



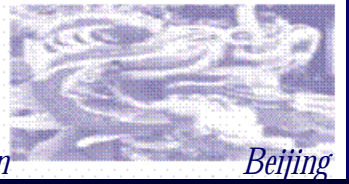
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COSF Welcomes

Prof. Robert Mundell

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The Fund is pleased to announce that Prof. Robert Mundell has joined its Awards Panel as Honorary Chairman. Prof. Mundell was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for Economics in 1999. He has been involved in China over many years and takes a great interest in the development of the country, its economy, its society and its young people. "It is a great pleasure for me to assume the position of the Honorary Chairman of the Awards Panel of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund. China's growth over recent decades is the most important fact of modern history and no country can benefit more from high level education than China. It is a personal pleasure for me to be associated with Oxford University in this endeavour and I look forward to a fruitful collaboration", said Prof. Mundell. The Nobel laureate studied at the University of British Columbia and the London School of Economics before receiving his PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He has been a Professor of Economics for more than three decades teaching at Stanford University, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Chicago and at Columbia University since 2001. "It is a great honour for the Trustees of the Fund and our Scholars to have the guidance and support of Prof. Mundell who has been an inspirational force in the academic world and in China in particular", said COSF's International Chairman Timothy Beardson. The renowned economist also advises international agencies and organizations such as the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the American Federal Reserve Board and U.S. Treasury.

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Special Points of Interest

- *The Wolfson Foundation Funds More Scholarships*
- *Summer Luncheon Pictorial*
- *Meet and Mingle Evening at Rhodes House*

International Chairman's Letter

Dear Friends,

- It is a privilege to have Prof. Robert Mundell's support in his capacity as Honorary Chairman of our Awards Panel. His knowledge of China and academic expertise will be of inestimable benefit to the Fund.
- This year COSF is able to make available another two Wolfson China Scholarships. This would not be possible without The Wolfson Foundation's generous £50,000 grant to fund four Wolfson China Scholarships for the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 academic years.
- We have been working with The Rhodes Trust since 2004 and I look forward to our increasing our relationship in the future as both organisations are fostering a culture of excellence. I am very pleased that Dr Don Markwell, the Warden of Rhodes House, invited our Scholars to meet the Rhodes Scholars at an event at Rhodes House this summer
- It was a great pleasure to meet new supporters of COSF at this year's Scholars' Summer luncheon in late June. I hope that the Fund will continue to make more friends so that our awards programme will have an even stronger international network of benefactors and supporters.
- Lastly, the work of the Awards Panel members in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and the United Kingdom has not gone unnoticed. With 116 applications received this year, the Trustees appreciate the Panel's workload of reviewing in detail such a high number of applications while ensuring successful awards candidates meet the Fund's high criteria.

Timothy Beardson
International Chairman



The Rhodes Trust



At the invitation of Dr Donald Markwell, the Warden of Rhodes House, the Fund's Scholars had the opportunity to attend a "Meet and Mingle" evening reception on the 18th June. COSF Scholars enjoyed chatting with Rhodes Scholars and Hill Foundation Scholars in Rhodes House's Milner Hall. Lo Yuen-Yi, Jerome Hui, Zhu Ziwen, Ni Weifeng (Vincent), Wu Yimin, Chu Wai-Kit, Guo Ziyang (Jack), Fang Linhao, Ji Xiaoyun and Wang Huan (Alexander) attended the festive and informal event. Dr Markwell was present to kick-off the reception which finished in the early morning hours. Also attending were the former President of Magdalen College Anthony Smith and The Rhodes Trust Registrar Mary Eaton.

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Dr Donald Markwell
Warden of Rhodes House

Dr Donald Markwell is the eighth Warden of Rhodes House and the first to be himself a Rhodes Scholar (Queensland & Trinity 1981). Prior to assuming the Warden's role on 1 July 2009, he was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) of the University of Western Australia from January 2007. As a Rhodes Scholar, he completed the MPhil and later the DPhil in International Relations. After a year as a Procter Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton (1984-85), he returned to Oxford as a Research Fellow of New College (1985-86) before becoming a Tutorial Fellow of Merton College and University Lecturer in Politics (1986-97). From 1997 to 2007, he served as Warden of Trinity College, University of Melbourne and was a Professorial Fellow of that University in political science and public policy.

Source: The Rhodes Trust



L-R Lionel Nichols, Dr Donald Markwell and Rohan Paul



Stephen Hammer and Fang Linhao



L-R Lo Yuen-Yi, Jerome Hui and Wang Huan (Alexander)



On right: Shadrack Muleli with a guest



Luke Pike and Timothy Nunan



Zhu Jiwen, Ji Xiaoyun and Dyan Sterling

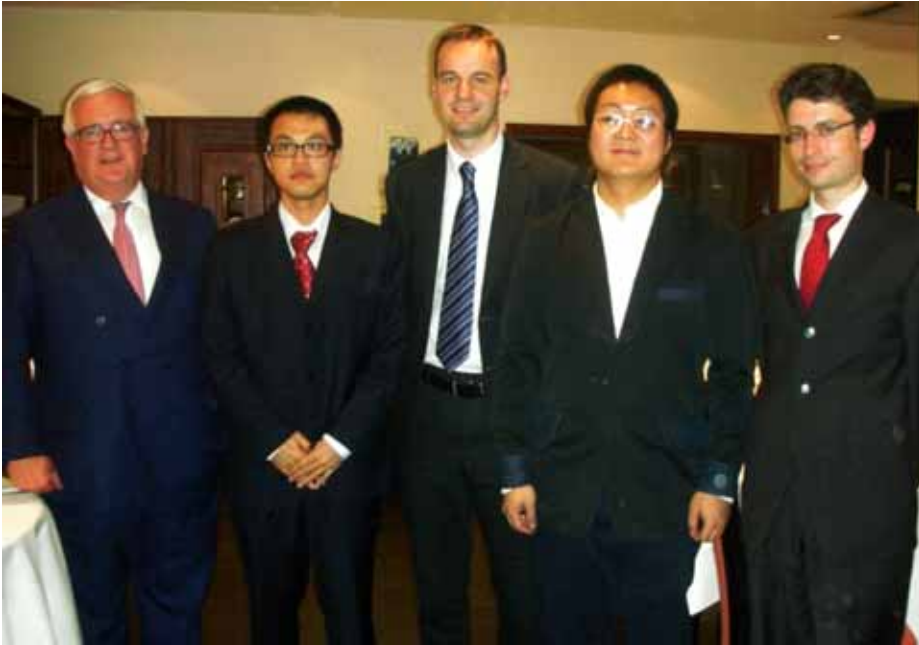


L-R Dr Paul, Shaan Gandhi and Anthony Smith



L-R Joelle Faulkner, Vincent Hofer and Jason Bello

COSF News



L-R Rupert Villers, Xi Jiahe (Robert), Paul Ramsbottom,
Wu Yimin and Simon Fourmy



In late June, the Wolfson China Scholars had the chance to meet with The Wolfson Foundation's Executive Secretary Paul Ramsbottom and Grants Manager Simon Fourmy over an informal lunch in London. The gathering was hosted by COSF's Trustee Rupert Villers. Wolfson China Scholars Xi Jiahe (Robert) and Wu Yimin briefed Paul and Simon on their progress with their studies at Oxford University. Robert is pursuing a DPhil in Computer Science and is at Christ Church while Yimin is pursuing a DPhil in Materials. In February, The Wolfson Foundation's Board of Trustees approved a £50,000 grant to fund four additional Wolfson China Scholarships at £12,500 each over the next two years.



Since establishing an online presence on Facebook in 2006, the Fund has been able to re-connect with a number of COSF alumni. At present, the Fund has nearly 100 members in its Facebook COSF Alumni and Network Group. Through this social medium, we have been able to inform Scholars about events and networking opportunities in the United Kingdom and China. This is in addition to serving as a vehicle for Scholars to keep in touch with each other. If you are or were a COSF Scholar, we would like to hear from you. Contact us on Facebook at *ChinaOxford ScholarshipFund* or via email at *info@chinaoxford.org*.

2010 Awards Process



L-R Beijing interviewers Zhang Zhe, Rupert McCowan,
Zhang Xing and Sue Lau

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This year the China Oxford Scholarship Fund received 116 applications for its Awards Panel's review. The high number of students interested in the Fund's awards programme reflected a 20 per cent increase in applications compared with last year's figure.

The Fund is pleased to know that more and more postgraduate students are aware of its scholarship scheme in China and that this has led to an even more competitive pool of candidates for the Panel to consider. "This gave a very satisfactory level of choice. The applicants were of a most excellent standard", said the Awards Panel Chairman Rupert McCowan.

Rupert and Panel Vice-Chairman Kenneth Fok were on hand in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong to conduct the interviews with shortlisted candidates. Also present at each interview location were the local COSF committee members participating in the process. Forty-six applicants were shortlisted for interviews. Over the course of June and July; twelve students were interviewed in person in Beijing; eleven in Shanghai; eleven in Hong Kong; and nine in Oxford. Three students were interviewed by telephone.

The 2010 award winners will be announced in the Autumn Newsletter which will be published during the Michaelmas term in October.

2010 Panel Members



L-R Shanghai interviewers Ashton Lee, Sue Lau, Annie Bentley, Dr Gao Jinhua, Zhu Yan, Kenneth Fok and William Louey



UK interviewers Prof. Derek Siveter and Peter Sunderland



L-R Hong Kong interviewers Prof. Paul Tam, Kenneth Fok, Rupert McCowan, Ronald Kwok, Andrew Lo and Dennis Ho

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Scholars' Summer Luncheon



Some of the guests gather for a group photo with the COSF Scholars at Hailey House



The weather could not have been more perfect for this year's Scholars' Summer Luncheon which was kindly hosted once again by Clair and Timothy Beardson at their country home. In spite of the mercury climbing to 30 Celsius, 71 guests enjoyed cool refreshments and a splendid lunch at Hailey House on the 27th June 2010. There was a strong presence from Oxford University with Sir Michael Scholar (President of St John's College), Sir Ivor Roberts (President of Trinity College), Prof. Roger Cashmore (Principal of Brasenose College) and Prof. Keith Gull (Principal of St Edmund Hall) attending the event. The Chinese Ambassador to Britain Liu Xiaoming sent his best wishes to COSF. Standing in on his behalf was Tian Xiaogang, the Minister Counsellor for Education at the Chinese Embassy. He was joined by his wife Madam Kong Xianzhuo. The Fund was also able to welcome guests from around the world who had the chance to meet the contingent of thirteen Scholars at the luncheon. Some of the international guests included: Simon Case from Jakarta; Esther Heer, Gordon Jones and Chris Drake from Hong Kong; Sebastien Perne and Paul Edouardo Clos from France; Bansri and Rajesh Shah and HRH Princess Jeet and Nand Khemka from India; and Victoria Elenowitz from New York. Supporters of the Brian Keelan Award had the chance to meet Brian Keelan Scholars Zhi Lin (Lindsay) and Yiu Chan-Hong (Vincent) at the luncheon which was attended by benefactor Araceli Keelan. The Keelan Award supporters were Jon Wood, Dr Marie Moore, Verne and Andrea Grinstead; and Sue and Anthony Hall. Other guests included Mirabel Edgedale, Prof. Robert MacLaren, Prof. Stephen Hesselbo, Prof. Jane Ridley, Geoffrey and Caroline de Jager, Captain Johnnie Morris, Sue Cunningham and Dr Gary Misson. COSF Trustees Sir Stephen Sherbourne and Anne Lindsay, UK Panel members Peter Sunderland and Prof. Derek Siveter and supporters Xiaodi and Nicholas Bell were part of the Fund's welcoming party. During the lunch, Sir Ivor entertained guests with a delightful speech which included an amusing and memorable anecdote involving a former Government minister, the Peruvian National Anthem and a Cardinal Archbishop! COSF Scholar Sun Jia spoke on behalf of the Scholars and delivered a heart-warming address about her time at Oxford and her goals in China. Jia's speech is featured in full on page 13.



Guests enjoy noon-time drinks by the Hailey House lake



Dr Marie Moore, Jon Wood and Araceli Keelan



Sue Hall, Victoria Elenowitz and Xiaodi Bell



L-R Paul Edouard Clos, Chen Qi, Sebastien Perne, Wu Yimin and Fang Linhao



L-R Bansri Shah, Sir Stephen Sherbourne, Mirabel Edgedale, HRH Princess Jeet and Nand Khemka



L-R Dr Diana and Prof. Andrew Briggs with Dr Dianne and Prof. Keith Gull



L-R Liu Guoquan, Jiang Xueyuan (Nathan), Shan Haidong, Chris Drake, Liu Zhidan and Xi Jiahe (Robert)



L-R Mirabel Edgedale, Esther Heer and Bansri Shah



L-R Ann Lindsay-Cashmore , Sir Stephen Sherbourne and Prof. Roger Cashmore



L-R Sir Ivor Roberts with Caroline and Geoffrey de Jager



Prof. Jane Ridley and John Michaelson



L-R Victoria Elenowitz, HRH Princess Jeet and Tian Xiaogang



Jon Wood and Dr Marie Moore



Timothy Beardson welcoming all the guests



Prof. Derek Siveter and Dr Gary Misson



Jiang Xueyuan (Nathan), Sun Jia and Wu Yimin



Victoria Elenowitz and Clair Beardson



Sir Ivor Roberts addresses guests



Simon Case and Prof. Jane Ridley



L-R Paul Edouard Clos, Sebastien Perne and Canon MacDonal Radcliff



Fritz Gumpert and Lady Angela Scholar



Liu Guoquan, Clair Beardson and Tian Xiaogang



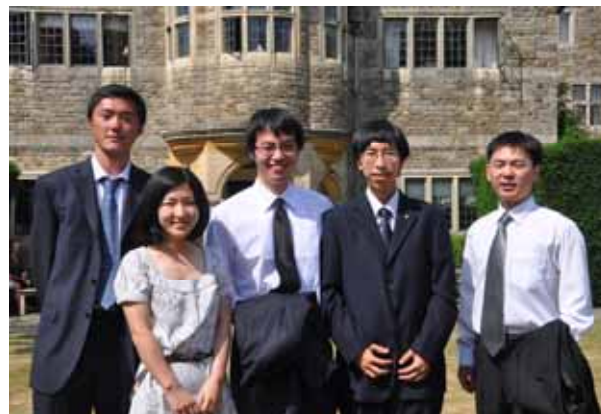
L-R Chris Drake, Howard Moore and Sue Cunningham



L-R Anne Lindsay, Shan Haidong, Prof. Robert MacLaren and Dr Gary Misson



Sue and Anthony Hall with Wu Yimin



L-R Chen Qi, Yi Xiaou, Jiang Xueyuan (Nathan), Fang Linhao and Zhou Shengda



Fritz Gumpert, Esther Heer and Mirabel Edgedale



Cheng Wing-Tsan (Wilson), Prof. Roger Cashmore and Peter and Gill Sunderland



Prof. Keith Gull, Canon MacDonal Radcliff and Lin Zhi (Lindsay)



Clair Beardson with Dr Diana and Prof. Andrew Briggs



Howard Moore and Yiu Chan-Hong (Vincent)



Sun Jia, Anita and Prof. Derek Siveter, Cheng Wing-Tsan (Wilson) and Wu Yimin

Sun Jia was a 2009 Grosvenor Oxford Scholar who received a £7,500 award. The Ningxia Province native is a graduate of Peking University. Jia completed her MSc degree in Financial Economics. She was at Trinity College. Jia was engaged in a summer work scheme with Grosvenor Estates in London. The following is the speech she made during the June Scholars' Summer luncheon.



Good afternoon everyone. It is a great honour for me to have the opportunity to speak here on behalf of China Oxford Scholars. I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Beardson for their invitation and the China Oxford Scholarship Fund for its generous support to our studies at Oxford and especially, for having established such a big family for all of us.

I graduated from Peking University last year. I'm currently a master student in Financial Economics programme at the Said Business School. Two years ago, I went to visit a small village in southwest China as part of my research project. I was quite excited to find out that people's access to financial market greatly contributes to their vastly different conditions of life. On one side of the world, professional investors and corporations are using various complex investment instruments to generate great wealth; while on the other side, people lack access to basic financial services that would help them manage their assets and generate income. To overcome poverty, those poor people, who live in precarious conditions and are threatened by lack of income, shelter and food, need to be able to borrow, save and invest to protect their families against adversity. However, with little income or collateral, they are seldom able to obtain loans from banks and other formal financial institutions.

After I got back, I founded the International Student Poverty Alleviation Association in Beijing with my friends. It aims to mobilize students to help solve poverty partly through the use of microfinance which is to supply ordinary financial services such as credit, savings accounts and insurance to the low-income population.

Relying on their traditional skills and entrepreneurial instincts, very poor people, mostly women, can use small loans and other support from microfinance institutions to start, sustain or expand very small self-supporting businesses. Just as the Nobel Prize winner and founder of Grameen Bank, Muhammad Yunus, once said: "People can change their own lives, provided they have the right kind of institutional support. They are not asking for charity, charity is no solution to poverty".

Microfinance has clearly proved successful in many developing countries such as Bangladesh and Indonesia. In Asia, where a large share of the world's poor people live, China is the only major country where microfinance is still largely insignificant. I hope I will be able to contribute to the development of microfinance in China and help more people in the future. I am sure all the scholars have their own stories and achievements. What I want to emphasize is that studying at Oxford is indeed a life-changing experience for every one of us. No matter what we are studying, Oxford has provided us with not only the best education, but an unparalleled campus culture and international environment which help us to become more internationally-oriented and develop into a more well-rounded person.

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to Grosvenor Estates for funding the Grosvenor Oxford Award and the China Oxford Scholarship Fund. It is only due to your kindness and efforts that many young Chinese students like us can live our dreams. The Fund is not only about financial support, but also spiritual support as it builds up such a warm family for all the scholars and friends of the Fund.

China is becoming a rising power in the world which provides both opportunities and challenges. As the young generation in China, we are so lucky to be able to witness all these changes in our home country and we are confident that, with the specialized knowledge and spiritual merit acquired at Oxford, we will be able to make significant contributions to China's future development and facilitate the communication and cooperation between China and the world.

Finally, as a representative of all the scholars, please permit me to thank you again for all the generous supports you have afforded to us.

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, corporate and foundation donations.

If you would like to support this initiative with a donation or would like to sponsor one of our events, please contact us at info@chinaoxford.org