

Timeline

The Great Wall Tour

On March 28, 2015, international students visited the Great Wall. The tour was hosted by International Student Office, Beijing Normal University. The students enjoyed the trip with a very good weather that enabled students to feel the beautiful scenery of place in the spring season. There were a lot of bloomed flowers, as if the steps of spring were starting in The Great Wall.



The Great Wall is one of the greatest wonders of the world, and it was listed as a World Heritage by UNESCO in 1987. The Great Wall stretches approximately 21,196 kilometers from east to west of China. This place is one of the most popular tour sites in the world.



Outstanding Achievement



ABDULGHANI MUTHANNA is Ph.D student in the Comparative and International Education Program (Educational Leadership and Policy Major) at BNU. He has a Bachelor's degree with Honors in Teaching English as a Foreign Language from Taiz University, Yemen, and a Master's Degree with distinction, majoring in Foreign Language Education; English Language Teaching from the Graduate School of Social Sciences, Middle East

Technical University, Turkey. He has worked as an instructor of English and other courses at several secondary and higher education institutions in Yemen. He has also several publications.

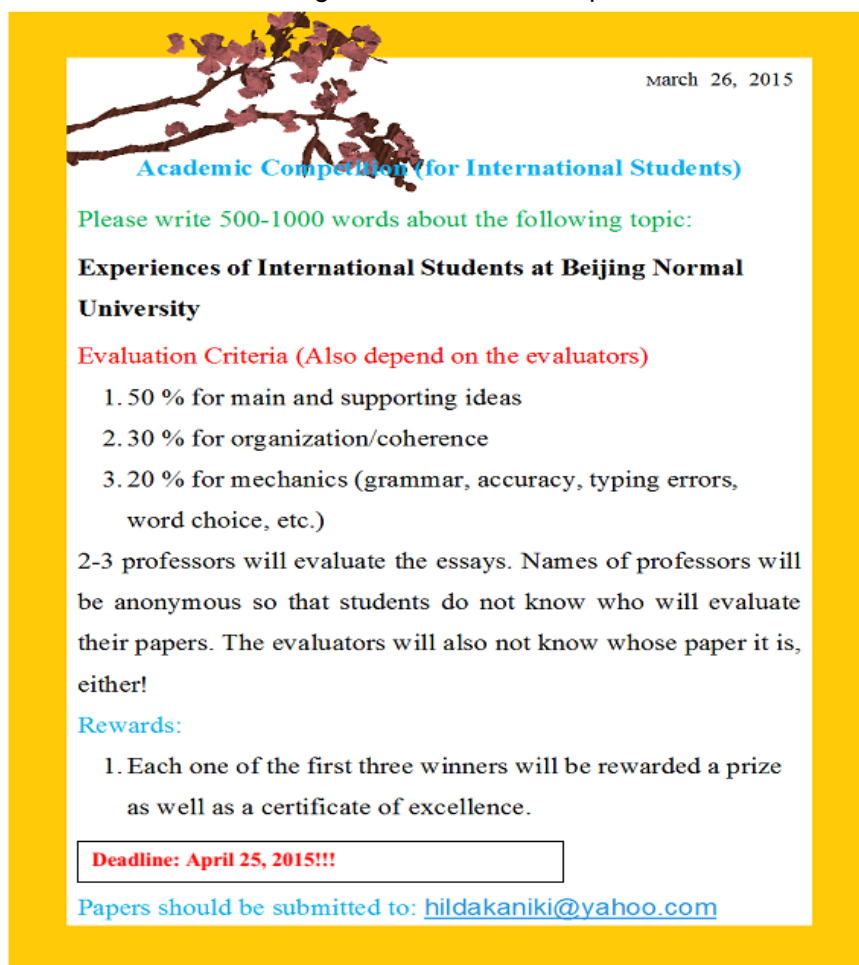
As a Ph.D student at BNU, Mr. Muthanna participates in several activities and won several competitions within his first semester (fall semester 2014). He is currently the Minister of Academics for the International Students' Union in the Faculty of Education. Moreover, he is working hard on his academic activities including publication. Timeline would like to share with its readers one of Mr. Muthanna's recent publication: "**Quality Education Improvement: Yemen and the problem of the 'Brain Drain'**", International Journal of Policy Futures in Education, SAGE Publication, Inc, that can be seen by following the following link:

<http://pfe.sagepub.com/content/early/2015/02/03/1478210314566734.abstract>

Congratulations Abdulghani!!

Academic Competition

The Ministry of Academics of the FOEISU is holding an Academic Competition. This competition is aimed at giving students an opportunity to improve their essay writing skills as well as reflect on their social and academic life in BNU. The reflection topic is "Experiences of International Students at Beijing Normal University". The ministry is soon to gather all competition essays and the essays will be evaluated according to the criteria set in the near future. The ministry will announce the three winners accordingly.



March 26, 2015

Academic Competition (for International Students)

Please write 500-1000 words about the following topic:

Experiences of International Students at Beijing Normal University

Evaluation Criteria (Also depend on the evaluators)

1. 50 % for main and supporting ideas
2. 30 % for organization/coherence
3. 20 % for mechanics (grammar, accuracy, typing errors, word choice, etc.)

2-3 professors will evaluate the essays. Names of professors will be anonymous so that students do not know who will evaluate their papers. The evaluators will also not know whose paper it is, either!

Rewards:

1. Each one of the first three winners will be rewarded a prize as well as a certificate of excellence.

Deadline: April 25, 2015!!!

Papers should be submitted to: hildakaniki@yahoo.com