

Promoting Study Abroad Programs to Domestic Students -Fudan Experience-

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ABSTRACT

By the end of 2005, Fudan University has established significant cooperative ties or strategic partnership with 206 distinguished universities in 30 countries and regions. More than 800 enrolled students benefited from student-exchange programs in 2005. According to the “11th 5-year” development plan of Fudan, we would focus on building the international atmosphere in the campus by inviting more overseas scholars for teaching, lecture and joint research and by establishing more academic courses taught in English to attract more overseas students and offer more communicating chances for domestic students. In the same time, we are dedicated to creating various channels for domestic students to study abroad. Among them are:

- To broaden the spectrum of MOUs or Agreements on cooperation and exchanges with worldwide academic institutions in a variety of patterns including exchanges of students and faculty as well as joint academic and research projects including joint-degree programs
- To set up more special foundations from different resources to support excellent students to go abroad for further studies.
- To encourage students to participate in short-term exchange programs such as summer school, international internship and so on.
- To develop more opportunities for student-exchange programs with the local universities of Hong Kong and Macao, taking good advantage of geographical and cultural predominance with the two special administrative regions of China.

Our target is that the exchange-student number is expected to increase at the rate of 20% annually in the following five years, reaching 1500 in 2010.