Flinders University has taught in China for over a decade and has also developed a strong and enduring research relationship with key institutions in the country. This engagement positions the University well for future success in the Asian Century. Strategic teaching and research goals for China are now a major aspect of University planning and contribute significantly to China’s developmental aims, especially in the health and trade sectors.

**Teaching**

- Flinders teaches three postgraduate courses in partnership with Nankai University, Tianjin, one with Capital Normal University in Beijing, and offers two undergraduate degrees in conjunction with the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- Endorsement of Flinders Nankai courses in 2009 by the Chinese Ministry of Education placed them in the top ten of the hundreds of programs offered in China by overseas institutions. A second annual intake to the Nankai courses commenced in 2012.
- The University also has Chinese undergraduate and postgraduate students (396 in 2013) studying at its campus in Adelaide.

**Research**

- Directed by Professor Wei Zhang, Flinders research on converting seaweed into high value products is being supported by major Chinese corporation, Qingdao Gather Great Ocean Group, which has committed $21 million to development of the SA seaweed product industry.
- In 2013, Flinders and Central South University (CSU) established the China-Australia General Practitioner Education, Training and Research Centre as a platform for medical graduates to become China’s first wave of GPs.
- In 2010, Flinders established the Joint Research and Education Collaboration Centre (JRECC) in conjunction with Hunan University and Central South University, both located in Changsha, the capital of Hunan province. The two universities are among China’s top five per cent.
- Joint research projects in neuroscience, orthopaedics and biomedical engineering, rural health care and medicine, and cancer have begun with CSU.
- Initial collaborations in the area of supercomputing and plant microbe research with Hunan University have been established.
- Collaborative research projects exist across marine biotechnology, gambling, groundwater, and sustainable development, as well as the Chinese cinema industry.
- A number of co-operative projects between Flinders and universities in China are devoted to improving treatment of dementia and palliative care.

**Fast Facts**

1. In 2013, more than 420 students graduated from Flinders Nankai postgraduate courses. In Hong Kong, 42 students graduated from Flinders undergraduate courses in 2013.
2. There are more than 3,500 Flinders alumni in China and Hong Kong. Flinders graduate Mr Junling Liu heads YiHaoDian, an online supermarket in China with nearly 30 million subscribers; Walmart recently bought a 51 per cent stake in the company.
3. Flinders established a Joint Research and Education Collaboration Centre in Changsha in 2010.
4. Through a joint training and research centre with Central South University, Flinders expertise in general practice training is helping China produce its first wave of GPs.
5. Chinese corporation Qingdao Gather Great Ocean Group is co-funding a Flinders research laboratory to produce bio-products from seaweed.
7. Flinders teaches three postgraduate qualifications – the Master of Arts (International Relations in Economy and Trade), the Master of Hospital Administration and the Master of Educational Leadership and Management – in collaboration with Nankai University, and the Master of Education is offered with Capital Normal University in Beijing.
8. The Bachelor of Creative Arts (Digital Media) and the Bachelor of Commerce are taught with the School of Continuing and Professional Studies at The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
Alumni relationships

Events for graduates of Flinders courses are held regularly in Beijing, Tianjin and Kunming. The alumni network aims to provide graduates with access to services including employment, professional networks, mentoring and internships. In November 2013, Flinders held its first event for alumni in Shanghai.

One of Flinders most successful Chinese graduates is Mr Junling Liu, CEO of one of Asia’s fastest growing companies, YiHaoDian (Number One Store) online supermarket. A Bachelor of Education and a Master of International Business Administration graduate, he held senior management positions in IT firms in Asia before founding China’s largest on-line retailer in 2008.

Engagement

A second joint conference of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and the Flinders Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences was held in Adelaide in November 2013. It focused on the growing interdependence of the Chinese and Australian economies.

Flinders participates in a program of visiting Fellowships with the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Collected papers from a Yunnan University-Flinders University symposium held in Kunming were published in 2013 as The Political Economy of Sino-Australia Trade.

Joint conferences held with Nankai University in 2009 and 2010 addressed future strategies aimed at improving China-Australia trade and investment, and in 2013 focused on health reform.

The inaugural SA-China Marine Biotechnology Forum, organised by Flinders and the South Australian Government in November 2013, discussed opportunities for research and business collaboration around bioproducts.

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