Cairo University

Cairo University President Gaber Nassar inaugurated “The House of Reading” project at the Heritage Central Library launching it officially. Nassar said that “the project is aimed at reviving Cairo University ancient traditions in the first half of the 20th century when the cultural and reading activities were being organized frequently as well as the university educational and enlightening role without separating between scientific specialties.” The project is aimed at providing nearly 5000 books in the first stage including senior writers, men of letters and innovators in Egypt and the Arab World for students, researchers, academic staff members and employees. Reaching 125,000 books for “The House of Reading” is aimed to cover all the fields of humanities, the creations of senior writers, men of letters and thinkers.

Cairo University President Gaber Nassar and his accompanying delegation discussed joint scientific research cooperation frameworks between Cairo University and Hiroshima University in fields of engineering sciences, oncology, biotechnology and nanotechnology. The discussion was during the current visit of Prof. Dr. Gaber Nassar at Hiroshima University (Japan). The earlier agreement between the two universities in Cairo considered the activation of scientific cooperation between both universities in advanced research and technology fields in cooperation with researchers from the two universities. The agreement also considered benefitting from researches conducted by both universities in the development of scientific research applications.

Southeast University

On 24th February, Southeast University Zhongda Hospital signed the Agreement of Intention on Jointly Establishing a General Hospital with Jiangning Binjiang Development Zone. Yi Hong, Chairman of Southeast University attended the signing ceremony. He pointed out that signing this agreement would expand the cooperation with Jiangning District in medicine and would help widen and deepen such cooperation. Southeast University will make best use of advantages in disciplines and technology to better serve the economic and social development of Jiangning District.

It is known that the cooperation aims to explore a new system for hospital management and establish a mechanism for public hospital operation featuring welfare, motivation and sustainability, so as to provide quality medical service to residents in Jiangning Binjiang Development Zone and promote the sound development of medical and health services.
**Ulm University**

Ms. Daniela Englisch has been appointed as new Director of the International Office supervising the strategic U5 Program. Prior to joining the University of Ulm, she used to work at HTW Berlin – University of Applied Sciences as Head of the International Office and Representative of the University Board for International Program Development; earlier on she held an equivalent position at Baden-Wuerttemberg Cooperative State University (DHBW). Ms. Englisch graduated from the University of Tübingen (Germany) and University of Washington (USA) in General Rhetoric, Political Science and Modern History. She speaks German, English, French, and Italian.

On 24th of February Ulm University celebrated its 50th anniversary. During those years, Ulm University has been developed into one of the best young universities in Germany. In 2016 it is on the place 13 among the best 150 universities under 50 years old worldwide. Ulm University is planning a year-long jubilee program for 2017 for its partners, university members and sponsors.

**Moscow State University**

On 11th February a memorandum on the general principles for the creation of the Slovenian branch of the Lomonosov Moscow State University was signed by Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia and rector of MSU Victor Sadovnichy. The main subjects of study will be Russian language, Slavic culture, history, mathematics, economics, biology, and a number of other areas of interest to the residents of Slovenia and neighboring countries.

A unique information system was established at the Moscow State University in the framework of the project "Noah’s Ark". It contains information about the MSU biological collections and allows to find information about each sample including their description, the time of collection and methods of the treatment. Currently, there are data on about 500 thousands of herbarium specimens and 10 thousands of microorganisms.

**Siberian State Aerospace University**

SibSAU students were awarded regional scholarships. Following the results of 2016, 10 SibSAU students were awarded regional scholarships for achievements in the following spheres: physics-mathematical sciences, technical sciences, the humanities, agricultural and biological sciences, and journalism.

Four research projects which are being carried out by research teams of SibSAU, the flagship university, gained support of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation in 2017. The titles of the projects are as follows: “Development and study of self-configurable hyper-heuristics of solving complex problems of non stationary multi modal optimization by means of bionic algorithms”; “Development of theoretical foundations of automation of complex systems integrated modelling through computational intelligence”; “Subwave optics of periodically arranged dielectric nano structures”; “Approach to organization of the life cycle of cross-platform software of vehicle-borne equipment of unmanned aerial vehicles”.

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