

Bangor University launches a unique Confucius Institute

The first Confucius Institute anywhere in the world to have a focus on Law, is being opened officially at Bangor University. The Confucius Institute is being launched by First Minister Carwyn Jones, in the presence of Mr SHEN Yang, Minister-Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy.

A delegation from Bangor University's partner institution, the China University of Political Science & Law, led by its President, Professor HUANG Jin visited Bangor especially for the opening ceremony. The event included performances of Chinese folk song and dance by Yuannan University of Nationalities, calligraphy performance by Professor SUN He of the China University of Political Science & Law, a well-known calligrapher in China, and a special performance by the renowned Male Voice Choir, Hogia'r Ddwylian.



Mr SHEN Yang, Minister-Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy, Professor John G Hughes, Vice-Chancellor, Professor HUANG Jin, President of the China University of Political Science & Law and the Rt Hon Carwyn Jones, First Minister: Unveiling the Confucius Institute Placques.

The First Minister said: "China will be increasingly important to the future of Wales and this new Confucius Institute, the first to focus on law anywhere in the world, is a major boost in creating further links between our two countries.

"I wish the institute all the best as it becomes a new cultural bridge that develops our relationship and understanding of each other's history and culture."

Executive agreement

Bangor University Vice Chancellor
Professor John G. Hughes said:

“This is a major development for Bangor University. Confucius Institutes spread understanding about Chinese language and culture. They have become a platform for cultural exchanges between China and the world. The Institute at Bangor will play a key role sharing Chinese culture and learning with schools and cultural organisations in North Wales and North West England, as it develops a program of cultural activities. The Confucius Institute in Bangor will provide our students and the local community with unprecedented access to many remarkable aspects of Chinese culture and enhance the links between our two countries.”



Bangor University vice-Chancellor John Hughes and President Huang of CUPL shake hands after signing the executive agreement



Vice Chancellor Professor John G. Hughes and
President Huang



CHINESE SONG, by pupils from Ysgol Cae Top,
a local primary school



Welsh Harp Music

Hogia'r
Ddwylan: Welsh
Male Voice Choir



PROFESSOR
DERMOT
CAHILL



Professor Dermot Cahill, Head of the Law School at Bangor University said:

“In addition to the distinctive Chinese cultural programme of events and exchanges that the Institute intends to provide, the unique feature of the Bangor Confucius Institute is the distinctive 'law flavour'. The Institute will help spread understanding about Chinese law and the Chinese legal system in order to help foster mutual understanding, as trade relations grow between the United Kingdom and China.

“We will be launching an LLB degree in Law and Chinese Studies in the near future The Confucius Institute will provide an ideal platform from which to help British law students learn Chinese and, at the same time, understand more about the cultural context of law. This understanding is essential for any prospective lawyer with international ambitions.”

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CALLIGRAPHY PERFORMANCE, by
Professor Sun He of the China University
of Political Science & Law.



CHINESE FOLK MUSIC & DANCE by
School of Arts, Yunnan University of
Nationalities

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