

Beijing Forum 2019 Liberal Education through College: World's Experience and Asian Experience (VII)

On the afternoon of November 3rd, the panel session “Liberal Education Through College: World’s Experience and Asian Experience” moved on at the meeting room on the third floor of Ewen Building. The seventh section of this session, hosted by Sun Feiyu from Peking University, was entitled “Communication and Cooperation Between Universities”.

First of all, Sun Feiyu highly praised the achievements of this forum. He hoped that all the universities could enhance communication and cooperation with an open mind, and face up to the challenges ahead. His suggestion was agreed by all the guest. Then, the participants had a detailed discussion on four topics.

The first issue was building a student exchange system. All the guests shared their opinions on the credit recognition, the duration of the exchange and the accommodation of the exchanged students.

The second topic was organizing cross-regional activities. The conference fully discussed the holding of academic seminars and summer schools, as well as the exchange of professors and scholars for teaching and researching. The guests raised some meaningful questions based on the arrangement and schedule, the use of funds, and the willingness of students. The guests had a heated discussion and put forward many important ideas and reasonable solutions. For example, they talked about the establishing an inter-school teaching team and launching a cooperative course. Besides, the guests also reached consensus on the time of the cross-regional activities, the duration of the project, and the supportive funding program.

The next theme was promoting inter-school communication. Sun Feiyu said that some detailed problems have yet to be consulted and an effective multilateral communication mechanism should be set up. He proposed that the establishment of a discussion group of the member schools through the Internet would facilitate the negotiation of specific affairs and promote deep cooperation between the schools. The guests approved of his ideas.

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Finally, they came to the topic of carrying out the activities of the forum continuously. Sun Feiyu called on the guests to hold more activities about liberal education, which he believed would greatly help universities to exchange views and learn from each other. The guests agreed and pointed out that each forum should focus on a different, specific topic. This will help more scholars in the research field to participate in the forum and increase the depth of inter-university cooperation. The guests also exchanged views on the time and place of the event.

After the meeting, Yuan Pei College of Peking University presented postcards with the Yuan Pei logo to the guests. All the participants took a group photo in the Ewen Building.