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China Oxford Scholars Celebrate the Chinese New Year in London



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The Chinese New Year in the United Kingdom kicked off with a wintery start thanks to the adverse weather affecting the country. However, this failed to deter some of the China Oxford Scholars from travelling to London to celebrate the Year of the Dog over a delicious meal at a Chinese restaurant on the 4th March.

The lunch, hosted by UK Trustee Xiaodi Bell, was attended by Scholars Han Liyang, Fan Xiaohang, Qi Huan, Xu Xiaoyun, Wu Yingwei, Wang Yuan and Ho Lai Hong. "Despite the snow & ice, we still managed to have a celebration lunch for the Chinese New Year of the Dog in London. Congratulations to those who made it!" said Xiaodi.

While half of the number of guests managed to attend the lunch which took place in central London, there was plenty of good cheer and wishes to go around. Of course, all of this was complemented with the Scholars each receiving a Year of the Dog souvenir for all their efforts.

The Dog is the eleventh of all zodiac animals. One ancient myth notes the Jade Emperor said the animals order would depend on the order in which the animals arrived at his party. The Dog was the eleventh to arrive. In China, it is still popular to name dogs Wàng Cǎi (旺财). It means "prosperous wealth" and comes from the dogs' barking sounds (旺旺—wàng wàng).



Banjinbiao (斑锦彪)

Ten Prized Dogs Album

Giuseppe Castiglione

1688–1766

Oxford Emerging Market Summit



We are pleased to inform supporters that 2017 Scholar Tianqi Han hosted the first-ever Oxford Emerging Markets Summit (OEMS) at the Mathematical Institute on Saturday 3rd March. The OEMS was fully sponsored by the APEC Voices of the Future, which is an strategic youth development programme of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). Despite the adverse weather, more than 200 students and academics from Oxford, Cambridge and other universities attended the thought-provoking event.

Tianqi and his Co-Chairs organized this event aimed to be a leveled platform for the audience to explore emerging countries crucial to future global growth. The Summit focused on Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa and Thailand. The TED-style panel speakers featured Prof. Xiaolan Fu, the Director of the Technology & Mgmt Centre for Development at Oxford University and David O'Rear, the former Chief Economist at the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. As testimony to the event's success, David rated the Summit with 5-stars for its "excellent management and fascinating talks" on the event's Facebook page. CCTV and The China Daily also provided coverage of the Summit. Tianqi, as the founder and co-chair, made the closing remark to great applause which was a proud moment for the COSF Scholar.

Tianqi is the 2017 awardee of the Pay It Forward Scholarship. He is studying for his MBA at Kellogg College. During his studies at Oxford, Tianqi also serves as the Managing Director of APEC Voices of the Future China which is responsible for selecting APEC Youth Delegates for China. The programme attracts more than 60,000 applicants around the world annually. Tianqi was a China APEC Youth Delegate in 2013 and 2014 where he represented China at the APEC Summit.

Brian Keelan Scholar Update

Happy Chinese New Year! My name is Kuizhi (Lewis) Wang, and it is my privilege to be the recipient of the Brian Keelan Award for 2017-2018. Through this letter, I first would like to wish all donors and supporters of the Brian Keelan Award a very happy Chinese New Year. Beyond that, I would also like to use this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to all of you for your most generous support, not only to me but also to all previous and future recipients of this award. Subjects in humanities, though extremely vital to human society, have been receiving more negligence than attention in recent times, and as a result of that, funding in these fields have been difficult to obtain. That makes your support even more precious and encouraging for us.



For those who have not met me, please allow me to introduce myself here. I was born in the city of Qinhuangdao in Hebei Province in China. It is a relatively small city to the east of Beijing on the seaside, and what it is most famous for is that the starting point of the Great Wall is in the city. I lived there for 18 years and finished education up until high school there. Then I went to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the United States for my undergraduate degree, and I graduated from last May with a double major in philosophy and economics. Right now I am in my first year of my two year Bachelor of Philosophy programme (it is equivalent to an MPhil; I have no idea why it is called a Bachelor) in the Faculty of Philosophy here at Oxford. I am also currently a member of Hertford College. I am very grateful for this opportunity to study philosophy here at Oxford, since it is one of the best institution for the study of philosophy (it has more than 50 regular faculty members – more than any other departments I have ever seen; let alone all the big names in history!), and the BPhil is probably the best program for comprehensive of philosophy in the world. And I am also very grateful for this award – and of course all of you who made this possible – for allowing me to focus my time on my study.

My programme is divided into three parts, each with a broad topic under which I need to write essays and conduct supervision. Last and this term I am focusing on political philosophy, and I have written essays on topics such as global justice and authority. For the next two terms my focus will shift to the study of Hegel; and for the last part, which is thesis writing, I plan to write on either the philosophy of Kant or Hegel, or maybe both. German philosophy was where my interest started and continues to be my main point of interest in philosophy. It all started from the reading of Karl Marx, especially his discussion of history. My curiosity into his historical dialectic leads to the philosophy of Hegel, where Marx borrowed the dialectic from. From there I entered into the philosophy of Kant, with whom Hegel shared many themes. It is my intention to keep on the study of German Idealism and beyond. After this two years of study at Oxford, I plan to pursue a Doctorate in philosophy, either here or somewhere in the US. My ultimate aim is to enter into academia, and be a philosophy researcher and teacher at some institutions. I aim at staying in the western academia for some years, but ultimately I plan to move back to China and potentially engage in philosophical work that is slightly different. I maintain a strong interest in Chinese philosophy today even though my primary focus is western philosophy, and I keep an open mind for comparative and inter-disciplinary philosophical research. I have also been enjoying my extracurricular life in Oxford, though this would be much harder without your kind and generous support, given the high price level at Oxford. I have been enjoying visiting Oxford's numerous museums and attending concerts and plays here as well. I have also joined the Oxford Blind Tasting Society and picked that up as my new hobby. Finally, recently I helped found Philiminality Oxford, which is a postgraduate-run society aiming at promoting inter-disciplinary and cross-cultural discussion of philosophy. The first event we organize, which is planned to take place next week, invites scholars to discuss the mind-body problem in Descartes, Leibniz, Georg Stahl and Ghanaian philosopher Anton Amo.

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and Success for the Year of the Dog*

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