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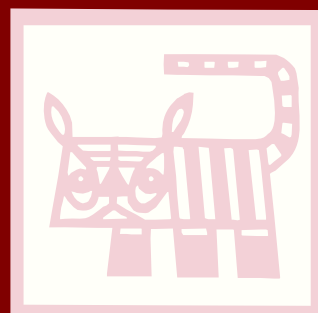
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Special Points of Interest

- *Luncheon Pictorials*
- *Dickens in Oxford*

The China Oxford Scholarship Fund marked the **Year of the Tiger** in Parliament with the **All Party Parliamentary China Group (APPCG)** on the 9th February. The Group's Chairman **Ben Chapman MP** hosted the festive and intimate event in the House of Commons. The Group's Vice-Chairman **Lord Tim Clement-Jones**, APPCG Secretary **Lord Brian Cotter** and members **Derek Wyatt MP**, **John Grogan MP** and **James Gray MP** were on hand to meet with COSF's Scholars **Guo Ziyang (Jack)**, **Shan Haidong**, **Yi Xiaou**, **Ni Weifeng (Vincent)**, **Sun Jia**, **Lin Zi (Lindsay)**, **He Guangyue** and **Zhang Yubing (Betty)**. The event, which has been taking place every Chinese New Year since 2007, enabled the scholars the special opportunity to discuss important current affairs issues involving China and Britain with the APPCG members. Guests included HSBC's Managing Director for China Affairs **Charles Haswell** and C. Hoare & Co.'s **Charles Hoare Nairne**. COSF's International Chairman **Timothy Beardson** was present as were Board Chairman **Nicholas Dennys QC** and trustee **Sir Stephen Sherbourne**. The luncheon was sponsored by a COSF supporter. For more on the event, go to pages 4 and 5.

Happy Year of the Tiger



International Chairman's Letter

Dear Friends,

- It is wonderful to have the support of the All Party Parliamentary China Group. We were able to hold our fourth Chinese New Year Parliamentary luncheon in the House of Commons. I am grateful to the Group's Chairman Ben Chapman MP for hosting this special and festive event which allows our Scholars the unique opportunity to personally meet members of Parliament.
- Last November, I had the opportunity to meet Oxford University's new Vice-Chancellor Prof. Andrew Hamilton who expressed interest in the work of COSF. It was good to get his views on our awards programme.
- I am pleased COSF was able to provide this year's new Scholars a chance to meet our Trustees, supporters, sponsors and benefactors at the luncheon at Rhodes House where the event has been held since 2005. It is wonderful to have the support of Rhodes House and its new Warden, Donald Markwell.
- I am glad that COSF's Speaker's Programme is still on track in Hong Kong with renowned mountaineer Stephen Venables as our latest guest of honour.
- I would like to thank all those who supported our charity Christmas card campaign. 460 cards were sold for 2009.
- Lastly, I would like to wish you a happy Chinese New Year and all the very best for the Year of the Tiger.



Timothy Beardson
International Chairman

Hong Kong Update



Mount Everest's Kangshung Face *Photo courtesy of Ini Kim*

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Last Autumn supporters of COSF learned first hand how the world's tallest mountain was conquered. At an intimate gathering on the 23rd September 2009 at the China Club in Hong Kong, renowned mountaineer **Stephen Venables** was COSF's guest of honour for its **Distinguished Speaker's Programme** event. Stephen has made countless famous climbs from the Eiger to Everest. He is perhaps most famous for achieving the first ascent of **Mount Everest** by the huge **Kangshung Face** from the Chinese side. In 1988, he conquered the Kangshung Face without bottled oxygen and reached the summit alone. He had to spend the night just below the summit without a tent, then the highest ever bivouac, followed by an epic 3-day descent without food. Stephen also has many first ascents of other famous mountains, on five continents, to his credit, including the north face of the Eiger which is the biggest continuous mountain wall in Western Europe. The 55-year-old is a prolific writer, holds seven prizes for literature and is an Oxford graduate. Stephen will be on an expedition in South Georgia this autumn and will be on another climbing expedition in the Antarctica in early 2011.

Parliamentary Luncheon Pictorial



Guests enjoying the drinks reception in Dining Room B in the House of Commons



L-R Clair Beardson, Xiaodi Bell, Zhang Yubing (Betty) and Sun Jia



Derek Wyatt MP with Lin Zi (Lindsay)



Yi Xiaou, Guo Ziyang (Jack) and Lord Tim Clement-Jones



Shan Haidong with APPCG Coordinator Simon Butler



Guests enjoying the banqueting in the House of Commons

Parliamentary Luncheon Pictorial



APPCG Chairman Ben Chapman MP welcomes the guests to the lunar new year luncheon



L-R Charles Hoare Nairne, Sun Jia, Xiaodi Bell and Timothy Beardson



Derek Wyatt MP, Ni Weifeng (Vincent), Lord Tim Clement-Jones and Nicholas Dennys QC



Timothy Beardson thanks Ben Chapman and the APPCG for hosting the luncheon.

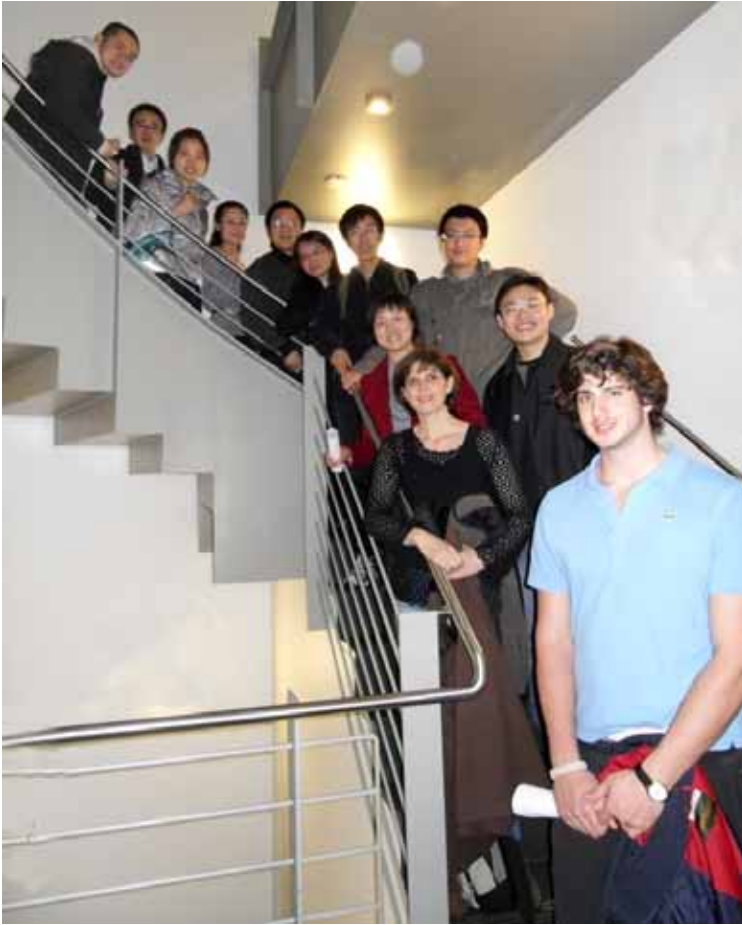


Timothy Beardson, Charles Haswell and Guo Ziyang (Jack)



Scholars enjoy the views from Parliament's terrace overlooking the River Thames

Oxford Update



Araceli and Geordie Keelan with students at the Keble O'Reilly Theatre at Keble College.

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Last November COSF Scholars were able to enjoy a night of **Charles Dickens** at **Keble College**. At the invitation of benefactor **Araceli Keelan** of the **Brian Keelan Award**, Scholars were treated to an evening of drama with the play **Barnaby Rudge** at the **Keble O'Reilly Theatre**. The storyline for *Barnaby Rudge* was based on an adaption of a relatively unknown Dickens novel about Victorian actors staging a play in the 18th century Georgian times. Scholars **Wu Yimin**, **Guo Ziyang (Jack)**, **Fang Linhao**, **Ni Weifeng (Vincent)**, **Sun Jia**, **Lin Zi (Lindsay)** and **Shan Haidong** were joined by two visiting **Peking University** students **Qin Ling** and **Huo Kun** and Araceli's son **Geordie** who is attending Oxford University. The evening also included a visit to the Lamb and Flag pub. Since 2007, Araceli has been inviting Scholars to afternoon tea events in Oxford and to attend plays at the **Oxford Playhouse** where her godson and 3rd year Oxford student, Tom Palmer, has been performing.



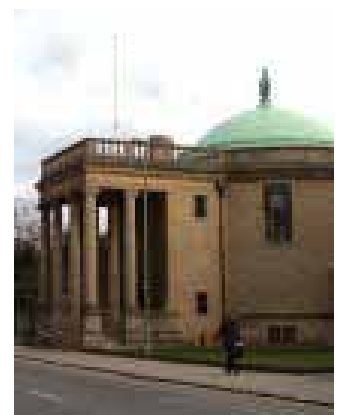
New Scholars Welcome Luncheon at Rhodes House



L-R Xi Jiahe (Robert), Fang Linhao, Ni Weifeng (Vincent), Lin Zi (Lindsay), Zhang Yubing (Betty), Sun Jia, Wang Xiao (Rose), Shan Haidong, Wu Yimin and Guo Ziyang (Jack) in the Jameson Room at Rhodes House.

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Last November, the China Oxford Scholarship Fund (COSF) held its annual welcome luncheon for some of its new award winners at **Rhodes House** in Oxford. The event provided an opportunity for the Scholars of various named awards to meet their respective sponsors and benefactors. Also, the Trustees and supporters of COSF were on hand to officially welcome them to Oxford. The Fund's International Chairman **Timothy Beardson** gave a bilingual address to the thirty-one guests who attended the luncheon. In the absence of Her Majesty The Queen, the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Tim Stevenson, said that he was here in her place and kindly welcomed the Scholars to Britain and to Oxford on her behalf. The guests included **Peter Vernon**, the Chief Executive for Great Britain and Ireland for Grosvenor Estates, **Charles Hoare Nairne**, the Head of Investments for C. Hoare & Co., **Eva Zhang**, the Manager for China Affairs for HSBC and **Simon Fourmy** of The Wolfson Foundation. The Minister for Education from the Chinese Embassy in London, **Tian Xiaogang**, also attended the luncheon and spoke of the importance of strong bilateral relations in higher education between Britain and China.



Rhodes House Luncheon Pictorial



Grosvenor Oxford Award recipient Sun Jia with Peter Vernon of Grosvenor Estates



COSF's International Chairman Timothy Beardson with Scholars in the Milner's Hall



Tang Oxford Award recipient Fang Linhao with COSF Treasurer Iain Goddard



Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire Timothy Stevenson with COSF Trustee Sir Stephen Sherbourne



Brian Keelan Award recipient Lin Zi (Lindsay) with benefactor Araceli Keelan



Benefactors Yvonne and Pierre Winkler with Winkler Oxford Award recipient Shan Haidong

Rhodes House Luncheon Pictorial



The Lord Lieutenant passes on the good wishes of Her Majesty The Queen to the Scholars.



Minister Counselor for Education Tian Xiaogang with COSF Trustee Prof. Cui Zhanfeng and benefactor Araceli Keelan



Wang Xiao (Rose) with Grosvenor Estate's Peter Vernon and Shan Haidong



Chinese Embassy Education Section's Zhu Li with COSF UK Awards Member Prof. Derek Siveter and Pierre Winkler



HSBC Manager of China Affairs Eva Zhang with Guo Ziyang (Jack)



Timothy Stevenson with COSF Trustee Anne Lindsay and Lin Zi (Lindsay)

Rhodes House Luncheon Pictorial



Wolfson China Scholar Wu Yimin with
Yvonne Winkler



Charles Hoare Nairne with Clair Beardson and
COSF Trustee Sir Stephen Sherbourne



Pierre and Yvonne Winkler with Timothy and
Clair Beardson and Charles Hoare Nairne



Pierre Winkler with Tang Oxford Award recipient
Wang Xiao (Rose) and Shan Haidong



Wu Yimin with Gill Sunderland and
Shan Haidong



HSBC Manager of China Affairs Eva Zhang
with Clair Beardson

Rhodes House Luncheon Scholar's Address



COSF invited the first HSBC Fellow Award recipient Guo Ziyang (Jack) to address guests at the Rhodes House Welcome Luncheon. Jack is pursuing an MSc in Financial Economics at the Saïd Business School and is at Green Templeton College. The following is his speech made in the Beit Room at Rhodes House.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It's an honour to be here and speak on behalf of all the Scholars. Thanks to the generous help from the China Oxford Scholarship Fund, its benefactors and sponsors, this year 19 students received the scholarships and are at Oxford to begin or continue their studies. I am very grateful to be one of them and also to be the first HSBC Fellow Award recipient. So now, after five weeks of the Michaelmas term, let me take this chance to share with you briefly some of my experiences at this world-class university. The first thing I want to talk about Oxford is its culture of academic rigor. In my program for example, we have whole days of lectures and classes from Monday to Thursday, and every day we have this feeling of being stretched toward the very limit of our intellectual capacity. Challenging as it might first feel, I know that my education and experiences at Oxford will stay with me for the rest of my life. Besides its first-rate programme, another feature of Oxford that particularly impressed me is that teachers do spend time to make sure everyone is on board. If you have anything unclear in your mind, simply ask in class, after class, during professor's office hours, or whenever you meet the professor at school. In addition, every course also has supportive classes where a well-trained tutor gives more detailed and hands-on explanation to us. This has been a huge change for me because as a student in China, this was



something that just wasn't available. Needless to say, students at this institution are already incredibly intelligent, and when the world's leading scholars are investing such amount of time and attention on students, there is no wonder why Oxford has been a centre of excellence and cultivating leaders for 800 years. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you. And to my fellow Scholars: please do your best, pursue your dreams, and make use of every minute that we have at Oxford.

Happy Chinese New Year

*Best Wishes for the
Year of the Tiger*



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The Initiative

The China Oxford Scholarship Fund aims to raise £25 million to provide more than 20 scholarships each year in perpetuity for China's most talented and brightest students.

Upon completion of their studies, the students are committed to return to China as China Oxford Scholars.

We are determined that they will receive due recognition in their home country at senior levels in all sectors of society.

The China Oxford Scholarship Fund is internationally supported by individual and corporate donations.

If you would like to support this initiative and would like further details, please contact us at info@chinaoxford.org

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