



# Timeline

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Dear Readers,

We are glad to send you our newsletter **Timeline** for this month; please feel free to send us any feedback/news/articles/ideas or anything publishable that you are interested in. News will be shaped on 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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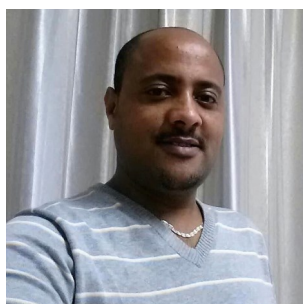
## Beijing Int'l Students' Night: Buoyancy & Happiness

By Maria Khan

Beijing International Students' Night of Beijing Normal University (BNU) is a mega event, held each year in December. It is basically an International Students Talent Show, which is dubbed as 'Beijing Night'. All BNU students are invited to showcase their talents on the stage. More than 20 different countries mixed with their specific cultural performances are represented on one stage. This is the mega and huge event of the year. It is a world class Talent show, where BNU students come up with their talents to entrance and mesmerize the audiences with their talents and confidence. This

ther it is an appreciatory show for best students as well. Good students are also awarded on this event with 'Best Student Award of the Year'. This show also recognizes those students who work really hard throughout the year and achieve good scores in their study programs. BNU award these hard working students in response to their extra efforts in studies.

The huge number of audience for this event include: Faculty members, BNU students, other students from different Universities, friends, colleagues and relatives of the BNU students, staff and faculties. Faculty members are especially invited to attend the talent show of their students and to give a mark of appreciation to their talent to become as audience. >> to [Page 2](#)



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show is not only about students who are showing their talents on stage ra-



## Beijing Night: Buoyancy and Happiness

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This event recognizes the talents of students and they really work hard for this show. It increases and polishes the confidence and exposure of students. It really helps students to relax, chat, gather, shine, and most importantly smile together on one stage. This night brings different cultures on one floor with enthusiasm and honesty of respect towards different cultures.

Being part of this mega event, I felt an immense pleasure to see my fellows' appreciation from the stage who were applauding towards performers no matter from which countries they were. This is the huge opportunity to recognize talents and abilities of students from across the globe. I really appreciate BNU for this mega program once in a year which is a retreat for students from

their tough and heavy studies. It increased our attachment with and renewed our feelings towards BNU



## BNU hosts “International Workshop on Mutual Recognition of Credits”

By Gideon Tederos

On December 12, 2016, Beijing Normal University hosted an international workshop on the issues of credit transfers among higher education institutions in the APEC region. APEC, which stands for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, was estab-

trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific and the establishment of greater regional community to address the economic and social dimensions. The three pillars of APEC's are: Trade and Investment Liberalization Business Facilitation, and Economic and Technical Cooperation.

The workshop was organized by the Faculty of Education at Beijing Normal University under the title; *International Workshop on Mutual Recognition of Credits among Universities in the APEC Region*. The workshop was conducted due to the fact that there is growing number of higher education students' mobility among the APEC member countries for further studies. Considering this students' movement to new countries, how to recognize and give the Credit/s obtained by students from their former institutions was the agenda.

The workshop was being facilitated by BNU's Faculty of Education members and lasted for two days. In those two days, a range of officials



Presenters and attendees pose for a group photo

lished in 1989. It is a forum of 21 countries in the Pacific-rim that in a way promotes free trade throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Those countries jointly work towards the realization of free and open



Professors chat during coffee break

and scholars from the APEC countries presented how credit/s are handled or converted in their respective countries' higher education system. Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Chile, Republic of Korea, China, New Zealand, and Viet Nam were countries that participated. Both Chinese and international students from BNU had the chance to participate and ask few questions during the event.

# Mutual Recognition for Authentic Collaboration



By Markos Tezera

PhD student

We are living in the ever-changing world where joint action is becoming a tool to better adapt and make use of limited resources in the world wisely. Similarly, as far as we are living in the academic world, joint action of students is very important to wisely use our resources - articles and books, in the way that benefit us. I believe that we shouldn't always approach these resources as consumers. We as human beings have the potential to learn each other by using these books and articles as our intermediators to facilitate our discussion and collaborative action. But, simultaneously it is wise to start thinking before we decide to take them as grant to guide all our action during schooling and after joining the world of work. It is wise to approach them with the passion to improve them. Though, we are assigned to attend our education in academic institutions, I hope nobody positioned us only to read them, memorize them, and use them wherever we are during schooling or after schooling. This is time to build up our capacity to search for truth. However, it may be difficult for us realize it without our joint action which is important to reflect on the resources that we have and to encourage the emerging of new ideas and ways of thinking. Getting the opportunity to meet and discuss each other

outside of the classroom to construct better knowledge that benefits and work for us, has paramount importance. We as students have common academic language to share ideas and reflect our feelings guided by our personal experiences beyond the texts we have at hand. We are human beings who could think about, challenge, and improve the status quo. But, I am not recommending you to use receiving and rejecting principles in all everyday life.

It is not good to be addicted in finding reasons to reject one idea rather than attempting to improve it. If you are concerned about the limited resources in this world, this is not a cost effective strategy. Anyone who has more than twenty-four hours a day can do that. I am arguing for collaboration-joint action for improvement not for collaboration to show aggression against blessed ideas which are produced by those who worried about the wellbeing of their community by spending their limited personal possessions including dedication of themselves to their lifelong projects as Marx and other scholars did. I sometimes get surprised when some scholars start their writing by criticizing previous scholars without appreciating what they have contributed for the particular discipline. Such kind of writers, I believe, wouldn't have started their writings at all, if they hadn't had the articles/books of previous writers, whether they valued them or not. Hope we all

would agree with the idea that potential writers shall start their work by appreciating what previous writers contributed for the existence of the current knowledge which they are planning to argue for or against. What do they benefit by denying appreciation for previous scholars? I believe that scholars searching for new ideas and ways of thinking shall do it for the purpose of creating a better world instead of targeting to get popularity in the academic world. If writers, who are role models of us, don't nurture culture of appreciation in the academic world, the issue of authentic collaboration among ourselves will be jeopardized.

## ISU Drills First Year Master Students

On December 22, 2017, the ISU through the Ministry of Career Development organized an orientation drill for first year master students. With help from Mr Samsone Maekele, a PhD student, and FOE's Xiao Xiao, many doubts that these newcomers had were addressed during the event

The issues included selection of supervisors, accreditation, and the internship. The students were given chances to present their concerns and ask questions about these three areas and after clear explanations, most of them were satisfied coming out the meeting with smiles all over their faces.



# Beijing Night: Colorful & Inspiring



## Proverb...

"Your neighbor's wife looks prettier than your own" —  
**Chinese Proverb**

## Happy Birth Month: **January**



- ♦ *Mulugeta Lemuy Legergish*
- ♦ *Juliana Fosua Gyasi*

**We wish you a delightful holiday and a joyful 2017!**