

Resounding Success 迴音

Their success stories rebound.

*Echoes that ripple through
and made a difference to our world ~~~*

“ This is the sequel to Epistle One which was published a couple of years ago. Six beneficiaries shared their life changing experience then with our donors, supporters and other COSF scholars.

Two years on, we are happy to reassure you that alongside the continuing achievement of the first six published testimonials, another six brilliant success stories have since unfolded.

We give thanks for the tremendous blessing that has brought us together and created, in a fleeting moment, lasting memories of fulfilment and happiness !



FOREWORD

For Epistle Two, there are six letters from members of your larger COSF family.

And we can report two of the six have literally formed a family - and the lovely couple with their two children is the first wedding story of two Oxonians who met through COSF. A truly delightful item of news to report to our readers.

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Shijian Li

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Yuen Yi Lo

我必须衷心感谢每一位COSF的资助者，令我们莘莘学子得以一圆「牛津梦」。

吴希乐

我十分感激捐助者对我的信任与支持，让我有幸成为这个充满意义的故事的一分子。

何梓盈

我从教育慈善的支持中受益，如今也致力于延续COSF的教育慈善传统。

王浩

我很荣幸能有宝贵的机会在世界上最古老和最负盛名的牛津大学，追逐我的梦想。

许浩霖

COSF通过资助有需要的学生，为他们提供独特的学习机会，也体现了这一原则。

孝诗剑

我十分感谢COSF的支持，并相信COSF将继续支持更多来自香港和内地满怀抱负的学者。

卢婉怡

Mr. Gabriel Ng
Bachelor of Civil Law (2022)
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Dear COSF

I counted my blessings, and undoubtedly being able to pursue my Master's Degree in Oxford was one of the most memorable.

I have always wanted to become a lawyer in order to advocate justice. Having a solid legal foundation is a prerequisite. Renowned for its doctrinal and theoretical approach to this highly sophisticated subject, University of Oxford has always been the "dream school" for all law students. I am no exception.

What Oxford indeed offered me was far beyond my expectation. It was a place that overflowed with the scent of culture, history, academic excellence, vigour, diversity, connectivity, exuberance, and aspirations. During my time there, I particularly treasured the in-depth exchange of the minds with distinguished academics. They pieced together various subjects of law, and distilled the underlying fundamental principles of fairness and justice. This allowed me to analyse the current law with a brand-new framework and perception. Life in Oxford had been rewarding and humbling, with the medieval university buildings and architectural gems accompanying me through the ups and downs.

I am also particularly thankful for the trust that China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF) has endowed upon me by appointing me as the COSF student convenor 2021-2022. As a convenor, I had organised several gatherings for all COSF scholars. We candidly shared our own stories and goals. We have a close bonding and remained connected and supportive to one another. Together, we may create impacts in our diverse roles in society and contribute to the betterment of our country and the world.

I am now serving in the Department of Justice as a legal trainee (barrister). The skills that I have acquired from the University of Oxford are proven to be invaluable and transferable. Through the rigorous training of formulating advanced policy, doctrinal and theoretical arguments, Oxford has greatly enhanced my research and analytical skills. These skills are forever useful for a legal practitioner!



Lastly, I must give my heartfelt thanks to the donors of COSF, who have opened for us the doors to our Oxford dreams. Special thanks must be made to Mrs Annie Bentley for her dedication and commitment to giving unceasing and transformative advice to contribute to COSF. To show our gratitude, we should all be inspired to become donors ourselves so that the family of COSF can grow and continue in the years to come.

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Gabriel Ng

Legal Trainee (Barrister)
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致中国牛津奖学金基金,

每次当我细数人生所经历的恩典时，在牛津大学修读法律硕士课程的时光总会浮现于脑海中，心中洋溢著不住的感恩。

我自小梦想成为一名律师，秉行公义。因此，我对法律原则的背后理念与应用甚有热忱。牛津大学享负盛名，以不同学说及理论向导钻研法律这门高深学科。牛津大学是每位法律学生梦寐以求的学府，我自然也不例外。

牛津给予我的，远远超出我的期望！它散发著浓浓的文化及学术气息，有著深厚的历史底蕴，结合了活力和梦想，是一个多元化的「圣地」。对我而言，与学术翘楚的交流尤其珍贵。学者们从不同的法律领域中拼凑出个中的法律原则和理念，给予了我一个崭新的角度分析现行法律。我在牛津获益良多，也察觉到自己的不足。牛津富有特色的中世纪大学建筑陪伴著我走过这段让人缅怀的时光。

我必须特别感谢China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF)对我的信任，委任我成为2021-2022学年的COSF学生召集人。我组织了数次COSF学生聚会，当中我们坦诚地分享了彼此的故事及抱负，互相支持。我相信我们能在各自不同的社会岗位上，发挥影响力，为国家及世界作出贡献。我现时在香港特别行政区政府辖下的律政司工作，是一名实习大律师。我从牛津学会的珍贵技巧，可说是大派用场。牛津大大提升了我的研究及分析能力，令我毕生受用。

最后，我必须衷心感谢每一位COSF的资助者，令我们莘莘学子得以一圆「牛津梦」。我尤其感谢梁安妮女士对COSF所作出的无数贡献。就让我们一班受惠学生都秉承这份奉献精神，饮水思源，回馈社会和COSF，令COSF能够惠及更多学生。

吴希乐

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Professor Jerome Hui
DPhil in Biology (2008)
Merton College



Dear COSF

Thanks to the generosity of China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF) and all donors, it is certainly my honour and privilege to have the precious opportunity to chase my dreams at the oldest and most prestigious university in the world. I studied a DPhil degree in the Department of Zoology at the University of Oxford from 2005 to 2008, and the granted opportunity is life-changing.

While the financial relief is important, COSF's support is not just financial. I still remember that it put students like myself in touch with not only each other but with pastoral support from COSF's network, before, during, and after our studies. I have also found myself immersed in an international environment while getting involved in a variety of activities, and most importantly, making lots of lifetime friends from around the world. My world has expanded beyond my academic pursuits, and this is a wealth of invaluable experience and knowledge that money can truly not buy anywhere else.

Today, I am living my dreams and the story continues. Currently, I am the Professor and Biology Programme Director at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Project Coordinator of the EarthBioGenome Project Hong Kong, and the co-chair of the APRU Pacific Rim Biodiversity & Sustainability. I am also fortunate to marry another COSF Scholar, and we now have two children.

There are many bright and intelligent young people hoping for just a chance to pursue higher education. While it has been encouraging to see COSF has been doing better in recent years, uncertainties around the globe has made the situation more complicated. I hope I have not wasted the opportunity granted by COSF and all of its supporters, and am grateful to all the generosity you have afforded to me and the vision to make a difference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jerome Hui', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Jerome Hui

Professor, School of Life Sciences
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

致中国牛津奖学金基金,

感谢China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF)和其捐款者的慷慨支持，我很荣幸能有宝贵的机会在世界最古老和最负盛名的牛津大学，于2005至2008年攻读动物学哲学博士学位，追逐我的梦想。

无可置疑，COSF给予的是非常重要的经济支援，但它的支持又不仅是经济方面。我仍然记得，它让像我这样的海外学生彼此保持联系，而且我们在学习之前、期间和之后都得到来自COSF的大力支持。我还发现自己沉浸在国际环境中，同时参与各种活动。最重要的是，我还结交了许多来自世界各地的终生朋友，这是金钱买不到的宝贵经验和知识财富。

今天的故事还在继续，我正在实现我的梦想。目前，我是香港中文大学的教授兼生物课程主任、香港地球生物基因组计划的负责人，以及APRU太平洋生物多样性与可持续发展的联合主席。我也很幸运能与另一位COSF学者结婚，并育有两个孩子。

有许多聪明的年轻人希望有机会接受高等教育。尽管COSF近年来的表现令人鼓舞，但全球各地的不确定性使环境变得复杂。我希望我没有浪费COSF及其所有支持者给我的机会，并衷心感谢你们给予我的慷慨支援，令我拥有很大的抱负，不断改变。

许浩霖



Miss Joey Ho
MSc in Applied Linguistics and
Second Language Acquisition (2023)
Wolfson College



Dear COSF

I vividly recall the interview where I expressed my desire to become a teacher educator, aspiring to inspire more young minds. Perhaps it was my unwavering belief in the transformative power of education that resonated with the interviewers, leading to my selection as an awardee of this prestigious scholarship. Today, as a grateful member of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF) community, I cannot help but acknowledge that these scholarships, extending beyond financial aid, form the bedrock upon which my aspirations stand.

Symbolising the pursuit of the highest wisdom, the spires in Oxford motivated me to give my fullest to my discipline of study. Academic aside, Oxford brought me unexpected treasures – friends from diverse corners of the globe, each with unique talents and specialties, opportunities to tutor immigrant children, experiences of teaching university students. Oxford has not only created memorable memories but has also been the catalyst for my intellectual growth.

As the convenor for the cohort of 2022/23, I organised events that went beyond mere gatherings. With the additional budget, our events became some immersive experiences that brought us closer. I am deeply grateful for the appointment as I experienced the satisfaction of connecting individuals in a foreign land, planning events that eased homesickness and creating fulfilling and lasting memories. I must also credit the success of these events to the support from the other two convenors Shu Wei and Yan Wang, two administrators Susan Yu and Colleen Lau, Honorary Treasurer Simon Minshall, COSF supporter Albert Shen, and most important, COSF Trustee Annie Bentley. I am truly appreciative of their collaborative efforts.

Looking forward, I am excited to join Hong Kong Baptist University for a research project that focuses on teachers' use of Generative AI and their AI literacy. In a world where technology is rapidly changing the landscape of education, I am eager to explore AI's application in language teaching and learning. This opportunity will not only allow me to delve into a topic I find worthwhile but also enhance my research competence. This will be a crucial stepping stone in my pursuit of a DPhil to contribute to the ever-evolving field of education.



As I stand on the shoulders of the spires that have witnessed countless intellectual pursuits, I sincerely thank the donors who believe in my potential and in the power of education. While the funds are testament of kindness that change lives, I am humbled to be part of this legacy. To future awardees, may this testimony serve as an inspiration of the boundless possibilities that unfold when academic excellence is coupled with a commitment to community and service. May you also find inspiration in the enduring spires of Oxford, which shape not only academic trajectories, but also enriching and rewarding experiences that last a lifetime.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joey Ho'.

Joey Ho

Senior Project Assistant
Hong Kong Baptist University

致中国牛津奖学金基金,

衷心感谢China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF)，感谢这机构对我成为教师培训者的旅程作出支持。COSF奖学金对我不仅仅是经济上的帮助，更是让我实现梦想的坚实基础。在牛津的时光是一次很美好的学习经历，除了学术研究之外，我结交了来自不同地方的好朋友，得到辅导移民儿童的机会，以及担任大学生导师的经验。我也很感激在其他召集人、行政人员和COSF董事成员的支持下，为COSF的朋友组织活动，这些活动促进了我们的联系，并留下了美好的回忆。

展望未来，我会参加一项由香港浸会大学主导的研究项目，探索教师使用生成式AI和AI素养的情况。这个机会不仅符合我的研习兴趣，更能提升我的研究能力，为未来的教育专业作出贡献。站在尖塔的肩膀上，不但让我体现追求知识的魅力，而且让我学会感恩，我十分感激捐助者对我的信任与支持，让我有幸成为这个充满意义的故事的一分子。



何梓盈



Mr. Shijian Li
MSc in Computer Science (2014)
Green Templeton College



Dear COSF

I am Shijian Li, and received a scholarship from China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF) in 2013. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to share my journey of pursuing social impact through technology.

Following my graduation from Oxford, I joined Google as a software engineer in late 2014. Driven by a desire to give back to the society that had supported me, I embarked on a quest to create positive social change.

In 2016, I took on a pivotal role in developing the Wear OS platform, a smart watch operating system by Google. Leading a team, I spearheaded the creation of a specialized system for the mainland China market, collaborating with key OEMs such as Xiaomi, OPPO (and Huawei until 2019). During a trip to China in 2017, a gratifying moment occurred when an app owner shared that their revenue had increased fivefold due to platform growth, leading to the expansion of their part-time student developer team. That moment has specific meaning to me, as I had once been a student working part-time to fund my own studies. Witnessing my work create more opportunities for the broader society, empowering individuals to pursue their dreams in China, fulfilled my vision of social impact. In 2024, with a larger team, I will also continue to empower Chinese OEMs to build superior watches for global markets.

For me, social impact means providing opportunities to others. COSF embodies this principle by sponsoring students in need, granting them special study opportunities. As these students thrive, they contribute back, creating a positive cycle of social impact. I am honored to be part of this transformative journey.

Upon learning of Mr. Timothy Beardson's passing, I started to organize the first meet-up for new scholars in Oxford since October 2021. Witnessing the increasing number of scholars each year is exhilarating, and their brilliant ideas and academic pursuits inspire me. Together with the COSF alumni group, I am confident that we will collectively make a significant social impact on China and the world.

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Shijian Li

Tech Lead Manager/Staff Software Engineer
Google UK Limited

致中国牛津奖学金基金,

我是李诗剑，2013年获得China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF)奖学金。我很感激有机会分享我的历程。

从牛津毕业后，我于2014年底加入谷歌，担任软体工程师。我开始思考如何能够通过技术来回馈社会。

2016年，我加入了Google的Wear OS团队。Wear OS是一款智慧手表作业系统。我带领一个团队为中国市场制定更符合国内使用者使用习惯的系统版本，通过与小米、OPPO(以及2019年之前的华为)等重要的OEM合作在国内发布Wear OS设备。2017年，在中国的一次访问中，一个应用程序拥有者高兴地对我说，由于Wear OS平台的增长，他们的收入增长了五倍，而他们也扩大了兼职学生开发团队。对我来说，这一刻具有特殊的意义，因为我曾经是那些为自己的学费而兼职工作的学生之一。我的工作为社会创造更多的市场和就业机会，让更多的中国年轻人追求梦想。这就是我一直追寻的回馈社会的道路。现在我领导更大的团队和中国的OEM合作，一起在全世界范围内为用户创造价值，为更多的开发者提供平台。

对我而言，积极的社会影响就意味著为他人提供机会。COSF通过资助有需要的学生，为他们提供独特的学习机会，也体现了这一原则。随著这些学生的茁壮成长，他们也将会回馈社会，从而创造了积极的正向回馈循环。能够参与到其中一环，我深感荣幸。

得知Timothy Beardson先生去世的消息后，从2021年10月开始，我每年在牛津组织新批COSF学者的第一次聚会。我非常欣喜地看到奖学金学者人数逐年增加。在同他们的沟通中，我能够感受到年轻人对学术炽热的激情。与COSF校友团队一起，我坚信我们将共同在中国和全世界做出积极的社会贡献。



李诗剑



Dr. Simon Wang
MSc in Education (2006)
Linacre College



Dear COSF

In March 2005, I stood at a crossroads: to pursue a master's degree in Second Language Education at another prestigious UK university or venture into Comparative and International Education at Oxford. The decision was made in favour of Oxford, influenced by the mind-broadening education it promised and a crucial top-up bursary from China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF). During my interview with COSF, tasked with envisioning my societal impact as a language educator, I asserted that while my direct influence might be limited, my students could become significant societal contributors.

Post-graduation, I journeyed back to Wuhan, teaching English at a university. This experience set the stage for my DPhil from City University of Hong Kong, where I investigated critical thinking development for language assessments. Subsequently, as a lecturer in English at Hong Kong Baptist University, I leveraged my Oxford-honed skills to design a novel and award-winning General Education course. Here, students critically analyse government policies based on unpublicised data from the Hong Kong government under the Code on Access to Information, similar to UK's Freedom of Information Law. My students have published over 150 letters in the South China Morning Post, an achievement crowned by my own contribution to the paper's 120th-anniversary edition in Nov 2023.

Among my endeavours was mentoring a student team championing PhET simulations, an initiative by Nobel Laureate Professor Carl Weismann, which earned the Yidan Prize for advancing STEM education. This project not only showcased our students' letters in the SCMP but also led me to the Yidan Prize celebration, connecting me with global educational innovators and philanthropists.

Reflecting on this path, I am reminded of the generosity that once aided me, now coming full circle as I help guide the next generation to make their mark, supported by a legacy of educational philanthropy that began with COSF.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Simon Wang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Simon" and last name "Wang" clearly distinguishable.

Simon Wang

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致中国牛津奖学金基金,

2005年,我面临选择可以去牛津大学攻读比较与国际教育硕士学位或去另一所著名学府学习二语教育硕士课程。我最终选择牛津,希望能获得更博雅的教育并受益于China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF)的经济支持。毕业后,我返回武汉一所大学教英语,并在香港城市大学攻读博士学位,研究语言评估中的批判性思维发展。后来,作为香港浸会大学英语讲师,我设计了一门创新的通识教育课程,让学生援引《公开资料守则》基于香港政府提供的未公开资料批判分析公共政策。学生在《南华早报》发表了150多封信件,我也为该报120周年纪念版撰稿。

我指导的学生团队在香港推广PhET科学模拟项目(该项目获得一丹奖),我因此获邀参加一丹奖颁奖晚宴,与世界各地教育创新者与慈善家交流。这一路上,我从教育慈善的支持中受益,如今也致力于帮助新一代发挥影响力,延续COSF的教育慈善传统。



王浩



Dr. Yuen Yi Lo
MSc in Education (2007)
St. Hilda's College



Dear COSF

For a child from a grass-root family, getting an offer from the University of Oxford brought mixed feelings - there was just one step to go to pursue my dream, but that was a huge one and would impose huge financial burden on my family. I was very fortunate to receive an award from China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF), which helped to bridge that step. I still remember I got the good news on the Lunar New Year's Eve in 2006, a day which changed my life.

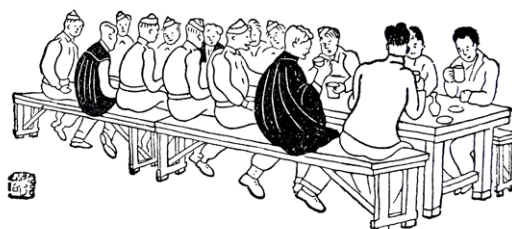
When I arrived at Oxford, it was the first time that I had been to the UK. Aspired to be an English teacher, being able to study in Oxford was simply a dream come true. My original plan was to complete the one-year master's degree and then return to my teaching position. However, during my study at the Department of Education, I found my interest in research and was determined to further pursue a doctorate. It's never easy to complete a DPhil, but I really enjoyed the intellectual environment in Oxford. I was exposed to world leading researchers in the field, rich academic resources and support, as well as other passionate and high calibre research students from different parts of the world. I received systematic and solid training in research, which enabled me to become an independent researcher.

Upon completing my DPhil, I started my career as a teacher educator and researcher at the Education University of Hong Kong. I am currently an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Education, the University of Hong Kong. I am always grateful for the support of COSF. I have been sharing my experience with my students and encouraging them to chase their dream with courage. I am sure COSF will continue to support many more aspiring scholars from Hong Kong and the Mainland.

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Yuen Yi Lo

Associate Professor
Associate Dean (Learning & Teaching)
Faculty of Education
The University of Hong Kong



致中国牛津奖学金基金,

对于一个来自草根家庭的孩子来说，收到牛津大学的录取通知书时心情很复杂——距离梦想只有一步之遥，但那一步却会为家庭带来巨大的经济负担。我很幸运地获得了China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF) 的奖学金，令我成功踏出了这一步。

我的梦想是成为一名英语老师，所以能够在牛津大学学习简直是梦想成真。我原本的计划是完成一年的硕士学位后回到我的教学岗位。然而，在牛津大学教育系学习期间，我发现了自己对学术研究的兴趣，并决心进一步攻读博士学位。要完成博士学位从来都不是一件容易的事，但我很享受牛津浓厚的学术气氛。

完成博士学位后，我返回香港工作，希望为教育作出贡献。我十分感谢COSF的支持，并相信COSF将继续支持更多来自香港和内地满怀抱负的学者。

卢婉怡

