



From the Ambassador

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8th CHINA INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION EXHIBITION TOUR (SPRING 2003) WITH EDUCATION UK

I am delighted that the Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange and the British Council have joined together to co-organise the 8th China International Higher Education Exhibition Tour with Education UK. The UK is making a major contribution to this international event, with almost one hundred British education institutions visiting a total of seven Chinese cities.

The UK is a very welcoming destination for international students from all continents, and has become an increasingly popular choice for Chinese students in recent years. We encourage students to make well-informed choices about their institution, subject of study and course, which will help them achieve their long-term goals and contribute to China's development after they return. These exhibitions will enable the Chinese public to talk directly to institutional representatives and gain accurate information to support their choices.

At the same time, education exhibitions help British education institutions to understand China better and find new partners here. The British Government strongly supports the deepening of academic relations with China and, through programmes such as Chevening Scholarships, we encourage key personnel from China to develop their skills and knowledge through a period of further study in the UK.

I am confident that the 8th China International Higher Education Exhibition Tour with Education UK will make a significant contribution to what is already a central element of Sino-British relations-education-and I wish the exhibitions every success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Hum".