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Applications for 2015-16 Chevening Scholarships open in China

Applications for 2015-16 Chevening Scholarships, the U.K.'s scholarship programme, opened in China and across the world. The Scholarships, which are funded by the U.K. Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and partner organisations, operate in 118 countries worldwide, and this year will support over 1,500 young leaders. Awards are typically for a one-year Master's degree, in any subject and at any of the U.K.'s leading universities. The British Embassy in Beijing launched a new online portal in Mandarin last November, designed specifically to help Chinese nationals apply for the Chevening Scholarship programme. The website, which can be found at www.CheveninginChina.cn, provides information and guidance to help new applicants understand the Chevening programme and application process. The deadline for applications this year is 15 November. (August) Read more [here](#).



British Olympic Team participates in Nanjing reception on British creativity

Athletes and coaches from the British Youth Olympic Team (Team GB) took part in a reception in Nanjing that aimed to promote British creativity. British Consul General Brian Davidson welcomed over 300 guests on a night that saw distinguished government, commercial, and sporting guests experience a taste of British



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creativity. Guests were able to learn more about the GREAT Festival of Creativity that will be held in Shanghai in March 2015. The Festival will bring together the next generation of creative thinkers, offering businesses a platform to exchange innovative and commercially compelling ideas. Since 2012, the U.K. has played host to the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and the U.K. recently saw the culmination of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. It was always the plan that the legacy left by the Games should last a lifetime. Critically, the U.K.'s vision is about helping businesses to build on the reputation secured by the Games over the last two years. A big part of the legacy is driving the jobs and growth that will aid the U.K.-China creative partnership in being a highly dynamic one. (August) Read more [here](#).



Chinese Ambassador speaks at launch of London Autumn Cultural Season 2014

Mr. Liu Xiaoming, Chinese Ambassador to the U.K., spoke at the launch of the London Autumn Cultural Season. His comments included highlights on events featuring Chinese culture in the U.K. this year, such as the Masterpiece of Chinese Painting 700-1900 at V&A Museum, the Chinese New Year Celebration at Trafalgar Square, the 'Ming: The Golden Empire' exhibition at the National Museums of Scotland in June, and the concert performed by the Chinese Philharmonic Orchestra at Royal Albert Hall as part of the BBC Proms in July. Ambassador Liu also emphasised how China will feature as one of the highlights of the London Autumn Cultural Season this September, when the 'Ming: 50 years that changed China' exhibition will be held at the British Museum. (August) Read the full speech by Ambassador Liu [here](#).

Chinese Embassy hosts reception celebrating 87th anniversary of Chinese PLA

The Chinese Embassy in the U.K. hosted a reception celebrating the 87th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA). Guests included more than 200 British military officers, government officials, and other British nationals as well as military attachés from other countries and representatives from Chinese companies and the broader Chinese community in the U.K. (July) Read more [here](#).

Last chance to enter British Business Awards 2014

Entries for the British Business Awards (BBA) 2014 will close on 12 September. With eight award categories, everyone is a potential winner—from established multinationals to emerging small companies and even individual graduates, British or Chinese. Entrants will be considered by a judging panel of five senior experts in their field and will be featured on the official BBA website and at the Gala Dinner in front of government and business figures. Read more [here](#).

Tickets are now available for the Gala Dinner of the BBA 2014, which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Beijing Lido on 20 November. Award-winners in the eight categories will be presented with their accolades at the dinner in front of some 400 senior business people and government representatives. Prices are as follows: early-bird table for 10 (before end of September) for RMB 9,999, standard table for 10 (October onwards) for RMB 12,000, and individual ticket (all times) for RMB 1,200. (August) Read more [here](#).

Ms. Barbara Woodward CMG OBE appointed U.K.'s new Ambassador to China

Ms. Barbara Janet Woodward CMG OBE has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China in succession of Sir Sebastian Wood KCMG. Ms. Woodward will take up her appointment in early 2015. She joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1994. She has worked in China, Russia, the E.U., and at the U.N. Ms. Woodward was most recently a member of the Board of the FCO as Director General Economic and Consular Affairs. (August) Read more [here](#).



New marriage procedures for British nationals in China

From 18 August 2014, Chinese Marriage offices will now accept an Affidavit/Affirmation of Marital Status sworn at the British Embassy or Consulate-Generals in China. The British Embassy and Consulate-Generals in China no longer issue Certificates of No Impediment in Chinese. This change enables British nationals to obtain the necessary documentation to marry in China through a same-day service. (August) Read more [here](#).

Super Priority Visa service made available in China

The Super Priority Visa service was made available to customers in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou. The service, which complements the U.K.'s existing 3-5 day priority service, is perfect for last minute travel to the U.K. It allows customers to apply in the morning and receive their visa the following day. The U.K. is the only European country to offer such a quick service. (August) Read more [here](#).

U.K. and China launch joint project to fight antibiotic resistance

The British Embassy in Beijing and China's National Institute for Hospital Administration (NIHA) launched a new collaborative policy project on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), one of the most significant global health issues facing both China and the U.K., along with the rest of the world. The project will run until April 2015 and will look at how best to preserve current stocks of antimicrobials and how to monitor and contain drug-resistant infections. The project also aims to develop a toolkit to be piloted in Chinese hospitals with the aim of reducing the use of antibiotics. China and the U.K. announced their official cooperation on AMR at the U.K.-China Summit in December 2013. (August) Read more [here](#).

U.K. water experts work with Xi'an

Three of the U.K.'s top water resource specialists flew to Xi'an at the invitation of the Xi'an Water Resources Bureau to participate in a two-day water resources seminar organised by the British Embassy's Regional Cities Network. The seminar was jointly hosted by the British Embassy and the Xi'an Water Resources Bureau and was funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Prosperity Fund. The programme included a seminar on maximising water resources, site visits, and meetings with a number of key local government departments. This event continued the British



Embassy's engagement on water across China, where it co-leads on Water and Energy for the China-Europe Water Platform, and where it will be partnering with the Ministry of Water Resources on urban water issues. (August) Read more [here](#).

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