



# China Oxford Scholarship Fund

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The China Oxford Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce that a new scholarship will be available for the 2013-2014 academic year. The UK-based Garfield Weston Foundation has partnered with the Fund to create a £19,000 Weston Scholarship in Politics, Law, Finance and Economics. "The Fund is very grateful for the support from the Garfield Weston Foundation in establishing this major award," said UK Board Chairman Nicholas Dennys QC. "This will mean that another deserving postgraduate student from the People's Republic of China will benefit enormously in being able to cover his or her tuition at the University of Oxford," added Nicholas.

The Garfield Weston Foundation was established in Britain in 1958 by Canadian businessman Willard Garfield Weston. He was the founder of the Associated British Foods (AFB) company which has developed into an international business with growing interests in China. The Foundation is endowed by the Weston family and is one of the most respected charitable organisations in Great Britain. The Garfield Weston Foundation disburses up to £30 million annually to charitable groups in the United Kingdom. The £19,000 Weston Scholarship will also be available for the 2014-2015 academic year.



# International Chairman's Letter

Dear Friends,

- The Fund has started 2013 with a new scholarship available for the 2013—2014 academic year. I would like to express my gratitude to the Garfield Weston Foundation for believing in our initiative with its funding of the Weston Scholarship.
- Since the creation of COSF 20 years ago, 194 postgraduate students have been awarded scholarships totalling more than £860,000 in funding. This is a tremendous milestone of which all those involved with the Fund in the past and present should be extremely proud. More importantly, COSF would not have got this far without the generous support of all our donors and sponsors.
- The 20th anniversary gala dinner in Hong Kong was a huge success. Congratulations to the Trustees, Committee members and COSF Scholars for their hard work in ensuring this celebration would be a memorable one for all the donors and supporters who attended.
- It is very satisfying to see the Distinguished Speakers Programme continuing with its momentum by having esteemed guests such as Lord Home expanding on important and interesting issues. I look forward to more events taking place throughout the year.
- I am delighted that COSF Scholars are keen to become ambassadors for the Fund and Oxford University by participating in events such as those organised by the International Herald Tribune last October. I hope that more Scholars will be able to help us promote our scholarship programme.
- Lastly, it is usually during the winter holiday season and the festive Chinese New Year period that we remember most the people, places and experiences that are meaningful and important to us. If COSF and Oxford University are among them, I hope you will consider making a donation to COSF today so there will be much to celebrate in another 20 year's time.

Timothy Beardson  
International Chairman



## 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner Event



In Hong Kong, friends and supporters of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF) gathered in early December to celebrate the Fund's 20th anniversary in spectacular fashion. On December 9th, a gala dinner event took place at the Béthanie Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts' Landmark Heritage Campus in Pokfulam.

The time-honoured Grade II-listed venue served as the perfect backdrop to the evening's festivities which commenced with a performance by members of the London Festival Opera who travelled specially to Hong Kong to sing in the Béthanie Chapel. More than 100 guests attended the event which was aimed to raise funds for COSF, awareness of its educational initiative and to thank all of its past donors and Committee and Board members. COSF's founding Chairman Sir David Akers-Jones welcomed guests with a heart-felt opening address while a speech was made by Oxford University's Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. William James who attended on behalf of the Chancellor, Lord Patten.

COSF Scholars Jerome Hui, Yuen Yi Lo, Helen Yi-Kat Wang, Gorden Yixiao Zhang and Anthony Boshen Wu were some of the Scholars who joined the celebrations and were guest speakers for the evening. "Every detail was a delight, from the exceptional entertainment to the sumptuous dinner, the wonderful company and the inspiring testimonials of the past COSF Scholars," said Prof. James. "Anniversaries provide us with an opportunity to reflect on past successes, but also give us the chance to look forward and reaffirm our vision for the future. It is clear that COSF has seized upon these opportunities, and so I wish you much success in raising funds for the fund's continued good work," he added. While enjoying their dinner in the Y.K. Pao Studio, guests were treated to another performance by the London Festival Opera singers who this time were joined by a local harpist, flutist and cellist.

The event received extensive media coverage in the Hong Kong Chinese-language and English-language press. Also, Oxford University's China Office kindly hosted the media interviews with Prof. James and COSF Scholars. We thank the COSF Hong Kong Committee members and Trustees for organising this event with such fabulous style and making it a huge and memorable success. We are already looking forward to the next milestone in 20 year's time!



Members of the London Festival Opera perform in the Chapel at Béthanie



Guests applaud the dazzling performance



The Chapel was built in 1875 by the Paris Foreign Missions Society



Oxford University Pro-Vice-Chancellor  
Prof. William James with Sir David Akers-Jones



Zhinmei Hu, Peggy Liu, Anson Chan and Lily Jiao



Felix and Angel Chang, Dr Irene Lok and Simon Cheung



Roland and Sharon Muksch with Sir David Akers-Jones



Ivy and Simon Minshall with Gloria and Gordon Jones



Preeti and Vijay Makhija with Marie-Christine Louey



Alanna Chow, Annie Bentley and Oscar Chow



Andrew Lo, Victor Zhao and Michael Ng



Caroline Wilson and Rachel Cartland



Shelley Lee, Florence Hui and Olivia Davies



Su-Mei Thompson and Andrew Brandler



Prof. William James addressing guests



COSF Scholar Gorden Yixiao Zhang



Yvonne Tang, Trustee Sue Lau, Ivan Owyang, Irene Tang and Joanne Owyang



Jennifer Ma and Jennifer Cheung



COSF Scholar Jerome Hui



COSF Scholar Helen Yi Kat Wang



Prof. Lap Chee Tsui



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COSF Scholar Yuen Yi Lo



Enid Yip, Trustee William Louey and Vijay Makhija



Jeremy Woodall and Prof. William James



Thelma and Richard Che



Sharon Muksch, Anthony Boshen Wu, Trustee Anthony Wu, Jerome Hui and Yuen Yi Lo



COSF Scholar Anthony Boshen Wu



Prof. Gabriel Leung, Bernadette Tsui and Antony Leung



London Festival Opera performing with local musicians



Sandra Lee, Trustee Anthony Wu and Hidekazu Horikoshi



David Richards, Jennifer Chua and Prof. Daniel Chua



Robin Connelley and John Stanton



The London Festival Opera's singers continued with their robust performance in the Y.K. Pao Studio



Michael Cartland and Felix Chang



The soprano's closing performance



## The Earl of Home on Democracy



The China Oxford Scholarship Fund was honoured to have the Earl of Home as its latest guest speaker for its Distinguished Speakers Programme. Lord Home, who is also the Chairman of Coutts & Co, was in Hong Kong on November 30, 2012 to expand on his views on the topic of *On Democracy and the House of Lords*. The luncheon took place amid the elegant surroundings of The China Club. A



dozen guests were able to enjoy Lord Home's observations as well as hearing about the dynamics of the House of Lords. Those who attended were able to exchange views with Lord Home with a casual Q&A session. The Coutts Chairman is an Oxonian who attended Christ Church. Lord

Home is also a long-time friend of the Fund. The Distinguished Speakers Programme is one of our on-going fundraising activities with all proceeds going toward the running of COSF. Past guest speakers have been the former National People's Congress Vice-Chairman Cheng Siwei, Stephen Veneables, Lord Nat Wei of Shoreditch, Prof. Michael Nicholson, Rosie Stancer and Tim MacKintosh-Smith, Prof. Peter Tufano. If you would like to attend or sponsor one of these events, please do contact us at [info@chinaoxford.org](mailto:info@chinaoxford.org).

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## *COSF Scholars Invited to Speak on Overseas Education*



Oxford alumna Binbin Zhou, COSF Scholars Yitong Li and Gorden Yixiao Zhang with the International Herald Tribune's Education Editor Joyce Lau

Last autumn, the International Herald Tribune (IHT) organised a series of conferences in Asia on the topic of students studying abroad. Several COSF Scholars were invited by the Tribune to participate as panelists for the events which took place in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore and Taipei last October. "The COSF Scholars spoke at our talks in Singapore and Shanghai and they were wonderful. They added a nice, human voice to our events. The students who attended had tons of questions for them both on and off the stage," said the Tribune's Education Editor Joyce Lau.

The IHT Overseas Education Conferences were open to the public and drew hundreds of prospective overseas students at each of the locations. The participants were able to enjoy meaningful Q&A sessions with a number of various panel members. Representing Oxford University alumni were 2000 COSF Scholar Yumin Yang who spoke at the Singapore Conference while Binbin Zhou and 2007 COSF Scholar Yitong Li and 2010 COSF Scholar Gorden Yixiao Zhang participated at the Shanghai Conference.

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*Happy Chinese New Year*

*Best Wishes for the  
Year of the Snake*



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