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The University of Birmingham Business School Dean Visits UIBE

The School of Banking and Finance receives a University of Birmingham visiting delegation headed by David Dickinson, Dean of the School of Business. Welcoming the delegation were Ding Zhijie, Dean of UIBE's School of Banking and Finance (SBF), and Zou Yasheng, Associate Dean of UIBE's SBF.

Underlining the highly valued cooperation between the two universities, this was Dean Dickinson's second visit to UIBE. The parties agreed that exchange and cooperation should be both broadened and deepened. They have initially reached a consensus on the launch of a 2+2+1 Bachelor-Master Program; a Students Exchange Program; a joint program for Doctoral students; and further academic exchange and cooperation between the two universities.

The Students Exchange Program is designed mainly for China's high school students having taken the National College Entrance Examination and earned scores above the cutoff score for admission to universities and colleges. The Program proposes to be divided into three stages: in the first stage – covering the first two years - the students must complete the study curriculum and pass all exams; in the second stage - covering the last two years - the students will be sent to study at UB's School of Business and awarded a Bachelor's Degree upon successful completion; whereupon they may choose to pursue a Master's Degree for a fifth year.

SBF will offer the exchange program opportunity to outstanding undergraduates or graduate students. UB and UIBE will exchange an equal amount of students for either one semester, or a one academic year. Recipients will be exempted from tuition, and credits

will be mutually recognised. In case of a one-sided exchange, preferential discounts will be offered the students.

In addition, UIBE will send Doctoral students on exchange study to UB, launching a program for joint training of Doctoral students. The two universities will designate tutors to guide Doctoral students in their project research and thesis writing.

Further deepening the relationship between the two universities, faculty will share views with each other, conduct cooperative research, and jointly publish. Following the talks with the leaders of SBF, the delegates from UB held a meeting with the students of the first "1+1" International Master Program and shared some information with students, highlighting the advantages of the program.

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