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Dear All

Please find below the update 29 from HOPE.

News from HOPE

Top UK universities enrollment.

Although affected by Covid-19, HOPE's total number of enrollments for September 2020 and January 2021 is 16% down compared with last year, the number of students going to top universities soar up to a record high this year:

G5 universities: Oxford 1, Imperial 1, LSE 1, UCL 5

2020 QS World top 100 universities: 1213.

Trend from the first two weeks of new academic year.

In the past 2 weeks, we having been receiving surprisingly increased enquiries on studying in the UK universities for both PG and UG programme, with good number shifting from previously planning to go to the US. However, the number of enquiries on school sector is relatively lower than before. This might be a trend for the coming year!

Planned events September – December 2020

time	event	location	places
18 September	G5 students experience sharing	online	n/a
18 September -	Photography Contest on HOPE's	online	All welcome
20 November	20 th Anniversary - Grow		
	accompanied by HOPE		
26 September	Charity hiking - love and care	Shanghai,	All welcome
	for autistic children	Hangzhou,	
		Nanjing and	
		London	
20 - 23 October	UK University Online Fair	Online	12 vacancies
11-13 November	UK School Online Fair	Online	9 vacancies
5 December	Sino-UK Conference on	Online	Invitation
	International Education		only
	Collaboration - challenges and		
	Opportunities post pandemic era		

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19 December	HOPE 20 th Anniversary	Shanghai	All welcome
20 December	celebration night	Nanjing	
26 December		Hangzhou	

Please contact Alice Zhang, International Partnership Manager for more details of the event at a.zhang@hope-studyabroad.com



A poster for the Charity Hiking for autistic children

Kind regards

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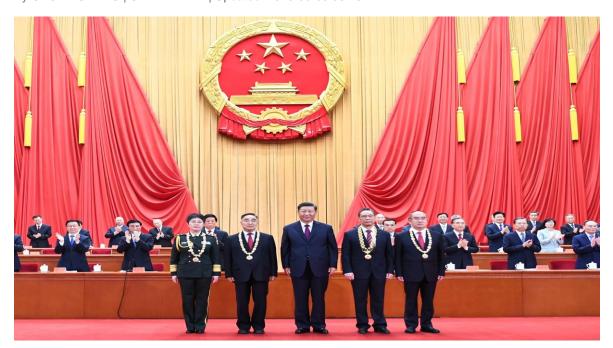
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Xi presents medals to COVID fighters

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President Xi Jinping attends the meeting to commend role models in China's fight against COVID-19 with recipient of the Medal of the Republic Zhong Nanshan (second from right) and recipients of the national honorary title "People's Hero", Zhang Boli (second from left), Zhang Dingyu (right) and Chen Wei (left), at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Tuesday. [Photo/Xinhua]

Nation is willing to do whatever it takes to protect people's lives, president says

Solidarity and cooperation are the right choice for the international community to respond to a major crisis such as the COVID-19 pandemic, while selfishness and scapegoating will harm the people of all countries, President Xi Jinping said on Tuesday.

Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remark when addressing a meeting to commend the role models in the country's fight against COVID-19 at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

During the meeting, Xi presented the Medal of the Republic to renowned respiratory disease expert Zhong Nanshan, and the national honorary title "People's Hero" to Zhang Boli, a traditional Chinese medicine expert; Zhang Dingyu, head of Jinyintan Hospital in Wuhan, Hubei province; and Chen Wei, a military biomedical expert, for their outstanding contributions to the country's fight against COVID-19.

Xi said the great anti-epidemic effort has demonstrated that building a community with a shared future for mankind is the right way to prevail over the common challenges facing humanity and to build a more prosperous and better world.

He reviewed nationwide efforts in combating the unprecedented public health crisis as well as China's cooperation with the rest of the world in fighting the pandemic.

He also praised those who have made sacrifices and contributions to the country's achievements in epidemic control, and the foreign countries and international organizations that offered assistance and support to China during the difficult time.

Despite the tremendous pressure in domestic epidemic control, Xi said China has offered assistance to the international community to the best of its ability in fighting the pandemic.

China has donated funds totaling \$50 million to the World Health Organization, sent 34 medical expert teams to 32 countries and provided assistance to 150 countries and four international organizations.





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Between March 15 and Sunday, China had exported 151.5 billion masks, 1.4 billion protective suits, 230 million goggles and 209,000 ventilators to more than 200 countries and regions to support the global fight against COVID-19.

"With concrete actions, China has helped save a great number of lives from COVID-19 around the world," Xi said.

As the pandemic is still raging globally, Xi said China will continue to enhance international cooperation in epidemic control, support the WHO playing a leading role in the global fight against the disease, share anti-epidemic and treatment experience with other nations, and provide aid to countries and regions with poor capabilities to deal with the pandemic.

During his speech, Xi summarized China's spirit of combating the outbreak, which features putting people's lives first, nationwide solidarity, sacrifice, respecting science, and a sense of mission for humanity.

In the fight against the epidemic, people's lives have always been put first and foremost, Xi said, adding that China is willing to do whatever it takes to protect people's lives.

Noting that strong Party leadership is the most reliable support for the Chinese people in times of trouble, Xi said the fight against the epidemic has also demonstrated that socialism with Chinese characteristics is the fundamental guarantee for resisting risks and challenges and improving the capacity for national governance.

He noted that the Chinese economy is steadily turning for the better as the country has coordinated epidemic control with economic growth.

"China has become the first major economy to return to growth during the COVID-19 pandemic and has taken the lead in the world in both epidemic control and economic recovery," Xi said. "This has demonstrated China's strong ability to recover and its enormous vitality."

China will continue to advance economic globalization, firmly uphold the multilateral trading system, ensure the stability of global industrial and supply chains, and work with the international community to help the world economy recover, he said.

"We will also stand ready to work with other countries to make global governance more inclusive, the multilateral system more efficient and regional cooperation more robust," he added.

Pedestrian mall's extension officially opens



The extension of the Nanjing Road Pedestrian Mall is packed with visitors as it officially opens in Shanghai on September 12, 2020.

The eastern extension of the Nanjing Road Pedestrian Mall opened to residents and tourists on Saturday.

The extended section spanning 500 meters was originally built in 1851 as one of the city's first modern roads at the time.

The opening coincided with the 31st Shanghai Tourism Festival which runs from Saturday to September 27.









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Xi extends Teachers' Day greetings to teachers

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Students at a primary school in Lianyungang, Jiangsu province, hug their teacher on Wednesday ahead of Teachers' Day, which falls on Thursday.

BEIJING --President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, has sent greetings to teachers and workers in education circles across the country ahead of China's Teachers' Day that falls on Sept 10

In the face of the sudden outbreak of COVID-19, teachers across the country braved difficulties, continued working and made important contributions to fighting the epidemic by dedicating themselves to the world's largest-scale online teaching, Xi said.

Teachers across the country devoted their love and wisdom to stopping poverty from being passed on to the next generation, Xi said, noting this year as the time to secure Add: Room 411 Pole Tower, 425 Yishan Road, 200235, China

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a decisive victory in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects and achieve the goal of poverty alleviation.

He expressed his hope that teachers will bear in mind their mission of cultivating talent for the Party and the state, develop teaching methods for the new era, and make more contributions to nurturing all-round socialist builders and successors.

Urging more care for teachers, Xi stressed the importance of making teaching the most esteemed and admired profession in society and better coordinating the COVID-19 response with educational work.

China now has 17.32 million full-time teachers at different levels. Through large-scale online teaching, they met a variety of learning needs for 280 million students across the country amid the COVID-19 epidemic, advancing the revolutionary reform in teaching methods.

Meanwhile, teachers working in rural areas as well as in the most remote and impoverished regions have made their contributions to the country's mission of ending poverty and building a moderately prosperous society in all respects.

Xinhua contributed to this story.