

Fudan Announces Selective Subjects for College Entrance Examination

By Zong He

Isn't it too odd to match philosophy and physics and chemistry? 37 colleges and universities in Shanghai have recently announced their requirements for selective subjects for the 2017 college entrance examination. The arrangement of Fudan University triggered heated discussions as it designated physics, chemistry and history to be selective subjects to test for the specialty of philosophy.

According to Sun Xiangchen, Dean of the School of Philosophy of Fudan, philosophy is a subject that pursues rigorous thinking and strict verification. The school shall reinforce its tradition to recruit students of both liberal arts and sciences to balance intelligence and culture because pure humanities don't foster the all-round development of philosophy. The most active areas of philosophy include "philosophy of sciences". Hao Zha-

okuan, Deputy Dean of the school, pointed out that as the thinking about the most essential theories of the world, philosophy must base on important achievements of natural science while the most fundamental part of natural science must involve philosophical thinking.

Philosophy is inseparably connected with subjects such as mathematics, physics and chemistry. At the gate of the school the ancient Greek philosopher Plato founded, there was the plate on which was written "No Entry for People not Knowing Geometry". Philosophers of modern times including Rene Descartes, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz and Blaise Pascal? were all great mathematicians and physicists while contemporary philosophers such as Bertrand Russell, Alfred North Whitehead and Moritz Schlick were at the same time mathematicians, physicists or engineers.

According to Ding Guanghong,

Assistant to President and Director of the Recruitment Office of Fudan, the selective subjects to test for the specialty of philosophy demonstrates the concept of enrolling students of both liberal arts and sciences. It does not mean students have to take test for all the three selective subjects but need only choose one from physics, chemistry or history to go for the specialty of philosophy. It took Fudan more than two months to discuss and finalize the selective subjects. Related experts and principals of senior high schools were invited to present their opinions as the early phase. Then Fudan organized experts and professors of subjects from the school and university levels to discuss and work out the preliminary plan for selective subjects to test for the specialties in 2017 based on requirements for talents cultivation of individual specialties. The existing plan was finalized after a few rounds of modifications. "The plan has to firstly

match the talent cultivation laws and demonstrate the characteristics of Fudan; secondly, the plan has to be based on current education of high schools and promote the deepening of the reform; thirdly, the plan benefits the students' learning and life-long development," said Ding Guanghong when elaborating the starting point of such a plan.

The School of Philosophy of Fudan has a good number of young teachers with science background, particularly those of logic and philosophy of science. The ratio of students of science is usually higher than that of students of liberal arts in this school. In recent years, many students of sciences including physics have transferred to the specialty of philosophy and are all outperforming. "Teachers of philosophy are deeply impressed by students with science background, no matter they are recruited from high schools or transferred from other de-

partments," said Sun Xiangchen. Students enrolled in the School of Philosophy will continue to learn advanced mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, psychology and mathematical logic.

Certain expert & scholar in Fudan said one important goal for the reform in college entrance examination this time is that each college and university will be able to design basic subject requirements for recruitment based on its own subject development and talent cultivation concept. College entrance examination will be functioning as a "baton" to select the students and as "tractor" at the same time to help the colleges and universities make clear of their subject development plan. In this way, the colleges and universities will be driven to more consciously guide education, teaching and scientific research to develop toward the direction that matches their own positioning.

SH Suspends Live Poultry Trade during Spring Festival

By Zong He

To prevent bird flu, live poultry trade has again caused social attention as Shanghai Municipal Commission of Commerce has recently announced to suspend live poultry trade starting from February 19 in 2015, the first day of the New Year according to Chinese lunar calendar.

There are 130 market places for live poultry trade in Shanghai, covering each district and county. The 27

market places in Jing'an, Yangpu, Huangpu and Minhang have been closed up to date. As required by Shanghai Municipal Commission of Commerce, live poultry trade is forbidden at both the designated wholesale and retail market places during the suspension period. Live poultry transported from outside Shanghai can only be processed collectively in local abattoirs and cannot go to the market place directly.

Over the suspension period, the

industrial and commercial administrative authorities will request designated wholesale or retail market places where live poultry trade is found to rectify their behavior. Market operators and managers will be fined. Urban management administrative enforcement authorities will be responsible for overseeing illegal live poultry trade outside the market, on the streets or mobile stands and have the right to confiscate the tools and live poultry and fine the traders.

Shidong Hospital Donates Medical Cards

By Mao Xinhui

Shanghai Shidong Hospital recently donates medical cards valued at RMB 1,0000 to 50 residents living in poor conditions of Yinxing Community, Yangpu District. It has been told that the medical card issued by Shidong Hospital has pioneered a payment model in Shanghai. It allows the patients to pay their medical fees generated each time when seeing a doctor all at once, if they have deposited adequate amount of money in their cards in advance, so they can save the trouble of paying one procedure after another. Residents who have been given the previously-de-

posited medical cards can use it when going to Shidong Hospital for treatment, and benefit from the convenient and quick medical procedure.

Since 2012, Shanghai Shidong Hospital has actively communicated with residents of Yinxing Community at the beginning of each year, and donated medical cards to families with lower incomes and residents hit by major diseases.

Apart from donating medical cards, staff members of the Hospital have helped donate subsidiaries to a student from the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology. The donation will be done in 4 consecutive years.

How to Identify Authenticity of an E-airline Ticket?

By Mao Haiping

As the Chinese New Year is near, Chinese airline traffic has reached its peak. However, many customers lacking of the experience of buying tickets and self-protection awareness are prone to be tricked.

Ms. Chen recently booked a flight from Shanghai to Ha'erbin through some online ticket company, and paid RMB 600 to it according to the E-ticket provided by the company. While on the day of departure, Ms. Chen was told by the airline company that the information of her flight was invalid. The Consumer Protection Committee of Yangpu District had investigated this and concluded that the ticket company had provided false E-ticket to swindle money out of consumers.

E-airline ticket is a proof for reimbursement. Consumers can ask for the E-ticket from the ticket-issuing agent at the moment of buying tickets, or within 7 days after the flight has been completed. The E-ticket should be printed only once and will not be re-issued if lost. The Consumer Protection Committee of Yangpu District recommends that consumers should book tickets through appropriate channels, and identify the authenticity of an E-airline ticket by the following methods: 1) send JP to 16009018 to identify airline ticket by message; 2) visit www.travelsky.com for online identification; 3) dial the service hotline 4008158888. If there are any questions about the procedures of buying tickets, consumers should contact the related airline company timely.



The 8th New Year Couplets Festival of Yinhang Community took place on February 5th. 10 calligraphers and calligraphy lovers from Yangpu and Meilong were writing New Year couplets. Photography by Zheng Xiaomeng