

Timeline

Chinese-English Corner

by *OOnuma Masaki*

On April 6th, Chinese-English Corner was held with the attendance of Chinese and International students of the Faculty of Education, Beijing Normal University. This event promotes the communication and collaboration of Chinese and



International students.

During the event, students enjoyed playing several games, such as “hugging”, “cup-in-the-ball” and “music quiz”. One of the best games was “music quiz”. The game is played in a way that one International student sings popular Chinese song with headphone and the Chinese students guess what the song could be. Chinese students kept on laughing with their singing, and International students became familiar with Chinese music.



After the games, students chatted while enjoying different Chinese snacks.

At the end of the event, many Chinese and International students exchanged their contact information. The event was an important platform for both Chinese and International students to share their experiences and look for possible ways to work together. It was also a good opportunity to get to know each other and create cross-cultural friendship. Thank you very much, Chinese Faculty of Education group!!





My Tiny Little World: My Baby

by *Maryam Arfan*

After completing all the house chores, in the mid night, when you go to bed to sleep and suddenly a voice hits your ears “owain, owain (baby cry)”. Besides having whole day tiredness, all your sleep vanishes and you pick up a small tiny baby in your hands to sleep him. He is the ever most precious gift of my life, my tiny whole world, my son Abdul Moez. His first cry, his first smile, first touch all are the beautiful memories which are priceless to me. I still remember that first day when he was born one month ago, all the staff nurses

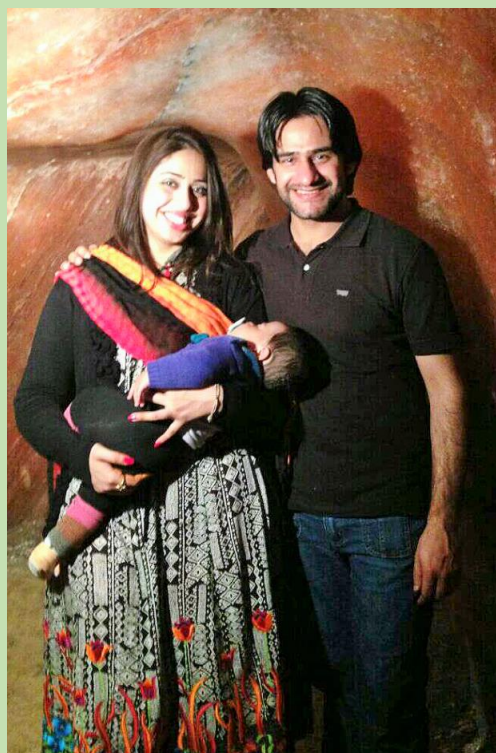
doctors in the hospital they all were very excited to see a foreigner baby. They took pictures with him. Nurses asked me in what language should we talk to him; English or Chinese. I smiled and said “he is born in China, so he can understand Chinese very well”.

It is really tough being a mom and a university student. Both demand full attention. At first, it was tough because I do not have any family member mom or mother-in-law to help me and offer advice. But I really feel myself luckiest person for having such cooperative professors, friends and of course who I can forget most loving husband, without their support I could not handle all this.

Be a mom is not an easy thing. You are on 24 hours duty, sometimes with no rest. I used to sleep, read watch movies whenever I wanted and

go out with friends anytime but all these freedoms go away when you are a parent. Besides all of this, I am happy to have him in my life. Without him, my world is incomplete.

Being a mom is such a great feeling that cannot be explained in words. When he smiles, automatically smile comes to my face. He means everything to me. All my care, love, attention, thoughts moves around him now. In fact, I am fallen in love with him at first sight.



Internship Experience

by *Sophie Hyeon*

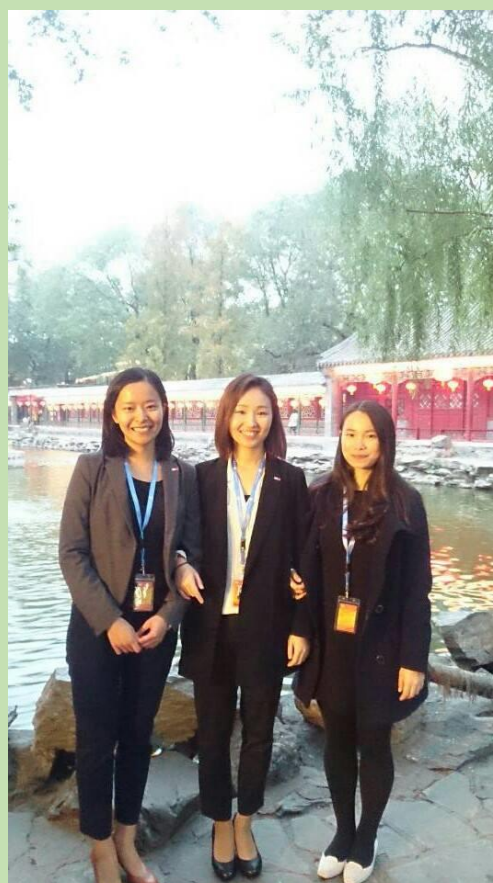
Since 23rd June, for 6 months, I was able to work at UNESCO Beijing Office which is a cluster office dealing with the five regions; Mongolia, DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea or North Korea), China, ROK (Republic of Korea or South



Korea), Japan. Thanks to my supervisor Ms. Miki Nozawa in charge of education sector in UNESCO Beijing Office, I could be involved in many projects and learn how UNESCO works as well as the role which I can play in international organizations. The projects which I was involved in UNESCO Beijing are; 'Youth, Employment and Migration', 'DPRK ICT Literacy Workshop Report', 'DPRK EFA National Report', 'CCE/DRR in Mongolia', 'Greening TVET in Mongolia', 'UNICEF-UNESCO Policy Brief Toolkit on Equity in Education in China' and more. Research and data searching which I conducted were 'Past and present ROK ODA', 'ROK's investment on UNESCO', 'China's educational assessment system' and

so on.

Under the guidance of the education specialist, Miki Nozawa, two staffs for HIV/LGBT and five staffs for education sector including me have been working for education sector of UNESCO Beijing Office. Except Ms. Miki and me, whole staffs were national staffs whose nationality is Chinese. But my colleagues' English was excellent enough to communicate with international staffs like me. This internship was an incredible opportunity for me to put what I have learned from school into practice, and it also provided me a bunch of



opportunities to widen my human network also my world view through it. Not only I have been able to learn about the mechanism of UN but also I could learn about China from the relationship with my Chinese colleagues. As there are many Chinese staffs in the office, it would be very helpful if you can speak in Chinese so that you can communicate better than communicating only in English. As there is very limited position for intern, especially international candidates, application should be made at least 6 months before starting the internship. I had an interview with my supervisor Miki at UNESCO Beijing Office in April and started to work from 23rd June to 22nd December 2014. But before applying for this, I applied to many other UN agencies as well as soon as I started my first semester in September 2013 since I already knew that there is really little chance to get hired in UN agencies. I highly recommend the next cohort to try to experience UN such as UNESCO where you will learn many things.

A Short Self-Reflection: My Knowledge Trip to the World of the Great Confucius; No Past, No Future

by Abdulghani Muthanna

Confucius is one of the greatest Chinese philosophers who dedicated himself for developing education and the whole nation. In this semester of 2014, a large number of postgraduate

students of four different programs at Beijing Normal University have a practical class through a trip to the Imperial College where the great temple of the great philosopher,



Confucius, exists. While visiting the temple, library, classrooms, etc., I could feel the presence of Confucius with me. In other words, I could sense that he is visible everywhere I visited. According to reality, the presence of his priceless ideas and philosophies of life in general and of education in particular are the benchmarks of



guidance to the Republic People of China. China, therefore, has the due right to cherish the greatness of this great scholar forever.

There are many Confucius' education philosophies. One of them is concerned with learners. Confucius believed that a good learner is the one who has to be good inside and outside oneself. This means that a good student is not only good within/for him/herself but also good for all people around him/herself. Being good for oneself will surely pave the way for being good to others as well. In my personal viewpoint, this Confucius' philosophy of learners is truly observed these days as this changing world needs this type of learners who will dedicate themselves for helping and educating others. In other words, this Confucius' philosophy should be internationally applied as it is very positive and refers to the implementation

of educating learning ethics and moralities to learners. Mere knowledge of science or any other field without instilling morals, sense of cooperation, collaboration, respect, kindness, commitment, etc. in the hearts of learners will be useless. Confucius regards education as the main



component of individual and social development. I think that the absence of ineffective education will lead to the absence of ineffectiveness in all other life dimensions.

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