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New Year Parliament Celebrations



(L-R) The Rt Hon the Lord Northbrook, the Rt Hon the Lord Cotter and His Excellency Chinese Ambassador Liu Xiaoming

The Year of the Rabbit was celebrated in Parliament with China's Ambassador, His Excellency Liu Xiaoming, as the special guest of honour. Ambassador Liu made a toast to a happy new year and stronger bilateral ties between China and the Britain to the nearly 200 guests who were on hand for the Annual Terrace Reception organised by the All Party Parliamentary China Group (APPCG). The evening reception took place on the 1st of February and was hosted by the APPCG's Chairman the Hon. Mark Hendrick MP with the Minister of State the Hon. Jeremy Browne MP also as a special guest. The Minister spoke of the benefits of the 85,000 Chinese students studying in the United Kingdom and he expressed his hope that perhaps just as many British students could one day study in the People's Republic of China. Ambassador Liu added that such people to people contact should not be underestimated in strengthening ties between the two countries and that he would like to see educational exchanges grow stronger for years to come. He added it would be his hope for China's iconic pandas, or at least a pair of them, would be able to call Britain their home in the near future to reflect this bond.

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Happy Year of the Rabbit

International Chairman's Letter

Dear Friends,

- It is a pleasure to have on board Roger Best as COSF's Honorary Auditor. With nearly 30 years of experience in accounting and auditing, the Fund is fortunate to have Roger as part of its team in Hong Kong.
- The Fund is grateful to those who supported its recent Christmas charity card campaign. The card scheme continues to be an important marketing tool for COSF.
- It is gratifying to hear how some of our Scholars have been doing since completing their studies at Oxford. I hope more alumni will stay in touch with us.
- It is also satisfying that present scholars who are still at Oxford keep the Fund abreast with their activities such as the recent Spring Festival Gala organised by the Oxford Chinese Scholars and Students Association. Many of the Association's organising committee members are COSF Scholars.
- I look forward to COSF being involved with more China-oriented organisations in the future. The All Party Parliamentary China Group has been a supporter of the Fund since 2007. I look forward to COSF's continued participation with its events in Parliament.
- I am very encouraged by China's Ambassador to the United Kingdom's Lunar New Year message that China and Britain will continue to work toward strengthening bilateral educational ties.
- Lastly, I would like to wish all our scholars, friends and supporters all the very best for the Year of the Rabbit.



Timothy Beardson
International Chairman

Hong Kong Update



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The Trustees of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund are pleased to announce the appointment of [Roger Best](#) as its [Honorary Auditor](#) in Hong Kong. Roger has worked as an accountant and auditor for nearly three decades. He trained with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in 1982 and was a partner of Deloitte from 1982 until his retirement in May 2010. He is a fellow of both the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). From 1982 to 1992, he acted as the office technical partner, taking responsibility for providing technical auditing and accounting advice to the firm and its clients. In 1987 he was appointed to the Firm's Management Committee and from 1994 to 1999 was Managing Partner of the Deloitte tax practice. "On behalf of the Trustees, I am extremely pleased that Roger has kindly accepted the Fund's invitation to become its Honorary Auditor. With his breadth of international experience, COSF will certainly benefit from his invaluable expertise on matters of accounting", said Hong Kong Board Chairman [Timothy Beardson](#). Roger was elected to the Council of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants in 1993 and served on committees and working groups in that capacity. From 2000 to 2003, he was Chairman of the Institute's Financial Accounting Standards Committee. He chaired a Joint Hong Kong Government/HKICPA Working Group to review the Accounting and Auditing Provisions of the Companies Ordinance from 2002 to 2008. During this time, Roger was elected as President of the HKICPA. From 2007 to 2010, he served on the Financial Reporting Council and was recently appointed an Honorary Advisor to the Council. Roger was also a member of the Joint Quality Review Council established by the University Grants Committee-sub-vented universities in Hong Kong from 2004 to 2007 and this year was appointed to the Quality Assurance Council of the University Grants Committee.



Parliament Pictorial

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H.E. Ambassador Liu makes his address



Brunel University's Oliver Goh and APPCG Chairman Mark Hendrick MP



The London Confucius Institute provided the evening's musical entertainment



H.E. Ambassador Liu and the Minister of State the Hon Jeremy Browne MP



The Rt Hon the Lord Clement-Jones and guest

Oxford Spring Festival Gala



Oxford's Town Hall was the venue for a spectacular evening of entertainment and celebrations to welcome the Year of Rabbit. The [Oxford Chinese Students and Scholars Association](#) held its annual [Spring Festival Gala](#) for 2011 on the 28th of January. The Friday evening gala was attended by Oxford University's Pro-Vice-Chancellor [Dr Stephen Goss](#) and the Chinese Embassy's Minister Counsellor for Education [Tian Xiaogang](#). Hundreds of guests filled the Town Hall which was also attended by other special guests such as the Liberal Democrat Councillor for Carfax Ward [Tony Brett](#).

The four-hour evening celebrations included a colourful Chinese culture show which featured a range of impressive performances by traditional and contemporary singers and musicians, martial arts performers, artists and dancers. Revellers also enjoyed a fashion show and mingling with the myriad Chinese students attending Oxford University. Dr Goss was a guest speaker at the event where he underlined the importance of the China link with Oxford University. He said students from the People's Republic of China were the second largest group of foreign undergraduate students while they were the third largest group in terms of post-graduate students at Oxford. Dr Goss also noted that Chinese scholars also made up the fourth largest group as far as the University staff.

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Oxford Spring Festival Gala

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Chinese Embassy Minister Counsellor for Education Tian Xiaogang



Oxford University Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr Stephen Goss





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Letters from Scholars



Hello. My name is Suen Yiu-Tung. I am grateful for the support that the China Oxford Scholarship Fund provided when I was studying for my MSc Sociology degree in the year 2007/08. After earning my MSc degree, I was awarded the Swire Scholarship by St. Antony's College in 2008. This kindly provided me the tuition fees and stipend to continue my work into a DPhil degree in Sociology. My current research is entitled 'Singlehood: A Life Course Perspective'. It cuts across a few current sociological issues which includes population ageing, changing ideas around intimacies, masculinities and gender ideals. Through in-depth life story interviews, (some of which lasted for 6 hours or longer!) the thesis examines how older men experience and negotiate being single. It also explores how the experience changes through different life stages. My plan after my study in Oxford is to continue into research which is based on the concern of societies, diversity and concrete life experiences. This has been an interest that was rooted in me ever since I studied journalism and had a chance to work as a reporter in Hong Kong. I hope that in the long run I can become an engaged sociologist. This would allow my life experience to be an informative part of my on-going research. My e-mail address is yiui.suen@sociology.ox.ac.uk and I look forward to getting to know more of you to continue and further my involvement with the China Oxford Scholarship Fund.

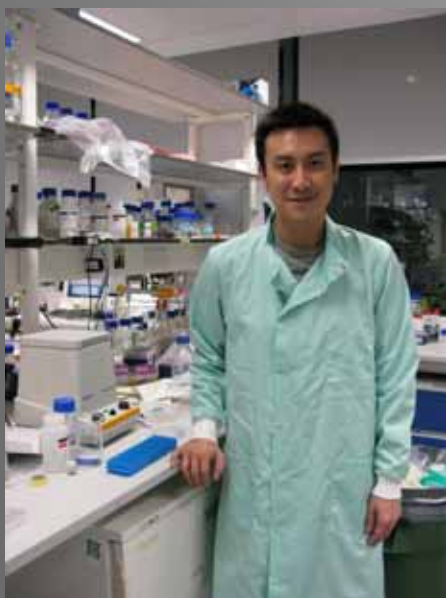
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Hello. I'm [Wang Ho](#) and I was a 2005 COSF award recipient. I earned my MSc in Education and was at Linacre College. At present I am in Yueyang in Henan Province where I've been teaching English at the Huazhong University of Science and Technology. It is a major research university in Wuhan in Central China. As a language teacher, I have been tutoring over 50 scholars in my university community and helping them publish their papers in English-speaking journals. A partial list of the articles may be found by searching my name "Ho Simon Wang" at

Google Scholar. I believe that this list will continue to grow as I spend more time working with the scholars. Meanwhile, I am currently enrolled as a part-time research student at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in Wuhan for a PhD in intellectual property law under the supervision of Prof. Wu Handong. Prof. Wu is a leading IP scholar in China. I am working on my PhD dissertation and my topic is on open access to copyrighted materials in the age of information. My primary concern is how we may build an information infrastructure that is free from copyright constraints so that people around the world may benefit from the blessing of the digital technologies. I'll write you more about my thoughts on copyright once I finished my dissertation!

My name is [Lo Yuen Yi](#) and I was a 2006 COSF Scholar. With the help of the China Oxford Scholarship, I read for an MSc in Applied Linguistics in 2006. I attended St Hilda's College. In 2007, I obtained other scholarships and completed my doctorate at the Department of Education from 2007 to 2010. This was under the supervision of Prof. Ernesto Macaro. My work investigated classroom interaction and language policy in Hong Kong secondary schools. Upon completion of the doctorate, I secured an Assistant Professorship at the Hong Kong Institute of Education. I am now establishing my academic career back in Hong Kong and focusing on teacher development and languages education.



Hi there. I am [Jerome Hui](#). I was a COSF award recipient in 2005. I am thankful to the China Oxford Scholarship Fund and other scholarships which made my studies at Oxford possible. I pursued my DPhil at the Department of Zoology from 2005 to 2008. This was under the supervision of Dr. David Ferrier and Prof. Peter Holland, FRS. My work involved using worms as an animal model to understand how animal embryos develop and evolve. I then became a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Manchester from 2008 to 2011 where I focused on one of the latest scientific discoveries named as microRNAs in different animals and humans. My aim is to continue research in the same field which is poorly represented in Hong Kong and China. Taking this into account, I hope to unravel the underlying mechanisms that contribute to the differences in animals and humans and make an impact in this area.

Happy Chinese New Year

*Best Wishes for the
Year of the Rabbit*



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