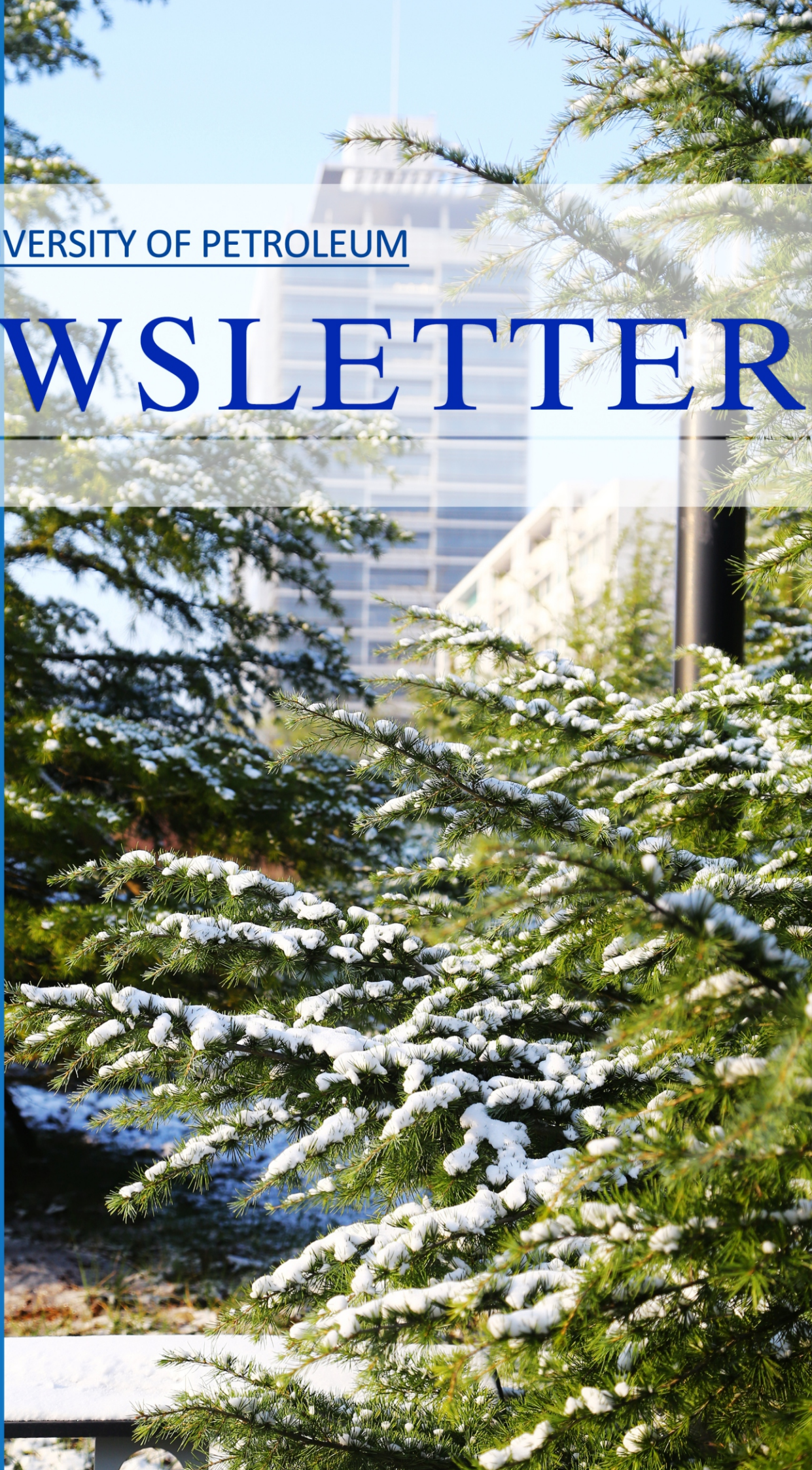




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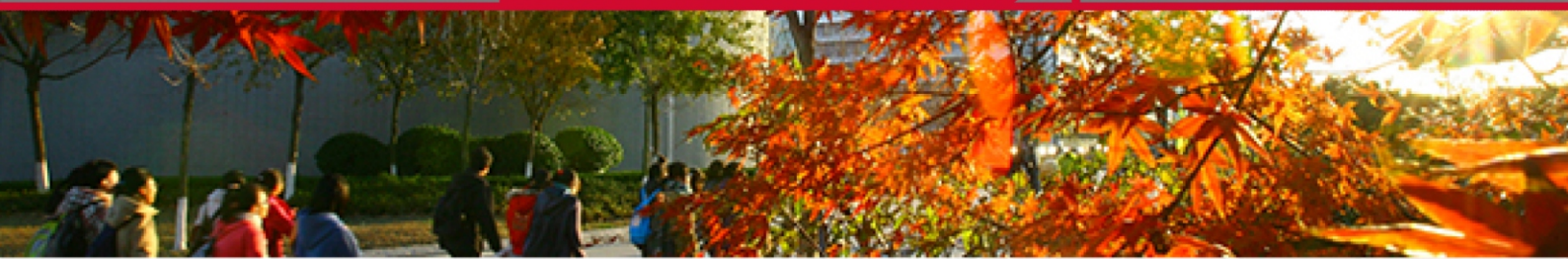
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Hossein Ganjidoust, Science and Technology Counsellor of Iran Embassy in China Visiting UPC

Recently, Hossein Ganjidoust paid visit to UPC and was warmly welcomed by Vice-president Zha Ming. He is the science and technology counsellor of Iran Embassy in China and professor of Tarbiat Modares University. The two sides held talks and exchanged ideas about the future cooperation between UPC and Iran universities.

Vice-president Zha Ming first gave a general introduction about UPC. He said China and Iran has always been in friendly diplomatic relationship, especially on the issue of energy and resources. Based on this, UPC has built partnership with universities and institutes in the Middle East and is looking forward to deepen cooperation with Iran universities on academic research, student and faculty exchange and etc.

Hossein Ganjidoust spoke highly of the strength and advantages UPC has enjoyed in petroleum education.

He agreed that the two sides should promote more communication in the future and conduct different forms of collaborations. Iran has attached great importance to the communication in culture, education and technology with China those years, he added.



After discussion, the two sides succeeded in signing a memo of cooperation. UPC and Iran universities will hold together academic conference, launch summer schools or cooperate in graduate education. Hossein Ganjidoust also visited laboratories of schools of petroleum engineering, chemical engineering, pipeline and civil engineering.

South Korea Youth Delegation Visiting UPC

On 4, June, a youth delegation from South Korea paid visit to UPC. It was composed by principle offices of MOGEF (Ministry of Gender Equality & Family) and college and secondary school students representatives. President Shan Honghong and leaders from the President's Office, International Office Youth League Committee met with the delegation and conducted discussions with the delegates.



President Shan gave a general introduction about UPC, including its advantages and international cooperation. She said, the university is willing to broaden cooperation with Korean universities with the hope that students of the two sides will learn about each other and increase mutual understanding. Kim Sung Byuk, the head of the youth delegation, expressed the same wishes and hoped that the two sides can make efforts together to promote the growth of the young generation. Students from the two sides offered a wonderful performance, including orchestra, taekwondo, folk dance, hip-hop and chorus.

Cultural Exchanges Held between UPC and Oversea Universities

During the summer vocation, UPC held cultural exchanges with overseas universities, such as the Petroleum Institute in Abu Dhabi, Gachon University, Hanyang University, Da-Yeh University in Taiwan and Perm State Technical University. Students and faculties were sent to abroad to experience diverse cultures and learn foreign language.



Visiting Drilling Laboratory of Petroleum Institute in Abu Dhabi



The Opening Ceremony of Summer Camp in Gachon University



Cultural Communication between Mainland and Taiwan

In Petroleum Institute in Abu Dhabi, students and teachers of UPC and The Petroleum Institute in Abu Dhabi held the seminar of “International Management and Intercultural Communication” together, as well as having academic talks. The Gachon University’s summer camp included Korean language learning, enterprise visiting, traditional culture experience, etc. every students received 40 hours' language learning which was taught by experienced Korean teachers. The special thing of Hanyang University’s program was that students were required to select one or two major related or cultural lessons, and after a month, they could acquire certificates and credits which can be confirmed by UPC. Students who participated in the summer camp in Perm State Technical University mainly had activities like Russian learning, visiting and cultural communication.

In recent years, UPC has put emphasis on international communication. The university has build cooperative relationships with nearly 90 universities in more than 10 countries and regions such as America, Canada, Australia, Britain, France, Russia, Korean, Mideast, etc.. Students and young teachers have different oppprtunities to go abroad, such as the summer school, degree study, internship practice and international conference.



Summer Camp in Perm State Technical University

UPC Deepens partnerships with Taiwan Universities

From October 12 to 16, 2014, Shan Honghong, the president of UPC, led a delegation to Da Yeh University in Taiwan to participate "2014 Cross-Strait University President Symposium & Conference on Science and Technology ". The delegation also visited Chinese Culture University, Fu Jen Catholic University and Tatung University, and conducted communications and negotiations with them.



President Shan Honghong made a report on the topic of curriculum construction.

Held by Da Yeh University and co-organized by more than 20 colleges and universities in Taiwan such as National Taiwan Normal University, National Kaohsiung First University of Science and Technology, Daren University of Technology and Tatung University, the symposium invited over 150 principals, experts and scholars from nearly fifty universities and officers from education sectors across the strait.

Centered on issues of "how to improve faculty, curriculum and teaching of higher education institutions", "how to simplify administrative procedures of cross-strait educational exchanges", "how to construct strategies to cope with the impact of declining birthrate ", attendees exchanged ideas on the problems in the process of communications between cross-strait universities, such as curriculum design, students enrollment and supporting policies and also proposed series of new ideas and measures.



The first Cross-Strait University President Symposium & Conference on Science and Technology was initiated by UPC in 2002. In the following 12 years, it was held in turn by universities across the strait. Through the academic platform, universities on both sides not only promoted academic cooperation, but also promoted staff and student exchanges, which enhanced understanding and friendship between the two sides. In 2015, the symposium will be hosted by Ludong University.

UPC Furthered Cooperation with Iran's Universities

On 11th, Nov., Hossein Ganjidoust, Iran embassy science counselor and professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering School of Tarbiat Modares University, paid a visit to UPC. The vice President Zha Ming welcomed the guest and talked with him about cooperation between UPC and Iran universities.



UPC has signed a framework agreement on cooperation with Tarbiat Modares University this September. Contents are as follows: exchanges of students and teaching and research stuffs, academic exchanges of professors in the summer holiday, communication and sharing of information, books, academic paper, research material, thesis and computer software. Jointly conduct academic conferences and seminars, scientific research display and collaborative research projects. Two universities will endeavor to provide convenience for student's exchanges, students' participation in sports competition as well as mutual scientific research cooperation and sharing of experimental facilities. What's more, the two sides will support each other to conduct researches on language and literature. Tarbiat Modares University will also offer short-term training on Persian language for UPC's students.

During the visit, Hossein Ganjidoust also visited laboratories of School of Geosciences.

UPC Strengthened Partnerships with Russian Universities

Recently, a delegation led by president Shan Honghong took visits to Russian universities, including National Mineral Resources University(University of Mines), Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas and Moscow State Institution of Tchaikovsky Conservatory. During the visits, a series of new agreements has been reached which will advance collaboration between UPC and those universities.



President Shan Honghong and Vladimir Litvinenko, rector of National Mineral Resources University signed cooperation agreements between the universities. In accordance with the agreement, the parties intend to carry out common research and development projects, exchange programs, academic trips for faculty in the future. The two sides also planned to establish a center for oil and gas technology research. Vladimir Litvinenko also invited UPC's experts to participate in the international forum on oil resources strategy and exploration technology organized by National Mineral Resources University in 2015. President Shan Honghong and the delegation also visited the university museums, petroleum engineering laboratories, and held talks with related staff on the affairs of doctoral joint training, summer school programs.

Alexander Maksimenko, the vice principal of Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas, hosted a meeting with the delegation. The two sides discussed a plan of strengthening cooperation and reached concrete agreements, such as students and faculty exchanges, joint training for undergraduates and graduates. These agreements will be carried out step by step in the near future.



In Moscow State Institution of Tchaikovsky Conservatory, the vice president Vladimir Sukhanov held a conference with president Shan Honghong. The both sides expressed their willingness to cooperate and exchanged their ideas in teachers training, students exchange. What's more, Shan Honghong was invited to attend the 150th anniversary of the institution. After the meeting, Shan Honghong and the delegation visited the Tchaikovsky Conservatory Music Hall, one of four most famous music halls in the world and students' music rooms.

Besides, the delegation also visited Education Departments of the Chinese Embassy in Moscow and the Chinese Council in St. Petersburg. President Shan Honghong met several teachers and students of UPC who are studying in Russia, gave her wishes to them and encouraged them to make more contributions to the communication between UPC and Russian universities.

Delegations from Tyumen State Oil and Gas University and Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas Visited UPC

On December 1st, delegations from Tyumen State Oil and Gas University and Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas paid visits to UPC. Vice presidents Wang Ruihe and Zha Ming welcomed separately the guests and held talks with them.

UPC has conducted cooperation with Tyumen State Oil and Gas University since 2008. Up to present, 190 students from UPC have been sent to the university. During the visit, the two parties have reached agreement on more fields for cooperation, such as research, faculty exchange and online learning.



Through the past two decades, UPC and Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas has established a solid and friendly partnership. The two universities will further collaboration in summer school programs for language and culture communication, employment of Russian teacher, construction of China-Russia joint laboratories and doctoral internship.

Tyumen State Oil and Gas University is the largest university in the Tyumen region of Russia. It has 7 schools, including construction, social sciences, engineering, and the Institute of Management and Business. It was established in 1956. Today about 40 thousand students study here in 70 departments. During the 50 years of its existence the university has awarded diplomas to almost 75 thousand graduates.

Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas, located in Moscow, the first university to have started oil and gas staff training in Russia is still the main talent foundry for the oil and gas industry. The university was founded on 17 April 1930 and named after the geologist Ivan Gubkin. The university is known as Kerosinka (Russian: Керосинка), meaning "kerosene stove". It has 9 faculties, including petroleum geology and geophysics, petroleum engineering, pipeline engineering, mechanical engineering, chemical engineering, information technology, economics and management, international energy business and law (petroleum law).

A Delegation from Moi University in Kenya Visited UPC

Recently, a delegation from Moi University in Kenya made a visit to UPC. Vice-president Wang Ruihe received the guests and held talks with them about the future cooperation.



Vice-president Wang Ruihe gave a general introduction about UPC. As he said, Africa has become a key source of international students for UPC and the two sides have a long history of cooperation in petroleum industry. UPC is always ready to offer supports for the construction of School of Petroleum Engineering in Moi University.

Hon. Joshua Serem Kutuny, director of the President Office of the Republic of Kenya, said the Kenya government puts a high value on the collaboration of the two countries and hoped that the cooperation of two universities will do good to the petroleum education of Kenya and produce more and more skilled personnel in oil exploration, development and refinery.

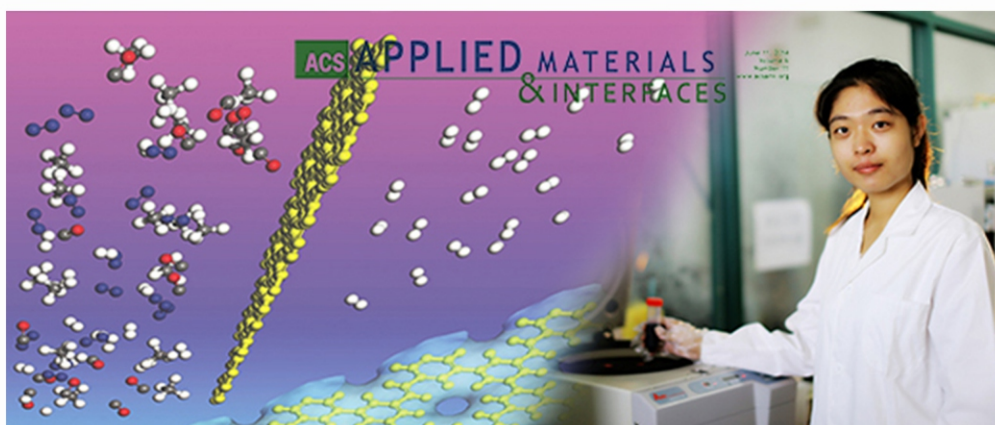
Prof. David Kirwa Rotich Tuigong, vice-president of Moi University, introduced briefly the basic information of the university which is planning to set up a petroleum engineering school. Therefore, more cooperation on laboratory building, programs design and faculty training should be carried out.



During the visit, the guests also were showed around the key labs.

UPC Postgraduate has Front Cover Publication on ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces

Recently, Tao Yehan, the postgraduate student from College of Science has her research findings "Tunable Hydrogen Separation in Porous Graphene Membrane: First-Principle and Molecular Dynamic Simulation" published on the cover of ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces (2014, 6 (11), 8048–8058, Front Cover). The journal ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces is sponsored by American Chemical Society.



Hydrogen gas, odorless and non-toxic, is regarded as the most potential environmental-friendly new energy in the 21st century. The separation and purification of hydrogen gas is the critical problem that restricts the wide application of hydrogen energy. The author researched the hydrogen separation in Porous Graphene Membrane by First-Principle and Molecular Dynamic Simulation. She found that hydrogen can be efficiently separated from mixture of nitrogen, carbon monoxide, methane and hydrogen in Porous Graphene PG-ES Membrane. The paper also explained the principle of gas separation in Porous Graphene PG-ES Membrane with the energy barrier modal. The research is significant for the design of new efficient hydrogen separation membrane. The research is sponsored by National Nature Science Foundation of China, Ministry of Education of China and China University of Petroleum.

Chen Zhonghong, Zhang Liang Got Nominated by 2015 Eni Award

Recently, Chen Zhonghong, associate professor from School of Geoscience , and Zhang Liang, lecturer from School of Petroleum Engineering, got 2015 Eni Award nomination in the fields of oil-gas exploration and new energy and environmental protection.

The Eni Award is a prize awarded by the Italian oil and gas company ENI with the aim of encouraging better use of energy sources and increasing environmental research. The strict award guidelines and the notable names on the selection committee (including Nobel laureates) make ENI a coveted award. Some websites and magazines have called the ENI award as "Nobel prize of energy research". The scientific committee of the ENI award includes representatives from Stanford University, MIT, Cambridge University and others internationally distinguished universities and institutes.

Chen Zhonghong is committed to the research of "oil-cracking gas under high temperature and pressure" in recent years. Findings have been published in "Journal of Petroleum Geology", which has drawn international concern. Zhang Liang has been devoted to the research of CO₂ geological storage, resource utilization, and unconventional energy development. He has published many articles in International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control, Greenhouse Gases: Science and Technology, Applied energy, International Journal of Coal Geology. His paper "Potential Assessment of CO₂ Injection for Heat Mining and Geological Storage in Geothermal Reservoirs of China" (SCI index 5.27) has been well received concerns from the fields of energy and environment and will be further reported by Renewable Energy Global Innovations as "Key Scientific Article".

The Second Saudi-China Oil Refinery Forum 2014 Held in UPC

From October 6th to 7th, the Second Saudi-China Oil Refinery Forum were held in UPC. The forum were hosted by UPC and KACST. Specialist from universities, research institutes and oil petrification enterprise in China, Saudi Arabia, Britain, Japan, gathered to exchange ideas on the development and cooperation of the latest oil refining technology. President Shan Honghong and Hamid A Almegren, head of petrochemical engineering insititute of KACST, delivered opening remarks.



President Shan introduced the basic information of UPC. As she said, discussions in the field of applied research provided a chance for UPC to improve the ability of academic and research. Through cooperation with KACST, UPC would make greater contribution in promoting friendship between China and Saudi Arabia. Facing problems like energy crisis and global warming, specialists in the field of petrochemistry should seek for wiser, more effective and environment-friendly way to redesign the petroleum processing and petrochemical Technology.



Experts from both sides made reports and shared new findings in refinery technologies. The attendees also discussed topics of the fundamental and applied research on new catalysts, the oil cleaning refining process and treatment of refinery sulfur process, catalytic cracking, hydro-treating process, oil refining, and chemical process integration.

Findings on Water Flow in Nanochannels by Yaojun's Group got Published by Angewandte Chemie

Recently, a new progress on Water Flow in Nanochannels was made by Yaojun's Group of School of Petroleum Engineering. The paper "Electromanipulating Water Flow in Nanochannels" has got published by Angewandte Chemie International Edition.

In the article, the group came up with the new idea that a vibrational charge outside the nanochannel can promote water flux, which is in sharp contrast to the prevailing view that a stationary charge outside a nanochannel impedes water permeation across the nanochannel and also had it proved through molecular dynamics simulations. In the vibrational charge system, a decrease in the distance between the charge and the nanochannel leads to an increase in the water net flux, which is contrary to that of the fixed-charge system. The increase in net water flux is the result of the vibrational charge-induced disruption of hydrogen bonds when the net water flux is strongly affected by the vibrational frequency of the charge. In particular, the net flux reaches a maximum when the vibrational frequency matches the inherent frequency of hydrogen bond inside the nanochannel. This electromanipulating transport phenomenon provides an important new mechanism of water transport confined in nanochannels.

In recent years, Yaojun's group has been focusing on the field of oil and gas flow and obtained many important findings. Their articles have been published by influential international journals, such as Angew. Chem. Int. Edit., Nano Lett., Int. J. Heat. Mass Transfer, Int. J. Greenh. Gas Con., J. Comput. Phys.

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UPC Students Conducted Volunteering Work for the International Horticultural Exposition 2014 Qingdao

The international Horticultural Exposition 2014 has been opened since 25, April. During the whole summer vacation, 51 volunteers from UPC conducted volunteering services for the event, who have got various cultural experiences and new friends over the time.



The International Horticultural Exposition 2014 will be held in Qingdao from 25, April to 25, October. To ensure the quality of service for the Expo, eighteen universities and organizations are authorized to be volunteer stations and will be responsible for volunteering work. UPC become one for them and offer volunteer service for the Expo. The selection of volunteers in UPC starts in June, through which 51 students were chosen as a team. They are qualified with basic knowledge and skills, such as foreign language proficiency. The volunteers received pre-job training, which enabled them to understand their duties and

responsibilities, including ticket check, security check, news reports, exhibition management, volunteer management, etc.

Not only did they complete their own work, volunteers also designed routines for tourists, which got much praise from visitors. "For the first time standing on the post, I felt unfamiliar with almost everything, and I would be tongue-tied when someone asked." Truly it is hard to get to know the 240-hectare-site well, for example one of the volunteers in the school of economics and management named Xiao Yuhan met with some trouble in the very beginning. However, she didn't give up and learned a lot from the voluntary manual as well as communicating with other stuff. So that she gradually obtained the ability to direct tourists accurately." Xiao would always brush up on the EXPO information. For now, she is the most post-friendly tiny pinto beans" her team leader Xia Boqiang commented.

Movable guiding post is a highly demanding one. Four volunteers on this post are students from the English major and Russian major, so that they must master many kinds of languages such as Korean, Russian, Japanese, etc.

The work has made volunteers stronger and tougher, who had to work in the heat. They got a lot from the volunteering work.

Prof. Edward C. Prescott Talks about "Revolution in Aggregate Economics" with Students

On 21st, September, Prof. Edward C. Prescott, a well-known American economist, gave a lecture on the topic of "Revolution in Aggregate Economics" in UPC campus. He shared his ideas on economics with students,

Edward Christian Prescott is an American economist. He received the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics in 2004, sharing the award with Finn E. Kydland, "for their contributions to dynamic macroeconomics: the time consistency of economic policy and the driving forces behind business cycles".



In his lecture, Edward C. Prescott introduced the history of Dynamic Macroeconomics and Aggregate Economics and gave a comparison of their differences, as he said "Micro and Aggregate Theory are Fundamentally Different. Micro empirical knowledge is organized around supply and demand and aggregate empirical knowledge is organized around preference and technology." He was also talking about Chinese and American economy in those years and raised several open questions for student, for example, how can the Chinese and other groups set up better sustainable governance and catch up to the West? Why was the Chinese industrial revolution aborted after the Song Dynasty? How can China improve its financial system to better serve its people? What is a good policy regime to deal with the aging Chinese population? Students got more knowledge and ideas from his lecture.

Edward C. Prescott is also invited as the honorary professor of UPC. Vice-president Zha Ming showed thanks for his lecture and hoped that students can have more opportunities for communication with Prof. Prescott in the future.

Copenhagen Piano Quartet Visited UPC

From Oct. 31st to Nov. 1st, Copenhagen Piano Quartet came to UPC for a two-day visit. Not only did they bring a wonderful chamber music performance, but also gave the students who love music an opportunity to get a face-to face guidance.



Chamber Music: Enjoy the charm of music



In the evening of Oct. 31, on the concert, Copenhagen Piano Quartet played full tracks of European features for teachers and students. They performed "Piano Quartet No.3" of Friedrich Kuhlau, Rune Glerup's "Piano Quartet", Antonio Dvorak's "Piano Quartet No 2". The concert attracted lots of students who are interested in chamber music. At the end of the concert, Adam Stadnicki, the cellist and Ni Ya, one teacher of music department, played together a famous Chinese track "The Song of Burying Flowers".

On Nov. 1, Copenhagen Piano Quartet was invited to give directions for students of the music department on how to make chamber music performance more delicate and expressive.



Face to Face Guidance

This activity included four parts: piano, cello, viola and violin. Through the guidance, students can learn knowledge and experience from the four musicians. As Ni Ya said, the activity offered a chance for students to communicate with masters, and to learn ideas and methods from their experience. A student of music department said, "although there are some difficulties in language communication, I have got a clear understanding because of their detailed and patient explanation. They focus more on emotional expression in performing."

UPC Students attended PetroBowl Petroleum Knowledge Competition

From October 27th to 29th, the 2014 Annual Technical Conference & Exhibition (ATCE) sponsored by the Global SPE (Society of Petroleum Engineers) was held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. More than 12,000 petroleum engineers, young scholars and petroleum companies from America, China, Great Britain, France, Australia, Netherlands, Norway, Brazil, Mexico, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia attended the conference.



The “Petrobowl” Petroleum Knowledge Competition was held on October 27th. This year, the competition attracted 36 teams, including Stanford University, University of Texas at Austin to Texas A&M University. On behalf of UPC, the team consisting five students from School of Petroleum Engineering, Li Menglai, Yang Gang, Song Wenhui, Ma Bo, Zhang Wei, attended the competition, which was one of three teams in the Asian- Pacific region and the only team from China. After the fierce competition, the top four teams were from University of Tulsa, University of Oklahoma, Colorado School of Mines, and University of Pennsylvania.

“Petrobowl” is an international petroleum engineering knowledge contest. It was mainly related to relative contents of many industries such as petroleum engineering, petroleum geology, oil industry history and current oil events. Up to now, it has been held for thirteen times. The contest provides a platform for mutual communication and exchanges between global SPE students . It is very important for cultivating high-quality oil talents, promoting international exchanges and improving professional quality of young oil talents. Thus, it is hailed as the Olympiad in the oil industry. The fourteenth PetroBowl will be held in Houston, America.

2015 New Year's Party & International Students Scholarship Awarding Ceremony Successfully Held

On 24th December 2014, College of International Education held 2015 New Year's Party and Scholarship Awarding Ceremony. International students from over 40 countries, Chinese teachers and students gathered together, dancing and singing, to enjoy this happy night.



On the party, students performed the Chinese traditional culture shows, different folk songs and dances, which fully impressed the culture blending of the East and the West and the friendship between Chinese and foreign students.

UPC offers different scholarships for international students, including Scholarship for Excellent Undergraduates and postgraduates, HSK scholarship, Arts and Sports Activist Scholarship, Scholarship of Excellent Class Leaders. At the awarding ceremony, 69 international students won the honor.

School of Distance Education Awarded As 'The Most Influential Online Education School in China'

Recently, 2014 Xinhua Education Forum--“Voice of China Education”, sponsored by Xinhua net, was held in Beijing. Experts and scholars from all over the country gathered together to discuss the development and future of education in China. On the forum, School of Distance Education of UPC , for its high quality and important influence in China, was awarded as “The Most Influential Online Education School in China in 2014,

2014 Graduation Ceremony for International Students Held

On 7th, Jan, 2014 Graduation Ceremony for International Students was held. President Shan Honghong awarded degrees for 45 international students graduates.



On the ceremony, the valedictorian ASKHAT from Kazakhstan, showed his appreciations for the university and said, he would make full use of what he has learned in UPC to contribute to the friendship of the two countries. On behalf of the faculty, Zhao Jun also gave the best wishes to the graduates.



So far, about 1000 students from over 70 countries have come to UPC for study, with degree students accounting for 92%. In UPC, they not only learn specialized knowledge, but also learn Chinese and its culture. In the future, the university will offer different resources and attract more international students.

2015 New Year's Concert Held

On December 28 2014, 2015 New Year's Concert of UPC was held in the gymnasium. It was offered by Shenghua Symphony Orchestra of the university. The concert attracted thousands of students and teachers. They will say goodbye to the year of 2014, and welcome the coming of a new year.

On the concert, the orchestra, under the conduction of Professor Xu Xuemin, the national first-grade conductor, played a series of classic tracks, including The Thieving Magpie Overture, Jamine Flower (The Chinese Folk Song), Ju Huatai(The Chine Song), Farandole from L' Arlesienne, La Donna e mobile form Rigoletto, Overture of Carmen, Overture of Guillaume Tell, O Sole Mio, Slavonic Dances No.8, La Brindisi from La Traviata, Ode an die Freude from No. 9 Symphony.





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