

## **Introduction of the Visiting Program for Young Sinologists 2016**

### **I. Brief Introduction**

Exchanging and learning between different cultures will enhance mutual understanding and contribute to the progress of human civilization. The modern China is witnessing radical economic, social and cultural changes, which along with the ancient civilization and tradition, have offered plenty of materials, methods and ideas for China studies in the new era.

Aiming at supporting China studies by young scholars around the world, facilitating their co-researches with China-based academic, cultural, educational institutions, groups, enterprises and scholars, as well as helping them achieve academic excellence and international influence, the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China (MOC) and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) jointly host the **Visiting Program for Young Sinologists (VPYS)**.

The VPYS has been successfully delivered in 2014 and 2015 and well received by the participants. In 2016 it will be held in Beijing, Shanghai and Xi'an respectively.

### **II. Program Description**

#### **1. Location and Date**

- A. Beijing (Summer): July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)- 22<sup>nd</sup> (Friday), 2016
- B. Shanghai (Autumn): September 4<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)-23<sup>rd</sup> (Friday), 2016
- C. Xian (Autumn): September 6<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)-25<sup>th</sup> (Monday), 2016

#### **2. Research Institution**

- A. Beijing: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Chinese National Academy of Arts, Palace Museum, National Museum, National Library, National Art Museum of China, Peking University, Tsinghua University, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing Language and Culture University.
- B. Shanghai: Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Fudan University, Shanghai International Studies University, East China Normal University.
- C. Xi'an: Shaanxi Normal University, the Shaanxi Academy of Social Sciences, Xi'an Jiaotong University, Northwestern University.

### **3. Theme of Research**

A. Studies on contemporary China and the world, including Chinese values, China's Road and China Model, the Belt and Road Initiative, China governance system, China's economic transition and innovation, China's public policy, international relations of China, China's "soft power", and the Strategies of West China Development (Xi'an), etc.

B. Studies on Chinese humanities and social studies, including Chinese literature, history and philosophy, Chinese art theory and practice, the history and status quo of idea exchange between China and other countries, and China studies, etc.

C. Studies on the inheritance and development of Chinese culture, including Chinese culture, history and ideology, protection of cultural heritage, cross-cultural comparison, culture spread in the era of new media, and Cultural inheritance and development especially against the background of the Belt and Road Initiative (Xi'an), etc.

### **4. Program Features**

A. Orientation and lecturing (2 days): lectures presented by renowned Chinese scholars and experts and workshops .

B. Attachment and research (15 days): according to the pre-submitted outline, the participants will be attached to different partner organizations/institutes/companies for in-depth researches and studies; participants will also take a study tour on China national conditions and cultural heritage, and participate in social bonding activities.

C. Closing ceremony and ideas sharing (1 day): the closing ceremony of the program during which participants will share ideas and experience, give feedbacks and make suggestions.

D. Follow-up report: A report of 5000 words should be submitted within three months after the program. All the report submitted will be compiled into a book.

### **5. Brief Introduction of Potential Lecturers**

A. Beijing (Summer)

**Wang Meng:** famous writer, scholar, former minister of MOC, researcher of the CCICH, honorary vice chairman of the China Writers Association.

**Li Yining:** famous economist, director of the Office of Social Sciences Peking University, honorary dean of Guanghua School of Management Peking University.

**Zhang Yuyan:** director, researcher and doctoral tutor of the Institute of World Economics and Politics of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, president of China Society of World Economics.

**Wang Jisi:** professor of School of International Studies of Peking University, director of Institute of International and Strategic Studies of Peking University, vice president of China National Association for International Studies.

**Ge Jianxiong:** famous historian, former director of Center for Historical Geographical Studies of Fudan University, member of Social Sciences Commission of the Ministry of Education.

B. Shanghai (Autumn)

**Wang Zhan:** professor and president of Shanghai Academy of Social Science, former deputy secretary General of the CPC Shanghai Municipal Committee, former director of Research Office of CPC Municipal Committee, former director of Decision-making Advisory Committee and former director of Finance Leading Group of Municipal Government.

**Huang Renwei:** the vice president of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, director of the Institute of History, distinguished research fellow of Research Center of The Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council, consultant expert of Shanghai Municipal Government Decision-making.

**Yang Jiemian:** former president of Shanghai Institute for International Studies, doctoral tutor, vice president of China National Association for International Studies.

**Jiang Yihua:** famous historian, director of the Fudan University Center for the Study of the Process of Modernization, professor of history, doctoral tutor.

**Xiong Yuezhi:** famous historian, former deputy president of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, former director of the Institute of History, doctoral tutor of history in Fudan University and East China Normal University.

**Zhang Weiwei:** director of Institute of China Studies of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, distinguished professor and director of Research Center of Development

Model China of Fudan University.

C. Xi'an

**Xiao Yunru:** famous cultural scholar, calligrapher, vice chairman of Shaanxi Federation of literary and Art Circles.

**Zhou Weizhou:** expert of Chinese ethnic history, honorary director of the Northwest Ethnic Research Center of Shaanxi Normal University, professor of northwest history research laboratory of Northwestern University.

**Shi Yaojiang:** professor and director of Center for Experimental Economics in Education of Shaanxi Normal University, director of Northwest Socioeconomic Development Research Center, director of educational affairs of Rural Education Action Project.

**Zhang Baotong:** vice director and researcher of the academic committee of Shaanxi Academy of Social Sciences, member of China Association of Regional Economy, director of China Society of Urban Economy, director of Urban economic and Cultural Research Association of Shaanxi Province.

**Yu Gengzhe:** professor of School of History and Culture of Shaanxi Normal University, expert of the history of the Sui and Tang Dynasties.

### **III. Application**

#### **1. Eligibility Standards**

A. Basic requirements: Applicants should be aged between 30 and 45 and in good health (a health certificate issued by the native country health organization required); acquire fluency in spoken and written Chinese (priority) or English.

B. Academic ability: Applicants should have relevant working experiences in well-known think tanks, government departments, research institutions, educational institutions or social organizations; have published research papers, writings or translated works related to China; or have ongoing China-related research projects; have excellent leadership skills or potential in China studies.

#### **2. Selection Process**

The candidates should be recommended by the Chinese embassies (or consulates), overseas China Cultural Centers, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai

Academy of Social Sciences, Shannxi Normal University or renown scholars and think tank. The final participants will be determined by an expert panel organized by the secretariat of VPYS.

#### **IV. Expenses**

The expenses related to the program including international round-trip fare, local food and accommodation, collective transportation, as well as lecturing fee would be shouldered by the Ministry of Culture of China.

#### **V. Application Form (See the attachment)**