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Fostering Innovation and Development through Collaboration and Exchange

By advancing the strategic plan to build a"Global SJTU" we are committed to upholding our core values and pursuing innovation. We aim to develop SJTU into a premier educational destination for outstanding young individuals from around the world.

High-Level Mutual Visits and Exchanges

The SJTU University Leadership Promotes Cooperation at All Levels

We promote student exchanges, joint training, seed funding, and other forms of cooperation and exchange with world-class universities such as Yale University, University of Southern California, King's College London, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, National University of Singapore, The University of Tokyo, The University of Melbourne The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and The Chinese University of Hong Kong. In 2024, our university signed 57 university-level cooperation agreements and 25 college-level cooperation agreements; hosted 70 delegations led by presidents (and vice-presidents) of universities. Building Successful Strategic

Partnerships

We have established a close strategic partnership with Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, by pursuing comprehensive and in-depth cooperation in terms of joint doctoral training, dual master's programs, joint research, faculty exchanges, technology transfer and transformation, and top-notch talent cultivation.

Active Promotion of People-to-People Exchanges

In 2024, we organized the "China-Japan Friendship Delegation in the New Era," sending 149 teachers and students from 28 departments to Japan, which was the largest student delegation in our university's history. The delegation paid visits to universities and enterprises in Tokyo, Osaka, Shizuoka, and Nagoya, and participated in public welfare activities such as tree planting, environmental pro-tection lectures, and disaster prevention, revitalizing the friendly relations between China and Japan.

We coordinated with the Department of Physical Education and various departments across the university to hos the 2024 Campus Invitational Basketball Games between SITU and NYU.

In coordination with various departments, both within and outside the uni-



Chairperson of the University Council Yang Zhenbin leads a delegation to Australia



Visit by the University of New South Wales, Australia

versity, we hosted a delegation of 100 foreign journalists from the China International Press Communication Center. After the event, the Foreign Affairs Office of Shanghai Municipal People's Government sent a letter expressing their gratitude to us for taking the initiative to host the delegation of journalists.

Deep Engagement in Global **Higher Education Governance**

We successfully hosted the U21 Global Education Conference, which was widely praised by experts of overseas uniand the U21 Secretariat. This

conference introduced multi-themed parallel sessions for the first time, which will be employed in subsequent U21 conferences. It was hailed as a "SITU Model Conference" by our university leadership

We organized the international track of the China International College Students' Innovation Competition. The international segment attracted 1993 universities from 149 countries and regions, with 12,063 projects and 39,380 participants, achieving full representation of the world's top 100 universities (a total of 152 universities ranked in the top 100 of the four major rankings) for the first time.

We led the establishment of the

gions, the alliance's secretariat is based at SJTU, which will serve as a new platform for promoting further cooperation among universities worldwide.

Internationalization Empowers Talent Cultivation

In 2024, the proportion of undergraduate students participating in study abroad programs rose to 45.2%, with 15.8% engaging in in-depth study

changes for more than three months. In 2019, the "Special Fund for Undergraduate Overseas In-depth Study Tours" was established, which promotes the under-graduate students' in-depth overseas study with supporting funding from various colleges.

We continued to construct and develop projects such as the Global Virtual Classroom, SDG International Summer School, Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), and the Global Challenge Program, and provided internship and training opportunities at international organizations. These projects cover traditional classroom learning, extracurricular activities, community-based learning and

volunteer activities, with 58 courses developed, 20 projects organized, and over 60 internship positions at international organizations offered, benefiting over 5,000 domestic and international students.

With 102 research bases and 167 research internship programs within the university, we launched the SJTU Summer Research Internship Program, having enrolled 80 students, which included students from internationally renowned universities such as Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Toronto, University of Cambridge, Imperial College London, and National University of Singapore

Building the Global SJTU Brand

We launched official overseas social media accounts on LinkedIn and TikTok, achieving full coverage across six major platforms in our overseas social media network. With a total of 1,884 posts and over 370,000 followers, the followers on X witnessed a growth of 20.5%, and the followers on YouTube increased by 175%. We have received official certification from LinkedIn and X, significantly enhancing the authority and credibility of our platform operation.

By establishing and optimizing related work mechanisms, the number of contributions from departments has significantly increased, with the number of contributing departments increasing from 9 in 2023 to 17. Meanwhile, we actively interacted with our departments that have opened overseas social media accounts, forming an overseas university-department communication group on social media to achieve efficient and synergistic communication.

Through various communication strategies, the global viewership of the International College Students' Innovation Competition on overseas social media has exceeded one million, and the total views of the U21 Conference on overseas social media have reached nearly 760,000, with thousands of positive interactions with multiple overseas universities on social media

Supporting International Exchanges

Handled 2,487 visa requests for international students.

Obtained visas for 9,620 teachers and students in 7,029 groups for official visits. Handled pre–approval procedures for the visits of 3,367 foreign individuals.

Applied for the hosting of 69 international, Shanghai-Hong Kong-Macao, and cross-strait seminars

Visit by the Ministry of Education of the UAE World University Student Innovation Alliance and held its inaugural annual meeting. With 77 member organizations spanning 6 continents and 19 countries/re-



Chairperson of the University Council Yang Zhenbin meets with NTU President Ho Teck Hua



President Ding Kuiling visits Nagoya University in Japan to sign a strategic cooperation agreement



President Ding Kuiling leads a delegation to France and Germany

Supported by the Global Challenge Program, SJTUers go to Laos to help prevent and control schistosomiasis



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The Joint Exhibition of Student Works Opens at the School of Design



"Nine Views of the Campus" A collective creation by 13 students in the course "Formative Art Practice – Color and Painting"



"Cave 461" Guo Xuting, 2023 Artificial Intelligence, School of Electronic, Information and Electrical Engineering Hao Jiaqi, 2023 Mechanical Power, School of Mechanical Engineering



"Tree" Guo Ziyu, 2024 Visual Communi cation Design, School of Design

"Xing Fu Li – Sectional View"

2024 Environmental Design, School of Design

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 "Cat Handbag" Wang Xinyi, 2024 Visual Commu nication Design, School of Design



"Looking Back at the Mirage Sea, the Flowers Have Turned to Mist" Wang Yueqi, 2024 Visual Communication Design, School of Design



"The Nine-Colored Deer" Zhang Jiaze, 2022 Information Security, School of Electronic, Information and Electrical Engineering Wu Jiabao, 2023 Artificial Intelligence School of Electronic, Information and Electrical Engineering

On December 30, 2024, the opening ceremony of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University's 2024 Exhibition of Student Work in Art, Design, and Aesthetic Foundational Courses at the School of Design was held in the school building's lobby. The exhibition, themed "Design after Simplicity," showcased the teaching achievements of 12 professional platform foundation courses and public aesthetic education elective courses at the School of Design. A total of nearly 800 works from 276 students across various majors and 128 freshmen from School of Design were on display, covering a variety of art forms such as sketching, oil painting, watercolor, sculpture, printmaking, machine painting, and AI art.

Yang Shang, a student from the 2024 Visual Communication Design major, and Ye Shuting, a student from the 2023 Biomedical Engineering major, shared their creative experiences and learning insights in the courses as student representatives. "The professional foundation courses integrate theories and methods from interdisciplinary fields, encouraging students to break through their perceptual cocoons and gain a comprehensive understanding of the world from different academic do-" Yang said.Ye expressed that the public aesthetic education courses provide a platform for students across the university to perceive, understand, and create beauty, stimulating innovative thinking and promoting emotional touch and self-discovery, enriching personal character.



Scan the QR code to watch the video

SJTUers' Internships: Reaching the World!

Since 2024, SJTU has sent nearly 60 outstanding students from 21 departments to intern at 22 international organizations, including the United Nations Headquarters, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Wide Fund for Nature, and the UN Development Programme. These intern-ships span across Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America, covering a variety of fields such as a gricultural business, sustainable development, and ecological conservation.



Realizing a Dream: Connecting Refugee Education

Ni Kaige (Master's student, School of Education, 2021 cohort) Internship Organization: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark Internship Reflection: It's a great honor to have the opportunity to intern at the United Nations. I joined the Connected Education team, which



Expanding Global Horizons

Wang Qing (Master's student, School of Education, 2022 cohort) Internship Organization: Asian Development Bank

Location: Beijing, China Internship Reflection: My three months at the Asian Development Bank were an invaluable experience. It deepened my patriotism, ex-

Africa

Promoting China–Africa Cooperation Feng Jiaqi (Undergraduate student, School of Foreign Languages 2021 cohort)

Foreign Languages, 2021 cohort) Internship Organization: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Location: Accra, Ghana

Internship Reflection: The conditions in Ghana are harsh, with a huge wealth gap, and the FAO plays a crucial and foundational role here. Unlike the FAO headquarters in Rome, the regional office allows me to see firsthand the positive impact of projects on the ground. I participated in a gender—focused team, organizing two training sessions in Ghana and Nigeria on financial accessibility for women. These sessions empowered over 50 female entrepreneurs and

several agricultural business-related projects, gaining a comprehensive understanding of the work processes and content. I was very pleased to see the positive impact these projects had on local small-scale farmers, and I was fortunate to meet a wonderful group of friends through this internship. The genuine friendships we built will undoubtedly become invaluable treasures in my future. Over the next eight months of my internship, I hope to further develop my skills and abilities, and contribute even more to creating a better world. Though the road is long and the mountains high, I believe everything is unfolding exactly as it should.

Stepping into Africa: Breaking All Stereotypes

tern at the United Nations. I joined the Connected Education team, which uses educational technology to provide opportunities for refugee groups. This aligns perfectly with my academic background. I'm thrilled to apply what I' ve learned to real–world scenarios and contribute to the global effort of benefiting all of humanity.

A Dream Journey Across Europe

Lu Junyi (Master's student, SJTU Paris Elite Institute of Technology, 2022 cohort)

Internship Organization: International Fund for Agricultural Development

Location: Rome, Italy

Internship Reflection: Interning at the Agricultural Development Fund in Rome, Italy, was a life-changing experience. I participated in software development projects supporting global agricultural development and had my first close contact with the UN system's working mode. This internship helped me grow professionally and reinforced my belief that an open mindset and courageous attempts in both career and life can lead to unexpected rewards.

A New Journey Begins

Zou Zhiying (Master's student, SJTU Paris Elite Institute of Technology, 2024 cohort)

Internship Organization: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Location: Paris, France

Internship Reflection: This platform is open and inclusive, and I've gained tremendous growth here. My colleagues' diverse backgrounds have broadened my perspectives. I'm excited to contribute my wisdom and experience a different way of life.

Bank were an invaluable experience. It deepened my patriotism, expanded my global vision, and opened my eyes to more possibilities in life. The international track is an excellent choice for students in the humanities and social sciences.

Meeting Dreams Amidst the Snow

Tie Yirou (Master's student, Antai College of Economics and Management, 2024 cohort)

Internship Organization: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Location: Astana, Kazakhstan

Internship Reflection: I came to Kazakhstan, driven by ideals, to contribute in small ways to the realization of the SDGs. I met a group of pure-hearted people along the way. In the winter of the world's second coldest capital, my heart was warmed by the vision of a snowy pasture, hoping to continue growing and becoming a stronger force to push for the achievement of the SDGs. I'm determined to spread this passion for ideals and love for the world to others.

Stepping into the Vast Animal Kingdom

Hou Xiangning (Master's student, School of Design, 2022 cohort) Internship Organization: World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Location: Shanghai, China

Internship Reflection: During my internship at WWF, I improved my professional skills and fostered innovative thinking. My colleagues often had creative ideas for wildlife conservation, which always intrigued me. Moreover, the work environment deeply moved me—each colleague not only completed their tasks but also demonstrated their love for nature, such as the beehives in the office or the cicadas and earthworms outside in the summer. They treat every life equally with care and con-

cern

invigorated the economic activities in the regional agricultural value chain.

The Dream Blossoms in Beautiful Rwanda

Zhang Wei (Master's student, School of Agriculture and Biology, 2022 cohort)

Internship Organization: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations(FAO)

Location: Kigali, Rwanda

Internship Reflection: During my short two months at the in Kigali, Rwanda, I was involved in

South America

Walking the Boundaries Between the World and Myself

Mubaisi'er Maimaiti Yiming (Master's student, Koguan School of Law, 2023 cohort)

Internship Organization: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Location: Quito, Ecuador

Internship Reflection: Throughout my work, I' ve kept one thought in mind: Global governance is never about lofty discussions in skyscrapers, but about walking the ground, stepping into the world and seeking solutions. I have felt the pulse of grassroots life in my homeland, and now global Liao Jie Lei (Master's student, School of Agriculture and Biology, 2021 cohort) Internship Organization: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations(FAO)

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Internship Reflection: Under the bright African sun, I hear a cuckoo singing in the forest outside the office, its call sounding like the loud heartbeat of this world. Waking up every morning in such sunshine, I thought to myself: This is where I should be, this is the place I'm meant to be.

governance feels like experiencing the grassroots on a global scale. During community visits across mountains and valleys, I heard the land whisper, and touched the most basic human pursuits of education, peace, and dignity. The children whose eyes gleamed with hope, and the mothers whose hands were calloused but tightly gripping their dreams, taught me the resilience of humanity. They also made me understand the weight of humanitarian work—while the challenges faced by people around the world are diverse, the vitality people show under pressure is remarkably similar.