EDUCATION ANNEX

Agreements and announcements

- 1. The UK and China signed a High Level Agreement for education collaboration over the next three years. The agreement includes a range of collaboration initiatives across basic education, vocational education, higher education and research, language teaching and learning, and personnel exchanges. The initiatives focus on strengthening bilateral education relations.
- 2. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office and China Scholarship Council renewed a Memorandum of Understanding on joint Chevening Scholarships.
- 3. The British Council and Confucius Institute (Hanban) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on a new piece of UK-wide research in to the learning of Chinese language in the UK. The findings of the research will inform the future policy and the investment strategy needed to increase in the number of Chinese language in the UK.
- 4. The UK's Department for Education and the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission signed the Memorandum of Understanding sealing the initiative announced in March 2014 that will see up to 60 Shanghai Maths teachers visit schools in the UK to provide maths master classes.
- 5. China's National Academy of Education Administration and the British Council signed a framework agreement on leadership development in higher education. The agreement involves further UK-China higher education forums and place increased focused on university leadership development programmes
- 6. The National Centre for Education Development Research and the China Higher Education Association signed an agreement with the British Council on a new Higher Education Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme. The programme will see UK-China workshops on innovation and entrepreneurship education and field visits to develop mutual understanding, as well as other capacity building initiatives.
- 7. The British Council signed an agreement with China's Ministry of Education, Design for Social Innovation and Sustainability, and the Low Carbon Industries Association of Guangzhou. The agreement will see the extension of collaboration on Upcycling Industry Left-Overs. The programme links UK-China higher education institutes with industry sector partners.
- 8. Hubei Provisional Education Department and the British Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding on education collaboration focussing on English language teaching, skills and higher education at a provincial level.
- 9. The British Council and China Education Association of International Exchange (CEAIE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the extension of the English Language Assistants Programme to support English learning in China.

- 10. The Open University and Coordinating Group of National Association of Universities for Distance Learning signed a Memorandum of Understanding, agreeing collaboration on research, exchange visits, and training on distance learning.
- 11. The Open University and Beijing Beiji Investment Management Co. Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding on collaboration in the development of dementia care and senior citizen programmes.
- 12. Oxford University's Nuffield Department of Surgical Science and The National Engineering Centre for Ultrasound Medicine signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which will see co-operation that includes a large-scale trial for the treatment of uterine fibroids.
- 13. The University of Nottingham and the National Remote Sensing Centre China signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will see the two sides collaborating on research in areas including Intelligent Transport Systems and Services, Global Food Security, Positioning and Navigation, Location-based Services, Earth Observation and Geospatial Sciences.
- 14. The British Council announced a second round of UK internships in Suzhou, East China, as part of BIS funded UK-China Partners in Education. The initiative is a collaboration with China's Ministry of Education, the China Scholarship Council and the Suzhou Industrial Park.
- 15. The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) announced the approval of a joint media centre with Hebei University (HBU). Programmes from the HBU/UCLan School of Media, Communication and Creative Industries will commence from September 2014. The courses offered initially will be from UCLan's School of Art, Design and Performance, and the School of Journalism and Media.
- 16. Bangor University announced the approval of the Bangor College in Changsha city, in partnership with Central South University of Forestry and Technology(Csuft) in Changsha. Programmes will start in September 2014 with the college initially offering undergraduate courses in accounting, banking, finance and electronic engineering.
- 17. Generation UK, the British Council's flagship outward student mobility campaign announced its ambition to see 80,000 UK students participate in academic study or work experience programmes in China by 2020.

