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China has reaped fruitful results on international maritime cooperation

China has signed nineteen inter-governmental documents on maritime cooperation with fifteen countries and led the implementation of nearly seventy projects

According to *China Ocean News*, China's State Oceanic Administration has proactively promoted China's maritime cooperation with other countries and has made remarkable achievements since the implementation of the *Cooperation Framework Plan on the South China Sea and its Surrounding Waters* (hereinafter as "*Framework Plan*").

The *Framework Plan*, promulgated in January, 2012 by China's State Oceanic Administration, is aimed to, under the theme of peaceful development, cooperation and win-win situation, strengthen the policy dialogue and personnel exchange between China and other countries bordering South China Sea and its surrounding waters, and enhance pragmatic collaboration in terms of marine scientific research, marine ecological environment protection, response to climate change, marine disaster prevention and reduction, marine industry, blue economy and etc.

Since the implementation of the *Framework Plan*, the State Oceanic Administration, through multi-tier cooperative mechanisms such as bilateral joint commission, management committee for overseas cooperative platform, seminar on regional cooperation, and with the support of international organizations such as WESTPAC of IOC, has initiated and operationalized nearly 70 projects, attracted over 150 foreign experts into the collaboration, undertaken 68 joint surveys on the number of voyages, hosted 34 academic seminars, and published 245 articles on marine research journals. Its call for collaboration has been actively echoed by the countries bordering the South China Sea and its surrounding waters, thereby boosting China's influence in the region and its maritime partnership with other countries and expanding the development space for its maritime power.

In addition, China has signed 19 inter-governmental documents for marine cooperation with 15 major countries bordering the South China Sea, Indian Ocean and South Pacific Ocean. The State Oceanic Administration has also provided to multiple countries the equipment for oceanographic observation; it has shared the wave-circulation coupled environment forecast system with and offered the public services of marine environment forecast to the nations bordering the South China Sea and its surrounding waters, which has effectively facilitated their social and economic development.

For more details, please see:

<http://www.oceanol.com/shouye/toutiao/2015-12-07/53989.html>

Six common understandings reached in the China-ASEAN International Seminar on the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road and China and ASEAN work together to build the Road

Recently, the International Seminar on the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road was co-organized in Beijing by China Foundation for International Studies and China-ASEAN Business Council (CABC). Heads of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, China Foundation for International Studies, and CABC, as well as domestic and foreign distinguished guests such as Myanmar Ambassador to China and Philippine Ambassador to China, attended the seminar and made discussions on such topics as “ASEAN-China Relations and the Building of Silk Road”, “Upgraded ASEAN-China Free Trade Area and Regional Capacity Cooperation”, and “People-to-People Bond and Social and Cultural Exchanges under the Building of Silk Road”.

The seminar pointed out that China and ASEAN countries were capable of building the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road which involved unimpeded development, mutual benefit, mutual learning, harmonious coexistence, and people-to-people bond. It also proposed five suggestions on enhancing connectivity, elevating trade and economic cooperation, docking development strategies, maintaining peace and stability in South China Sea, and boosting people-to-people exchanges and environmental protection cooperation.

Six common understandings were reached for China and ASEAN to jointly build the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road. Firstly, cooperation was an inevitable choice to realize the development of the countries, and jointly building the Road served as a significant move for close collaboration. Secondly, connectivity and capacity cooperation were two of the highlights for jointly building the Road. Thirdly, people-to-people bond was the social foundation for building the Road. Fourthly, integrate the implementation of *ASEAN 2005: Forging Ahead Together* and *Vision and Actions on Jointly Building Silk Road Economic Belt and 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road*. Fifthly, focus the efforts on early harvest projects. Sixthly, have strong confidence, pay due regard to mutual interests and work together for steady development.

For more details, please see:

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International Students Recruitment

1. Time and Procedure for Application

- 1) Time of application for full-time students: February 1st to June 1st, 2016
- 2) Time of application for exchange students: February 15th to May 1st, 2016

2. Deadlines for scholarships:

- 1) Chinese Government Scholarship (University Postgraduate Programme and Sino-US Cultural Scholarship): up to March 31st, 2016
- 2) Chinese Government Marine Scholarship: up to April 30th, 2016
- 3) Chinese Government Scholarship-Bilateral Program: from January to April (please consult the embassies about application and submission)
- 4) Confucius Institute Scholarships: recruitment is open all year round on a trial basis
- 5) Confucius China Study Plan: up to February 15th, 2016
- 6) Fujian Provincial Government Scholarship for International Students: up to May 20th, 2016
- 7) XMU Scholarships for New International Students: up to April 30th, 2016

Applicants shall both: 1) make online application; 2) send by post the application documents.

3. Pre-admission Notice

Only the candidates of the Chinese Government Scholarship- Bilateral Program, who are required to refer a pre-admission notice to the Chinese Embassy or dispatching authorities in their home country to complete their applications, need to submit to XMU Admissions Office the application for pre-admission notice. As to application procedures for pre-admission notice, please refer to:

Chinese: <http://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/ch/onepage/99.html>

English: <http://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/en/onepage/100.html>

4. Selection procedure

At present, there are ten scholarship programs for new international students in XMU. The procedure is as follows: The Admissions Office and a panel of experts at XMU will screen candidates for the scholarship and submit a list of nominees to university authorities for approval. The accepting institutions (China Scholarship Council, Office of Chinese Language Council International, the Education Department of Fujian Province) will make the final review of the list.

The result will be published on the website of the Admissions Office (<http://admissions.xmu.edu.cn>) in June-July 2016. Scholarship awardees will be notified via email and their Admission Notice and Visa Application Form (JW201/202) will be sent out as soon as possible.

5. Tuition rates

For detailed information, please refer to: <http://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/ch/onepage/37.html>

6. Language proficiency requirement

Generally, programs taught in English pose definite requirements on the students' English proficiency, but no requirements on their Chinese proficiency; and vice versa.

In 2016, the University makes more detailed provisions on the Chinese proficiency of the applicants for

Chinese-medium programs. For more information, please see <http://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/en/>

7. Useful links

- 1) Introduction to Admissions Application for International Students: <http://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/ch/>
- 2) Application for Scholarships: <http://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/ch/>
- 3) XMU Prospectus for International Students 2016: <http://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/ch/show/263.html>
- 4) Departments and Contact Information: <http://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/ch/onepage/96.html>

8. Contact Information of the Secretariat for Overseas Students Recruitment

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Faculty Recruitment for South China Sea Institute, XMU

The South China Sea Institute of Xiamen University (SCSI) was officially inaugurated on November 3, 2012. It is an interdisciplinary research institution headed by the well-known Professor Kuen-chen FU and boasts researchers specializing in various fields. SCSI is dedicated to building a national-level think tank revolving around laws and policies for China seas, especially the South China Sea (SCS), primarily with the following research areas:

1. Oceans policy and law
2. Maritime delimitation and protection of maritime rights and interests
3. International relations concerning oceans
4. Navigation security and maritime law enforcement
5. Cross-strait cooperation on maritime issues
6. Marine environmental protection and resources management
7. History and geography of oceans and underwater cultural heritage
8. Historical archives on Chinese maritime boundaries
9. 21st Century Maritime Silk Road

We cordially welcome talents from all corners of the world to join the South China Sea Institute of Xiamen University!

I. Academic Areas and Vacancies

International Law, Law of the Sea, Oceans Policy, International Relations, Ocean History, Maritime Archaeology and other ocean-related disciplines. There are three to four vacancies.

II. Positions Available and Qualifications

1. Full Professorships

(1) Applicants must possess a doctoral degree or the highest-level degree in a relevant discipline and meet all other requirements according to rules and regulations of the university.

(2) Applicants with a doctoral degree from a renowned overseas or domestic university or other research institution are preferred and must have at least five years of research experiences.

(3) Applicants must be proficient in both English and Chinese languages(or in other foreign language) and are passionate about academic work.

2. Associate Professorships

(1) Applicants must possess a doctoral degree or the highest-level degree in a relevant discipline and meet all other requirements according to rules and regulations of the university.

(2) Applicants with a doctoral degree from a renowned overseas or domestic university or other research institution are preferred and must have at least three years of research experiences.

(3) Applicants must be proficient in both English and Chinese languages (or in other foreign language) and are passionate about academic work.

3. Assistant Professorships

(1) Essential Qualifications

a. Applicants must possess a doctoral degree from or hold a post-doctoral position in a renowned overseas or domestic university or other research institution and should fulfill other requirements according to rules and regulations of the university;

b. Applicants must be proficient in both English and Chinese languages (or in other foreign language) and are passionate about academic work.

(2) Doctoral graduates as of the current academic year for assistant professorships may be accepted as Research-oriented Assistant Professors who are entitled to the salary and benefits of assistant professors (including housing or housing allowances). They are required to undertake full-time scientific research as post doctorates for two years, during which time teaching is not compulsory.

Doctoral graduates as of the current academic year with outstanding performance may be accepted directly as Assistant Professors if they meet all the relevant requirements of the university.

III. Recruiting Procedures

1. SCSi seeks qualified faculty around the world. Applicants can submit their application documents at any time. The job information is effective until the position is taken.

2. The Institute will review the application documents according to the procedures with respect to faculty recruitment and appointment.

IV. How to Apply

1. Please submit a digital application package to scsi@xmu.edu.cn, with the email “subject” noted with: your name, relevant academic discipline, and the position that you apply for. The following documents should be attached:

1) A complete Xiamen University Faculty Position Application Form.

2) Three letters of reference from academic/professional peers in PDF format.

3) Evidence of professional qualifications in PDF format, including, but not limited to: scanned copies of all the relevant diplomas, degrees and certificates, detailed listing of all the relevant research achievements, including proof of publication for papers, monographs, book chapters, working papers, patents, and any relevant awards or other types of professional recognition.

2. Contact Information

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For more details, please see: <http://rsc.xmu.edu.cn/s/137/t/722/a/147175/info.jspy>

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