

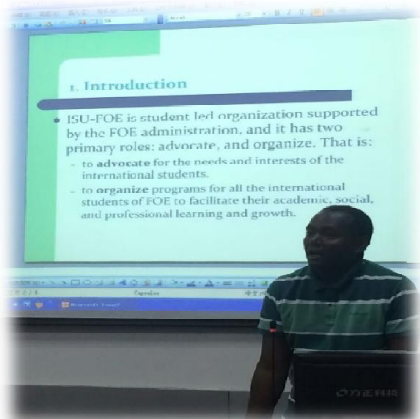
Time*line

***Newsletter of Faculty of Education International Student Union
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Dear Reader, We would like to introduce you our newsletter 'Time*line', please feel free to send us any feedback/news/articles/ideas or things that you are interested in! News will be shaped to your needs: you will find open calls for conferences, academic issues, activities and things that just happen to us every day...enjoy☺

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1. Welcome & Acquaintance Party for New Students by Juliet Larbi



It's been two months since the first year students for 2015 - 2016 academic year arrived in BNU, China. This is the period that they are getting acquainted to Chinese culture, food, language, etc. As a polite way to welcome the new students to the Faculty of Education, the Faculty deemed it right to organize an official welcoming party for the first year students and to create an atmosphere of interaction and relationship between old and new students. This party was held on the 23rd of October 2015.

The activity was well organized by the Ministry of Activities and Culture, and turned out to be pleasant and a successful one. Mr. Samson M. Tsegay, the Acting President of the ISU-FOE (International Student Union, Faculty of Education) gave a speech about how the association was formed and took the opportunity to announce the coming election thereby encouraging new students to





participate in the association and to partake and vet for a position in the union.

The Acting President explained how ISU-FOE came into existence and later Ms. Hilda, a Secretary General, introduced all members of the union.

First new students were given the platform to

introduce themselves, their major and country of origin followed by old ones who were given the chance to talk briefly about their research areas. It was very interesting as students especially with similar research interest could work together.



We all enjoyed the season with games, music, dancing with variety of food and drinks. On behalf of the Faculty, President and Ministries, once again we would like to WELCOME all new students to BNU, and thanks for honouring the occasion.



2. Reflections of Student Union Activities by Student Union members

It is great honour to join the ISU-FOE because I am able to share my experience believing that, united together with colleagues and other stakeholder, we can make change; a change that could make our life better than yesterday. Although BNU is very renowned for its multidimensional and high quality programs, as primary beneficiaries, students need to make an input in the overall planning, implementation and evaluation of our programs. Thus, the ISU-FOE is a perfect

platform for those who would like to contribute and get first hand academic experience. Join ISU-FOE, and you wouldn't regret it! **(Samson M. Tsegay, A/President)**



International Student Union of the Faculty of Education has influenced me a lot in my life. From the day I arrived at the campus to date, the student union continues to help me get integrated in the student community through its social and academic activities. The academic programs it organizes have managed to broaden my knowledge, increase my intercultural competencies, and interconnections to the outside world. I have also managed to excel outside the academic life through the social activities it organizes. The Beijing Night dance, the visit to the summer park, the welcoming parties it organizes, etc, all have managed to cultivate a sense of belonging in me and redefined the “self” in me. I would like to urge you all that your participation in the student union activities is the best decision you can make! **(Kayange Jimmy, Member of Academic Department)**

I have been working as a Minister of Media for 11 months. It was very tough and precious memories for me. Since this is my first experience of working as this kind of role, I have learned so many things, such as how to work as a member of SU Media, how to cooperate and communicate with other members who has a different culture from me. I believe that we have a chance to learn a lot of knowledge in the classroom, however, these experience is piled up by the actual experience and and activities. This experience gave me a several lessons. From now, it will help my life. If it possible, I would like to undertake these great experience to many students. **(Masaki Onuma, Minister of Media)**



3. New Baby Born by Masaki Onuma

Msangi, Sabrina Eliya, a Comparative Education (MA-2014) student, from Tanzania delivered a baby boy on October 28th, 2015. Congratulations Sabrina!!



4. Stay Healthy in Beijing Winter by Masaki Onuma

Beijing's winter is cold and dry. Actually many foreign students catch a cold in Beijing because Beijing's winter is totally different with their countries. In this part, I will introduce you how to stay in a good health from the Tokyo Gakugei University Student Health and Counselling Service center's website.

The main reason of catching cold is virus. Virus lives and breeds in living body. There are more than 200 Viruses of respiratory infection. The Virus comes out with sneezing and coughing. Normally, the Virus falls down to ground. However, if the humidity rate becomes less than 40%, the virus floats in the air for 30 minutes because the virus spray's moisture evaporates and its weight is lighter. Then, if the people incuse the Virus, the people would get sick.

In the winter season, we need to add humidity in our room. For example, we can put the glass of water or hung soaked towel in our room. However, the effect is week; so we need to pay attention to room temperature which should not be too hot. AC makes our room dry. If our room is very dry, we may need to prepare for humidifier.

To prevent from catching cold, we need to eat healthy and well-balanced nutrition food. For example, Protein and Mineral (Iron, Zinc, and Copper) create the immune substance. Also, Vitamin A, C, and E create the substance which prevent incuse Virus.

When you come back home or before you have a meal, wash your hands with soap. If not, you may take the Virus through your hands. If you sneeze or cough, please cover your mouth with your hand or tissue, and wash your hands, in order not to diffuse the Virus.

I hope all of us enjoy our Beijing winter!



5. Personal Reflection of the 2015 Fall Welcome Party by Somang Yeo



The first official gathering of the 2015 Fall Semester! The party provided a comfortable space where students from a wide variety of backgrounds could come together to share their personal experiences. Despite differences of their personalities and backgrounds, all the participants in the Welcome Party had one thing in common - a genuine desire to learn and to

live as true scholars. It was especially pleasing to see senior and junior classmates being able to share their academic interests and future plans for their studies.

Hopefully, there will be more opportunities in the future where all the students from the Education Faculty could gather together for more meals, lectures, and social events. A close-knit community of students and teachers is highly desirable in an international campus life; such an environment and fruitful scholarly discussions from these meetings will undoubtedly encourage all the participating students in their studies and furthermore throughout their journey here in China.

6. Happy Birth Month of October

From this issue, we celebrate the birth month of Faculty of Education International Students in Timeline. If you find the birth month friends, please say to them, "Happy Birth Month!"

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"Happy Birth Month!!"