

A) The Role of the International Office:

In building better research partnerships and student exchanges

## **The Spontaneity of Students for International Communication**

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### **Abstract**

International student mobility is becoming one of the most obvious characters of the system of modern higher education. The scale and influence of the mobility is enlarged by joint efforts of universities and institutions setting up exchange programs for students. In addition, there is another special form of exchange among students existing in parallel with the one based on official platform, which is the student-run intercultural exchange and communication program.

The student-run programs generally last for one week and are in the form of seminars, conferences culture experiences rather than semester-long academic studies. These self-organized programs are initiated by students spontaneously, which are a reflection of their desire of furthering communication with other students from different countries. This form of student-run program reflects the spontaneity and creativity of students for international communication, which is an effective complement to regular exchange programs.

### **Key words**

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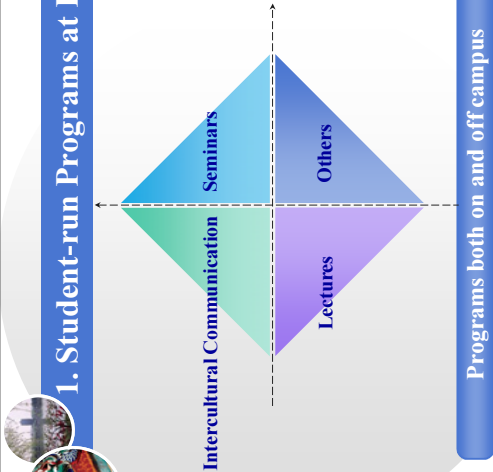
# Outline

1. Student-run Programs at PKU
2. The Existing Global Network
3. Comparison
4. Some Ideas

# 1. Student-run Programs at PKU

- ◆ There are over 30 students organizations specialized in international exchange and communication (All together: 267)
- ◆ The first one was founded in 1997 (also the first one nationwide)
- ◆ The associations organize 100+ programs each year

# 1. Student-run Programs at PKU



Programs both on and off campus

## 1. Student-run Programs at PKU

**TPIS**  
Tutor Program for International Students

- ❖ Dedicated to fostering and enhancing friendship between Chinese and international Students
- ❖ Aiming at helping international students to get used to the life at PKU
- ❖ More than 1000 international students have been involved




## 1. Student-run Programs at PKU

**JING FORUM**

- ❖ First Sino-Japan student bilateral forum
- ❖ Originally initiated by students from Tokyo University and PKU
- ❖ Discuss the future of Japan and China through four momentous themes: Security, Environment, Historical Perception, Economy




## 1. Student-run Programs at PKU

**FACES**  
Forum for American/Chinese Exchange

- ❖ Foster lasting bonds between Chinese and American students
- ❖ Co-organized by students from Stanford University and Chinese universities
- ❖ One of the important dialogues between American and Chinese students

## 1. Student-run Programs at PKU

**GLOBALIST**

- ❖ Fully student-run magazine
- ❖ Co-published by students from Yale University, Peking University, Cambridge University, Sydney University, Sciences Po, Hebrew University, Toronto University, Bogacizi University, University of Cap Town
- ❖ Write hot-topic articles and publish joint magazine in partner universities

## 2. The Existing Global Network



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### AIESEC

- Began in 1948
- The world's largest student organization present in over 1100 universities in over 100 countries and regions
- Provides over 6,500 leadership opportunities, 4,400 work abroad opportunities, 350 conferences, and virtual tools to build networks




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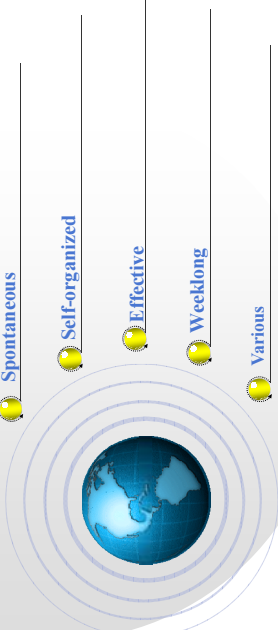
### MUN

- An academic simulation of the United Nations that aims to educate participants about civics, effective communication, globalization and multilateral diplomacy
- Started as early as in the 1920s
- Has greatly matured and expanded worldwide  
PKU held the 2006 World MUN

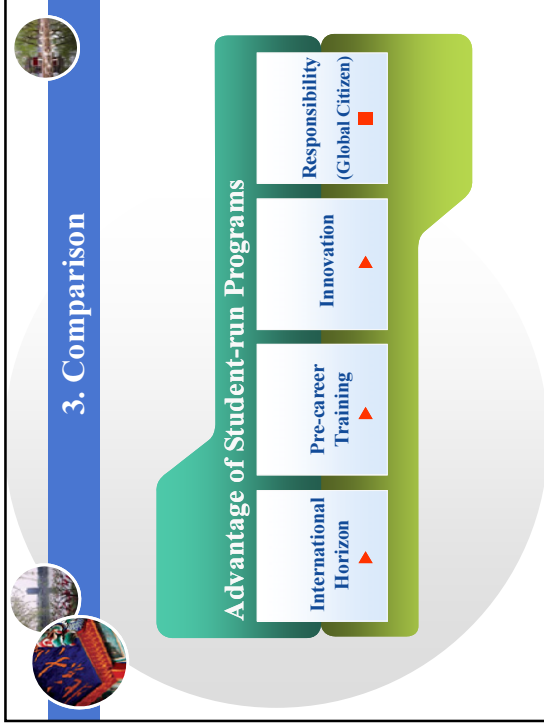



## 2. The Existing Global Network

### Characters of the student-run programs



- Spontaneous
- Self-organized
- Effective
- Weeklong
- Various



- ### 4. Some Ideas
- #### What Can We Benefit?
- ❖ Bottom-up process of internationalization
  - ❖ Develop the innovation and creativity of local students
  - ❖ Attract potential foreign students
  - ❖ Enrich campus culture

