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Subject: Call for Applications: Exchange Trip to The Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen

The Department of Statistics is now calling for applications for Exchange Trip to The Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen. Please find the details below:

Exchange Trip to The Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen

Purpose

Our department has the tradition to lead our students to exchange with peers in other good universities, experience different learning environment and see different cultures. Our neighbouring city Shenzhen has been a fast-growing city and been called a rapid urbanization miracle. The Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech), which is established in 2010, shares the spirit of Shenzhen and rapidly becomes a Top Ten university in mainland China according to the Times Higher Education 2022. Its Department of Statistics and Data Science was founded in 2019 by our previous department chairman Prof. Qi-Man Shao, and now becomes very strong in data science.

Many of our PhD students are recruited from SUSTech, and multiple of our PhD graduates became professors in SUSTech. Recently, one of their research team led by Prof. Bing-yi Jing has published a large language model SUS-Chat-34B which performed comparable as GPT-4. Such achievement was previously believed to be nearly impossible for academic departments without huge resources. During this trip, we will have chance to hear how they made such achievements and hear the culture differences.

Date and Time

24 May 2024 (Friday)

Departure from Lady Shaw Building, CUHK: 8:15am

Arrival at Lady Shaw Building, CUHK: 5:30pm

Eligibility

- Major in Statistics*/Risk Management Science/Quantitative Finance and Risk Management Science/ Computational Data Science
- Holder of a valid travel document for entry to Mainland China
- NOT for final-year students

**Potential Major Students are NOT eligible.*

Application

Application Period: 23 April 2024 – 7 May 2024 (by 12pm)

Please enclose the following documents with the application form:

- 1) A copy of the unofficial transcript
- 2) A copy of the travel document
- 3) CV

Please be reminded that the application deadline is **12pm, 7 May 2024 (Tue)**.

Programme Details

- 1) Inter-city transportation will be provided by the Department of Statistics.
- 2) Program Schedule

Time	Activities
8:15	Departure from Lady Shaw Building, CUHK 由中大邵逸夫夫人樓出發
10:00-10:50	Visit to the Department of Statistics, SUSTech 參觀南方科技大學統計系
10:50-11:10	Visit to Yidan Library 參觀圖書館 - 一丹圖書館
11:10-12:10	Auditing a Class - Bayesian Statistics 旁聽課程 - 貝葉斯統計
12:10-14:00	Lunch 午餐
14:00-15:00	Seminar 座談會
15:00-16:00	Campus Visit 參觀校園
17:30	Arrival at Lady Shaw Building, CUHK 在中大邵逸夫夫人樓解散

- 3) Participants are provided with the CUHK Group Travel Insurance. Details can be found:

<https://www.bur.cuhk.edu.hk/insurance/group-travel-2/>

Students are also advised to buy extra insurance for their personal needs.