health-Care Reform in China: Past, Present and the Future* - was held under the sponsorship and co-organisation of NCI Ningbo Branch. 2019 witnessed the tenth anniversary of health-care reform plan of China, it was important for academic community to evaluate the progress of health-care reform in China. In particular, there was a wide public concern on whether the reform of health care system in China was able to cope with

several challenging issues arising from the increasing burden of non-communicable disease and population ageing.

Xiao Tao JIN, Former Vice Minister of National Health Commission and current President of National Association of Medical Information and Big-data for Healthcare delivered keynote speech. More than 30 scholars and expertise from China, UK, U.S.A, Austria and Uganda shared their research results with over 150 audiences through the lectures and round table discussions on the two-day event.

Professor Nick Miles Provost and Pro-Vice Chancellor of UNNC and Chair of NCI Board Committee, Professor Gary Rawnsley Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, and Professor Shujie Yao Director of Nottingham Confucius Institute China Ningbo Branch jointly welcomed the speakers, guests and audiences. [Read more](#)





NCI Ningbo Mandarin Learners Celebrate the 7th Solar Term – The Start of Summer

6 May, the Mandarin classes in the evening were started by egg duel amongst learners. The day was the 7th Solar Term ---- Lixia, the start of summer according to the Chinese agricultural calendar, while in terms of the Ningbo custom, this Solar Term is presented by egg duel. People hold an egg to touch the other people's egg, and slowly push it until one of the eggs crushed. This easy game brought a lot of fun to the class, and some even call it a Chinese Easter. [Read more](#)

Three Parties NCI Board Meeting was held

13 May, NCI Board meeting was held online. Committee members from Nottingham campus, UNNC, and Fudan University presented the meeting. It reflected the achievements of NCI in the last year and jointly discussed about the future development of NCI.



See off Mandarin Teaching Volunteer

30 May, NCI Ningbo Branch sees off its Mandarin teaching volunteer Ms Linlee He. Linlee has joined the NCI Ningbo Branch since Sep 2017 as a full time student intern. She has convened modules of HSK6 and HSK2, as well as some private classes. We thank her great contribution to the NCI Ningbo Branch and sincerely wish her a bright future. The new interns are under recruiting.

Mandarin Learners Celebrate the End of the Course

After the final exam, Mandarin learners went to celebrate a successful semester in the mid-May. They shared their experiences in learning Chinese and had a feast with teachers and classmates. Many of them demonstrated that after several years of learning Mandarin, their linkage with the NCI Ningbo has been significantly enhanced.





HSK

Test

11 May, 39 candidates sat for the HSK test at the Portland Building. Due to the computer system upgrading, this semester's last HSK test at UNNC will be on 29 June. The HSK test will re-open in September.

Upcoming events:

- **Summer Term Mandarin Course**

The summer term Mandarin course will be available between June and August. Schedule of the summer course will be flexible and customized. To register the summer course, please visit our office 451-2 Trent Building during the working hours.



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2018-2019 Spring Semester

Confucius Institute Mandarin Course

Everyday Chinese		HSK Course		Private Course	
Beginner 1, 2	10 weeks 1 class per week 2 hours per class Tuition: 1000 RMB	HSK 1,2,3	10 weeks 2 classes per week 15 hours per class Tuition: 1500RMB	15 Hours Package 3300RMB	30 Hours Package 6600RMB
Intermediate 1,2,3			HSK 4,5,6	10 weeks 2 classes per week 2 hours per class Tuition: 2000RMB	One to 1: 3300RMB One to 2: 1650RMB
Advanced					
Character					
4 Mar -- 10 May 2019		4 Mar -- 10 May 2019		Feb 2019 -- June 2019	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday	
HSK2 18:00-19:30	Beginner 1 18:00-20:00	Beginner 2 18:00-20:00	HSK1 18:00-19:30	HSK1 18:00-19:30	Intermediate 1 18:00-20:00
HSK3 I 18:00-19:30	HSK1 18:00-19:30	HSK2 18:00-19:30	HSK2 18:00-19:30	Intermediate 2 18:00-20:00	Intermediate 2 18:00-20:00
HSK5 18:00-20:00	Intermediate 3 18:00-20:00	HSK3 I 18:00-19:30	HSK3 I 18:00-19:30	HSK4 II 18:00-20:00	HSK4 II 18:00-20:00
HSK3 II 18:00-19:30	HSK4 II 18:00-20:00	HSK5 18:00-20:00	HSK5 18:00-20:00	HSK6 18:00-20:00	HSK6 18:00-20:00
Advanced 18:00-20:00	HSK6 18:00-20:00	HSK3 II 18:00-19:30	HSK3 II 18:00-19:30		
Character 18:00-20:00					

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