

Attachment 1:

Brief Introduction of the City of Kaifeng and Henan University

The city of Kaifeng, located in central China, Henan province, is one of the Eight Ancient Capitals of China. Kaifeng has a very long history. In 361 B.C., Wei Kingdom, one of the major kingdoms during the Warring States time, moved the capital to Daliang (present day Kaifeng), and the recorded history of Kaifeng began to unfold.

During 960-1127 A.D., Kaifeng was the capital of the Northern Song Dynasty, and became one of the most prosperous international metropolises of the world at the time. The Northern Song Dynasty was one of the most prosperous dynasties in Chinese history. Politically, Northern Song reunited the Chinese Empire and strengthened the centralized bureaucracy. Economically, the economy of Northern Song was perhaps never surpassed by any other dynasties during imperial time; and the first paper currency, Jiaozi, began to circulate in Northern Song. The first appearance of Jewish community in Kaifeng can be also traced back to the Northern Song time.

Henan University is one of the oldest universities in China. Imperial examinations were held in this place 100 years ago and the last two imperial examinations held here in 1903 and 1904 marked the end of the thousand-year-long imperial examination system. For over 100 years since its founding, Henan University has been adhering to its motto in the form of Confucius' definition of a good university, “明德新民，止于至善 (to illustrate illustrious virtue; to renovate the people; and to rest in the highest excellence)”.

Immediately upon the Revolution of 1911, Henan Preparatory School for Further Study in Europe and America, the predecessor of Henan University, was founded as one of the three major schools to prepare students for overseas study. During the Republican period, resources were poured to Henan University and Henan University became a top university in China at the time.

Today, Henan University is one of the largest universities in central China, with more than 41,000 students receiving full-time education including more than 6000 graduate students and nearly 200 overseas students. Henan University is home to several national Key Research Centers and Key Laboratories and the research gained international influence. The School of Economics at Henan University is dedicated to excellence in teaching and research. Our faculty members are active researchers that regularly publish on influential international scholarly journals and receive prestigious external research grants. The School also hosts a number of eye-catching international and national conferences and offers joint degree programs collaborated with some of the best universities in the world.