



Edge Hill
University

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Dear President Zhou

Continuation of agreement – Confucius Institute, Chongqing Normal and Edge Hill Universities

We are delighted to be able to continue into the next 5-year phase of our agreement to operate the Confucius Institute (CI) in partnership with yourselves (Chongqing Normal University) with the support of Hanban, Beijing.

There has been a great deal of high quality, successful, development activity focussed on Chinese language and culture that has been shared with schools, students and local communities as reported through the Board Meetings in our respective countries.

The ongoing strategy will focus on the 4 'pillars' as agreed during the visit of President Zhou and colleagues during the U.K. CI Board Meeting in 2017. These are:

1. Working with schools to build capacity for Mandarin curriculum development and testing and raising potential for teacher training and development
2. Promoting language classes, qualifications, accreditation of courses and cultural experiences on the Edge Hill University Campus for students and staff
3. Offering language and culture events for members of the local community in West Lancashire and North Liverpool on and off campus
4. Providing basic language tuition and cultural awareness raising for local businesses.

Our mutual understanding is that the CI partnership will proceed in accordance with the expectations of Hanban and our Universities in terms of financial management, communications and quality assurance as per the previous agreement, with the renewed strategic focus above.

The activities of the CI represent an important part of the further development of relationships between our Universities focused on student and other academic exchanges.

Yours sincerely

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Vice-Chancellor