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UIBE's campus is quickly becoming a haven of peace in Beijing

New and returning UIBE students, fresh from their summer vacations, will be unable to ignore some of the exciting new construction projects at UIBE; clearly UIBE is a University "on the move".

As in the past, UIBE's administration has always been attentive to campus aesthetics, landscaping, structures, facilities, safety.

Just last year UIBE added a brand new state-of-the-art library to its campus. With UIBE's 60th anniversary only two years away, there is even more of an impetus to initiate new embellishment projects, and improve existing facilities.



New Library

Of course noisy construction work on a campus is no easy affair; after all a University is a place of instruction, study, and quiet; the two types of activities do not mix well. However, engineers and construction teams are fully aware and respectful of their working environment; Department administrators are also careful to steer Professors and their students away from being too close to the action.

Construction began pretty much on the first day of the summer vacation last mid-July. Overall, four themes can best describe UIBE's recent spurt of construction projects: safety and secu-

urity, quality enhancements of campus services, environmental awareness, and general aesthetics which includes a facelift!



Tree-lined streets

Many of the projects were finished before the Semester began, they were reserved for priorities such as safety and security, improving the quality of campus services, ventilation of the cafeteria cooking facilities, and better seating for the patrons of the several food halls.

"Specifically, we have continued to install fire systems and clearly indicate evacuation routes, as well as improve ventilation in several buildings; UIBE is a very safe University," said the Director of infrastructure Mr Ren, recently interviewed by one of UIBE's news reporters.

For the 2700 foreigners attending UIBE, hailing from over 100 countries, Chinese food is one of the reasons why studying in China is such a great experience! You've got to keep those brain cells well fed.



Landscaping

There are 5 cafeterias on campus. There are dishes from several regions of China, including a section reserved specifically for Muslim food. The portions are generous, and the servings are cheap. But such popularity doesn't come without costs, especially wear and tear of general facilities.

Overall cafeterias have benefitted from 6.45 mil-



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lion RMB worth of transformations. Some have been noticeable, from new seating, to cooking facilities, and a whole new dining floor; others changes are more subtle such as better ventilation, evacuation signaling, and insulation.



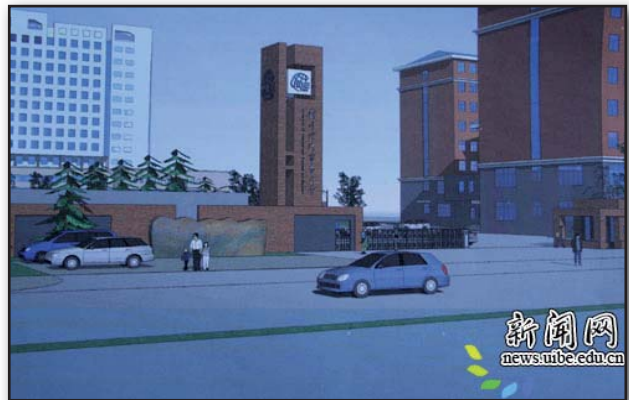
Model of finished Chengxin building

One of UIBE's landmark buildings, the Chengxin Building, is getting a facelift. The Chengxin Building is being resurfaced with 17,000 square meters of insulation and granite panels, helping to keep the warmth in during the cold Beijing winters, and the heat out during its muggy summers.

Creating an environmental friendly campus is important to UIBE administrators, faculty, and students. You can see it everywhere. From solar panels mounted on the rooftops of many of UIBE's buildings, to energy efficient light bulbs, and lots of trees, and grassy fields.

The former library building is being gutted and turned into a state-of-the-art career guidance center, and archives facility. The total investment is 6.43 million Yuan. Insulation, new windows, alarm and sprinkler systems, internet, and wifi, conference rooms. Students, both Chinese and

foreign, will benefit from a space dedicated solely to helping students develop a career strategy, meet with potential employers, research job prospects and seek out study abroad opportunities.



Model of finished South Gate entrance

Finally, UIBE is about to get a brand new South Gate, a much anticipated embellishment; the project, which will be finished in time for the October 1 national celebration, is aimed at providing UIBE with an entrance befitting a University of its international stature; providing it once again with an opening pointing towards the South, which anyone familiar with Feng Shui would tell you is very positive indeed.

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