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MOUs Signed after the Second Forum for International Education Leaders

Liu Ya, Vice President of UIBE, met with the delegates who attended the Second Forum for International Education Leaders: Macau Inter-University Institute (MIUI), a delegation from the California Universities, Open University (UK), and Napier University (UK).

An MOU was signed following appeals by Vice President Liu to MIUI delegates; calling for broad cooperation in the exchange of students, teachers and administrative staff as well as the exchange of education studies, publications and teaching materials. UIBE has established the Portuguese Language Program earlier this year to foster greater knowledge in the language, and as an answer to expanding trade between China and Portuguese speaking countries such as Brazil and Angola.

With the MOU's, there was an interest in carrying out cross-border and cross-cultural cooperation between UIBE and the American Chinese Culture Association; between UIBE and American Chinese Economic Development Consultant Education Co., Ltd; between UIBE and the Institute for Chinese Studies at California State University Northridge. According to the MOU, the cooperation was expected to be carried out in the fields of joint education, certification training program, exchange of staff, joint development, and sharing of teaching facilities and scientific achievements.

The cooperation agreement UIBE signed with Open University (OU) marked the beginning of UIBE-OU cooperation in distance education. Four OU courses, including Advancing your personal leadership; Time management for you and your team; Managing con-

flict; Successful team working, will be brought to UIBE for a term of three years according to the terms of the agreement. The Chinese version of the courses will be available to the students under distance education, while the original English courses will be accessible to the students of UIBE.

The Second Forum for International Education Leaders hosted by UIBE has proved fruitful, and what is more a platform by which UIBE would further its cooperation and exchange with other universities and research institutions around the world.