

New Frontier 踏足中亞 開拓交流新國度

Central Asia



(from left) Dr. Dana Stevens, Director of International Office of KIMEP, Prof. Fan Yiu-kwan, Prof. Ng Ching-fai, Dr. Chan Young Ban, President of KIMEP, Prof. Simon Ho and Prof. Tang Tao

(左起) KIMEP 國際事務總監 Stevens 博士、范耀鈞教授、吳清輝教授、KIMEP 校長 Chan 博士、何順文教授、湯濤教授

during their talks at three institutes of higher education and the Ministry of Education.

"Ministry officials told us they regard HKBU as a top-rated university in the world and Kazakhstan is eager to develop collaboration with us," said Prof. Ng following the visit from 6 to 11 September at the invitation of the Kazakhstan Consul-General.

"A memorandum on cooperative agreement was signed with the L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University – a good start to establishing a network in Central Asia," he added.

"This University has a passion for research and is eager for collaboration," said delegation member Prof. Tang Tao, Director of the Graduate School and Head of the Mathematics Department. "It's obvious there is strong potential for collaboration."

Also under consideration is an accord on cooperation and student exchanges with another institution visited by the HKBU delegation, the Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP).



Prof. Ng Ching-fai and Rector Tokhtar Sadykov of Kazakh National Pedagogical University exchange souvenirs

校長吳清輝教授與 Kazakh National Pedagogical University 的 Sadykov 校長交換紀念品

Led by Prof. Ng Ching-fai, President and Vice-Chancellor, an HKBU delegation visited the Central Asian nation of Kazakhstan and made good progress in exploring possibilities of collaborative projects and fruitful exchanges with this rapidly developing country.

Kazakhstan is well known for its space launching site at Baikonur, although the HKBU visitors kept their feet very much on the ground

Said Prof. Simon Ho, Dean of Business, who also made the visit: "KIMEP is an internationalised business school using English as the main teaching medium with teachers and students from many countries. We are looking into opportunities for collaboration with our faculty and for student exchanges."

Delegation member Prof. Fan Yiu-kwan, Vice-President (Development), said that HKBU should extend the frontier of international collaboration and exchange beyond English-speaking countries. "Kazakhstan is very new to students in Hong Kong. For the expansion of our student exchange programme, Kazakhstan would offer a completely new choice and an opportunity for students to further broaden their horizons by understanding a very different culture."

校長吳清輝教授率領副校長(拓展)范耀鈞教授、工商管理學院院長何順文教授、研究院院長兼數學系主任湯濤教授和國際事務處高級項目主任陳鳳霞，應哈薩克駐港領事邀請，於九月六至十一日訪問這個發展迅速的中亞國家，探討進行學術合作和相互交流的機會，成果令人鼓舞。

哈薩克的拜科努爾一向是知名的太空發射中心；今次浸大除了與當地教育部官員會面外，也訪問了三所當地有名的大學。

「哈薩克教育部長向我們表示，他們視浸大為重點交流的一線大學。」吳清輝校長說。「這次訪問，浸大便與 L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National 大學簽訂有關合作協議的備忘錄，這是我們在中亞地區建立網絡的第一步。」

湯濤教授補充：「這所大學很注重研究，而且熱切發掘合作機會。我相信雙方達成合作方案，應該指日可待。」

另一所訪問團考慮合作和推動學生交流的大學是 Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP)。

何順文教授說：「KIMEP 擁有國際化的商學院，以英語為主要教學語言，師生都來自不同國家，我們會在學術和學生交流兩方面進行初步探討。」

范耀鈞副校長表示浸大的合作夥伴過往多集中在英語地區，哈薩克之行是一大突破。他說：「哈薩克對香港學生來說可能很陌生，但為了擴展本校的學生交流計劃，這個新興國家可為同學提供多一個選擇，讓他們擴闊視野，也對中亞地區的文化有更深入的認識。」



Prof. Ng Ching-fai in Kazakh costume meets Rector Sarsengli Abdymanapov of Gumilyov Eurasian National University
吳清輝教授穿上哈薩克民族服裝，與 Gumilyov Eurasian National University 的 Abdymanapov 校長合照

