# Wuhan University Wuhan Summer Program 2012:

# **Understanding China**

The Rise of Central China June 24- July 22, 2012

This credit-bearing program offered by Wuhan University is intended to enrich international experience of students from our partner universities. During their study in Wuhan, the participants will attend lectures, seminars on Chinese history and experience Chinese culture. Excursions in Wuhan and to neighbouring scenic spots will be arranged.

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### **Objectives**

- -To familiarize the origin, history, highlights of Chinese traditional culture
- -To understand the unique economic and business environment in central China where the growth of economic scale and power are supported by "the Rise of Central China" strategy

- To identify and study the differences between China and other countries, as well as Wuhan and other cities in China. As such, customised courses, city exploration, seminars and visits to Beijing, Guilin, and Yangshuo have been arranged.

# Course Description (Chinese language courses will be given in both Chinese and English and academic courses will be in English)

#### **Courses on Chinese Language (2 Academic Credits):**

Chinese language courses are provided at three levels: Level 1 (Beginner) - Designed for beginners without any background of Chinese. An emphasis is placed on daily Chinese and acquisition of *Pinyin* (the phonetic system of Chinese). Level 2 (Intermediate) - Designed for students who know basic Chinese, such as listening, speaking, reading and writing. Level 3 (Advanced) - Designed for students who use Chinese as their Second Language.

#### **Courses on the Understanding China (2 Academic Credits):**

China is well-known for her rich history, heritage and culture. Through the specially designed courses, students would be provided with a thorough understanding of China. They will learn about: 1) Traditional Chinese Culture, 2) Chinese History, 3) Chinese Law and 4) "The Rise of Central China" strategy in economy. On top of that, to commemorate the remarkable event in Chinese history.

### **Background Information**

*Hubei* (www.hubei.gov.cn) is located in the heart of China and regarded as one of the most important provinces. In Hubei Province, there are many key infrastructures and industries such as the world-famous Three Gorges Dam (the largest hydropower station in the world), the Optics Valley of China, Dongfeng Automobile Co., Ltd and Wuhan Iron & Steel (Group) Corporation. The major goals of Hubei Province are to develop high-tech industries, strengthen technological innovation and make Wuhan one of the major manufacturing bases in China.

Wuhan (http://www.wuhan.net.cn) of Hubei Province is the largest capital city in central China. Within a radius of 1,200 kilometers, people can reach Beijing and Tianjing in the north, Guangzhou and Hong Kong in the south, Shanghai and Hangzhou in the east, and

Chengdu and Xi'an in the west. It is known as "the thoroughfare to 9 provinces". With the strategy of "the Rise of Central China" by the Chinese central government, Wuhan has become a promising city and an ideal land for business and investment.

Wuhan University (www.whu.edu.cn) is one of the most prestigious universities in China, which was founded in 1893. It is one of the oldest institutions of higher education in China. Wuhan University is renowned for its excellent academic tradition and rich cultural heritage. Facing urgent demand for intelligence of modern society, Wuhan University attaches great importance to the capabilities of innovation, creation and entrepreneurship of students. Aiming to widen students' insights, Wuhan University is actively engaged in the development of qualified graduates.

**Yellow Crane Tower** is located on the top of Sheshan (Snake Hill). It was originally built in the Three Kingdoms Period (220-280AD). Destroyed many times in successive dynasties, it was rebuilt on several occasions until 1884 when it was burned to ashes. With a height of 54.1 meters, today's Yellow Crane Tower is the result of four-year reconstruction beginning in 1981. It is a five-story tower with yellow tiles and red pillars, overlapping ridges and interlocking eaves. The five stories have a total of 60 upturned-eaves, and each story has five ridges by side. Standing lofty on the hill and overlooking the Yangtze River, the Tower looks splendid and magnificent.

*Hubei Provincial Museum* is the center for collection, storage, and exhibition of historical and cultural relics in Hubei province. This museum keeps about 200,000 historical relics, including world-renowned precious treasures, such as, the chime bells of Maquis Yi of Zeng State in the Warring State Period (475-221BC), the bronze sword of Gou Jian, King of Yue State during the Spring and Autumn Period (770-476BC), and etc.

Guilin (http://www.visitguilin.org/) is a prefecture-level city in the northeast of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of far southern China, sitting on the west bank of the Li River. Its name means "forest of Sweet Osmanthus", owing to the large number of fragrant Sweet Osmanthus trees located in the city. The city has long been renowned for its unique scenery. Guilin enjoys the best landscape under heaven. There are many scenic spots in Guilin City, the most famous and also symbol of Guilin is Elephant Trunk Hill. A cruise trip on Li River and enjoying the scenery alongside the river is once-in-lifetime experience for everyone.

*Yangshuo* is a county in Guilin, Guangxi Province, China. The town borders the Li River on one side, and is situated on a small plain between a numbers of karst peaks. Two main roads run away from the water and form the central part of the town, Chinese Street and West Street. Most foreign-oriented businesses, such as hostels, hotels, rock climbing companies, restaurants and

entertainment venues, are situated on West Street or the pedestrian only Xian Qian Street which runs between Chinese and West Street. A cruise trip from Guilin to Yangshuo has been a famous itinerary for visitors.

**Beijing** (http://www.ebeijing.gov.cn/) formerly romanized as Peking, is the capital of the People's Republic of China and one of the most populous cities in the world. The city is the country's political, cultural, and educational center, and home to the headquarters for most of China's largest state-owned companies. It has been the heart of China's history for centuries, and there is scarcely a major building of any age in Beijing that does not have at least some national historical significance. The city is renowned for its opulent palaces, temples, and huge stone walls and gates. Its art treasures and universities have long made it a centre of culture and art in China. Since 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing has been enjoying a boost in tourism and fame all over the world.

The Forbidden City was the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming Dynasty to the end of the Qing Dynasty. It is located in the middle of Beijing, China, and now houses the Palace Museum. For almost 500 years, it served as the home of emperors and their households, as well as the ceremonial and political center of Chinese government. The palace complex exemplifies traditional Chinese palatial architecture, and has influenced cultural and architectural developments in East Asia and elsewhere. The Forbidden City was declared a World Heritage Site in 1987, and is listed by UNESCO as the largest collection of preserved ancient wooden structures in the world.

The Great Wall is a series of stone and earthen fortifications in northern China, built originally to protect the northern borders of the Chinese Empire against intrusions by various nomadic groups. The Mutianyu section of the Great Wall is located in Huairou County 70km northeast of Beijing. The Mutianyu section of the Great Wall is connected with Jiankou in the west and Lianhuachi in the east. As one of the best-preserved parts of the Great Wall, the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall used to serve as the northern barrier defending the capital and the imperial tombs.

# **Application**

- Procedure Please fill in the application form and send or fax it to the International Office at Wuhan University. Do not forget to ask your international student adviser to sign the form, too!

- Form The application form is attached.

- Deadline The application form must be submitted by April 1st, 2012.

# **Important Dates**

Arrival: June 24, 2012 (weekend, pick up service at Tianhe Airport is available)

Registration and Orientation:

Course Start:

Official Farewell:

June 25, 2012

June 26, 2012

July 18, 2012

Departure: July 22, 2012 (Departure from Beijing)

# **Schedule for Four-Week Summer Programme** (June 26- July 23, 2012)

No.	Date	9:00~12:00 am	2:00~5:00 pm
01	Jun 24 (Sun.)	Airport Pick-up	
02	Jun 25 (Mon.)	Registration and Orientation,	Campus Tour and Welcome Party
		Introduction to Wuhan University	
03	Jun 26(Tue.)	Lecture: Chinese History, the	Lecture: Chinese History, the Warring States Period
		Warring States Period and the	and the Spring and Autumn Period II
		Spring and Autumn Period I	
04	Jun 27 (Wen.)	Chinese Language	Lecture: In memory of Revolution of 1911
05	Jun 28 (Thu.)	Chinese Language	Field Trip: Chu Culture (Visiting Provincial
			Museum)
06	Jun 29 (Fri.)	Chinese Language	Culture Immersion: Shadow Boxing
07	Jun 30 (Sat.)	Field Trip: Yellow Crane Tower and Guiyuan Temple	

08	July 1 (Sun.)	Free	
09	July 2 (Mon.)	Lecture: Chinese Economy and the	Lecture: Chinese Enterprises under the World
		World Financial Crisis	Financial Crisis
10	July 3 (Tue.)	Chinese Language	Chinese Language
11	July 4 (Wen.)	Chinese Language	Prepare for Seminar I
12	July 5 (Thu.)	Seminar 1: Financial Crisis and	Chinese Language
		Chinese Economy	
13	July 6 (Fri.)	Chinese Language	Free
14	July 7 (Sat.)		
15	July 8 (Sun.)		
16	July 9 (Mon.)	Excursion: Guilin and Yangshuo	
17	July 10 (Tue.)		
18	July 11 (Wen.)	Lecture: Chinese Traditional Culture	Culture Immersion: Chinese Painting
19	July 12 (Thu.)	Lecture: Historical Evolution and	Chinese Language
		Contemporary Situation of Rule of	
		Law in China I	
20	July 13 (Fri.)	Lecture: Historical Evolution and	Chinese Language
		Contemporary Situation of Rule of	
		Law in China II	
21	July 14 (Sat.)	Field Trip: Snack Street and Jianghan Walking Street	
22	July 15 (Sun.)	Free	
23	July 16 (Mon.)	Chinese Language	Prepare for Seminar 2
24	July 17 (Tue.)	Seminar 2: Understanding China:	Preparation for Chinese Language Exam
		Chinese Culture in your eyes.	
25	July 18 (Wen.)	Exam for Chinese Language	Farewell Party

26	July 19 (Thu.)	
27	July 20 (Fri.)	Excursion: Beijing
28	July 21 (Sat.)	
29	July 22 (Sun.)	Departure

#### **Notes:**

- Chinese language courses will be given in both Chinese and English. Academic courses will be in English.
- The schedule is subject to change.
- Students will depart from Beijing

# **Assessment**

Attendance	Presentation	Report	Total
40%	40%	20%	100%

- This is a credit-bearing course. The application for credit transfer is subject to the successful completion of each course and the approval of the home institution.
- A report of 2 or 3 pages is required.

# **Cost Estimation for Four-Week Program**

- Students are responsible for the following expenses:

# \* Program Fees \*

Item	Exchange Students	Individual Applicants
Application Fee	Wuhan University Waived	RMB 200
Airport Pick-up	Wuhan University Waived	RMB 400
Tuition	Wuhan University Waived	RMB 7600
Housing	RMB 50/night	RMB 100/night

Teaching Materials	RMB 200	RMB 200
Excursion and City Tour	RMB 4750	RMB 4750
Total	RMB 6050 (22 nights)	RMB 15350 (22 nights)

Note: Period for payment: June 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 to July 6<sup>th</sup> 2012. Students would be required to pay an additional 1% of the payment, if they could not pay within the payment period.

#### **Accommodation and Other Expenses**

- Housing	Students will be accommodated in an on-campus guesthouse. Each room is facilitated with single beds,
	mattresses, desk, chairs, desk lamp, TV, telephone, Internet access and private bathroom.

- **Food** Meals are available in the student canteens at a very reasonable price (estimated US\$30 per week).

- **Airfare** Students will be expected to cover their own air tickets.

- Insurance Students are responsible for their own health insurance to cover their travel and stay in China. They are

required to submit a copy of health insurance certificate to the International Office on the arrival in

Wuhan.

### **Anticipated Participating Universities**

- Australia: Griffith University, Macquarie University, Monash University RMIT University, University of Melbourne, UNSW, University of Wollogong

- Austria: University of Graz

- Belgium: K. U. Leuven

- Brazil: Sino-Brazilian Exchange Centre
- Canada: Brock University, University of Alberta, University of British Comlumbia, University of Calgary, University of Toronto
- Finland: University of Helsinki
- France: University of Paris 11, University of Paris 7, University of La Rochelle, University of Auvergne, Blaise Pascal University, Ecole superieur de Commerce de Rouen, Ecole d'Ingenieurs des Technologies de l'Information et du Management
- Germany: University of Stuttgart, University of Wuppertal, University of Trier, Marburg University
- **Hong Kong**: The University of Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University
- Ireland: University College Dublin, Dublin City University
- Italy: Bocconi University
- Japan: Waseda University, Osaka University, Kyoto University
- Korea: Yonsei University, Korea University, Sookmyung Women's University
- Netherlands: Utrecht University, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- New Zealand: University of Canterbury, Victoria University at Willington
- Norway: University of Oslo
- Russia: Far Eastern University
- Singapore: National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Management University
- **United Kingdom**: University of Cambridge, University of Birmingham, University of Nottingham, University of Sheffield, University of Aberdeen, University of Dundee
- **United States**: Boston University, Case Western Reserve University, Coe College, Harvard University, Jacksonville State University, Medical College of Georgia, Ohio State University, Seton Hall University, Stanford University, UC Hastings College of Law, University of Chicago, University of Illinois at UC, University of Minnesota, University of Pittsburgh, Yale University

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