

Time*line

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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. The excitement of Beijing International Students' Night

By Owen Levie



It was a night of laughter as heads kept on thumping due to uproarious and hilarious performances from various students groups. As the saying goes, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, Beijing students went on break of their books and showcased different activities ranging from dances, singing, martial arts, cultural exhibitions, and just for funny shows.

Beijing Night is an annual event for international students that take place at Beijing Normal University. This year, it was scheduled for 5th December, 2015 and the activities started from 6:00pm to 9:00oclock at night; as its name, Beijing Night is a performance that is conducted during night.

In the course of the performances, various students were given certificates of excellence for their outstanding performances in a style that was also comical. It was indeed time well spent and if not well informed of the performers, one could mistakenly think "it was a star-studded event." The show is highly competitive as mediocre performances are dropped during auditions which happened two weeks prior to the scheduled date. The attractiveness of the activities has received attention from students of other surrounding universities who are invited by their colleagues studying at BNU. All good things



must come to an end, we all returned to our dormitories fully entertained and looking forward to similar events in the future.

2. Life is like this

By Raymond OwusuBoateng

We are always being bumped by circumstances and other people, sometimes these bumps can be really hard, and our response is to hit back as hard as possible. In so many ways we are weak, powerless, and vulnerable; many at times we are anxious to do what is best for ourselves and least harmful to others. However, we are born to a living hope and we are kept by the power of our instincts and inner positivity that allows us to respond to all of our life circumstances with strength, ego and self-esteem.

A little more patience, a little more love with less bowing down to the past, a brave looking forward to the future, with more self-confidence and more faith in fellowmen, and the race will be ripe for a great burst of life and light. Take life day by day, be happy, complain very little and be thankful for the little things and your life will be put to shape.



3. Students extol BNU

By Jimmy JastonKayange

The assignment burden is still hefty as we tick towards the edge of the semester, the walk in winter snow seems unrelenting, and the periodic red alert pollution surges on and on but that would not deter the appreciation of BNU by the freshman. Since

September, the freshman has been immersed in the world with fantastic opportunities, frivolous activities and wonderful clout. The freshman narrates the magical experiences the school has brought over the course of the initial semester. The pleasurable ice breaking and the acquaintances established during the event are still in correspondence. The experiences through ascending and descending the ‘changcheng’ (the great wall)-one of the seven wonders of the world- still lingers in the mind. The student union splendid activities, the sporting competitions and the beckoning from the Chinese Corner to learn from each other the language and culture all have left the freshman speechless. Then the height of it all came the auspicious international students’ Beijing night, the event that drew attention from all walks of life to witness the superb performances. Indeed for the freshman, it was history in the making. As the semester draws closer and closer to the end, the kindness of the professors rewards some students to restaurants to enjoy the hen haozhongguocai (delicious Chinese food) and celebrate the superb semester as a community. All these have helped to build a community of sharing, understanding, and a sense of belonging. No one can therefore dare challenge the freshman when they says ‘We belong here, BNU is our home!’



4. FOE-ISU Christmas and New Year Party!

By Francis Adams

On the 29th of December, the Faculty of Education International Students Union



(FoE-ISU) organized a Christmas and new-year party. The merry making event started off at 6:30pm and students with radiant smiles came in their numbers. The atmosphere was full of music, abundance of food and joy. It was another moment for students to know and wish each other well as we all anticipate good things for 2016. A

lot of activities went on during that day and students had fun. Maria, the secretary of FOE-ISU took part in these activities by inviting few students to participate in the ‘tongue twist’ activity. Words were written on a sheet of paper and students were asked to repeat the words five times but very fast. Following the

‘tongue twist’ was the ‘it takes two’ activity which was facilitated by the General secretary (FoE-ISU) Afua Amankwaa. Four people in two groups took part in this activity. One person in each group was asked to go out and the remaining persons were asked few questions about their friend. Again, five students partook in



another activity where they were asked to write as many Chinese names they know in one minute. While these activities were on-going, students dined together as well as socializing. We all had fun and that day will always be remembered with pleasure.

5. Happy Birth Month of December

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"!!