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Prof. Priyadarsi Mukherji as Adjunct Prof. in China

Following the direct initiative from the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese Culture Translation Centre at the College of Foreign Languages, Shaanxi Normal University (SNNU), Xi'an, China—invited Prof. Priyadarsi Mukherji on a visit to the institution during 10-17 July 2013. On 12 July 2013, the President of the SNNU, Prof. Fang Yu, and the Vice-President Prof. You Xuqun conferred the honour of Adjunct Professorship upon Prof. Mukherji in recognition of his long-term contribution towards enhancing the India-China cross-cultural communications through his Chinese-Bengali, Chinese-English, and Chinese-Hindi translations of the works of modern Chinese writers and poets. Shaanxi Normal University had passed a resolution at the highest level on bestowing the honour upon Prof. P. Mukherji. He was also presented with an invaluable rice-paper edition of the novel "Bai Lu Yuan" authored by a renowned award-winning contemporary novelist Chen Zhongshi. Prof. P. Mukherji's honourable position as Adjunct Professor in Translation Studies will be marked as a significant chapter in the sphere of intellectual collaboration between India and China. During the collaboration, a number of works by contemporary Chinese writers would be translated into Bengali, Hindi and English. At the International Programs Office of the Shaanxi Normal University, Xi'an, China—on 13 July 2013—Prof. Priyadarsi Mukherji was offered a special honour of meeting the renowned contemporary novelist Mr. Chen Zhongshi, who won the Mao Dun literary award for his novel "Bai Lu Yuan". Mr. Chen presented a number of books to Prof. Mukherji.



Prof. Priyadarsi Mukherji was conferred the honourable position of Adjunct Professor in Translation Studies at the Shaanxi Normal University, Xi'an, China—on 12 July 2013



The Special Citation at a ceremony—honouring Prof. P. Mukherji as Adjunct Professor at the Shaanxi Normal University, Xi'an, China



Prof. P. Mukherji was presented with a special rice-paper edition of the novel "Bai Lu Yuan" authored by Chen Zhongshi—at the Shaanxi Normal University, Xi'an, China Normal University, Xi'an, China on 12 July 2013

Prof. Li Jikai from the university, also a well-known calligrapher, spoke highly about Prof. Mukherji's innovative efforts in the field of translation and Sinology as a whole. At this occasion, the university President Prof. Fang Yu held a banquet in honour of Prof. Mukherji and presided over an informal conversation between Prof. Mukherji and Mr. Chen Zhongshi. Mr. Chen expressed his willingness to give Prof. Mukherji the copyright for translating his books into Hindi and Bengali.

Prof. Sabaree Mitra on the panel of BCIM- Economic Corridor Joint Study Group

The idea of exploring the possibility of Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor was mooted in the Joint Communiqué of the Republic of India and the People's Republic of China issued on May, 2013, during the Chinese Premier H. E. Mr. Li Keqiang's visit to India. Subsequently, the governments of all the four countries agreed to constitute a Joint Study Group to conceptualize the Economic Corridor and to carry out research on the issues involved in implementing the idea of the Economic Corridor. To that end on the Indian side, the Ministry of External Affairs decided to constitute the Indian component of the Joint Study Group; Prof. Sabaree Mitra of Jawaharlal Nehru University and Honorary Fellow of ICS was nominated a member of the BCIM- Economic Corridor Joint Study Group.

Encyclopedia of India-China Cultural Contacts: Prof. Sabaree Mitra heads the Expert Committee

The idea of compiling an encyclopedia of India-China Cultural Contacts was mooted in the Joint Communiqué of the Republic of India and the People's Republic of China issued on December 16, 2010, during the Chinese Premier H. E. Mr. Wen Jiabao's visit to India. The objective was to bring the history of many centuries of India-China cultural contacts into the public domain, making it easily accessible to people of both the countries. In order to reinforce the approach of "connected histories" and to locate encounters and linkages that have facilitated the mutual enrichment and growth of the two cultures and societies, the focus



Prof. Priyadarsi Mukherji with Mr. Chen Zhongshi, the winner of Mao Dun literary award for his novel "Bai Lu Yuan", 13 July 2013 at Xi'an, China

of the encyclopedia was to be on: a) Movement: people/ ideas/ objects, b) Interaction: nature and sites of interaction, and, c) Incorporation: processes of acculturation/ adaptation/reaction.

Being an initiative between the two Governments, it was expected to provide a much-needed boost to the effort to build popular consciousness of and confidence in the shared cultural experience of India and China. To that end on the Indian side, the Ministry of External Affairs decided to locate the project in the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS); Prof. Sabaree Mitra of Jawaharlal Nehru University and Honorary Fellow of ICS was nominated the Chairperson of the Expert Committee, while the other members of the Committee were Prof. Madhavi Thampi of University of Delhi and Honorary Fellow of ICS, Prof. Kamal Sheel of Banaras Hindu University, and Prof. Arttatrana Nayak of Visva-Bharati.

Prof. B R Deepak on the panel of India-China Joint Working Group on Translation and Publication of Classic and Contemporary Works

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of External Affairs, India and the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in Mutual Translation and Publication of Classic and Contemporary Works was signed during the visit of Chinese Premier Li Keqiang to India early this year. The MoU provides for a Joint Working Group that will coordinate translation and publication of 25 books of Classic and Contemporary Works of each side over a period of 5 years in to Chinese and Indian

Prof. B R Deepak, a keynote speaker in the First China-India Media Exchange Program, Beijing

Prof. B R Deepak participated in the First China-India Media Exchange Program between September 21 and 24 in Beijing. This four-day dialogue was co-hosted by the Global Times Foundation and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) that gathered media professionals and scholars from both countries to engage in extensive talks. Prof. Deepak gave a keynote address on 22nd September entitled “India and China: From Civilizational Dialogue to the Crisis Management Mechanisms.” Other participants from India included Sunjoy Joshi, Samir Saran, Dr. C. Raja Mohan, Mr. Manoj Joshi, Mr. Rajesh Mahapatra, Ashok Malik and Mahima Kaul. The Chinese side was represented by eminent TV anchor Yang Rui and senior journalists such as He Shenquan, Tang Lu and Wang Lei. Lan Jianxue, deputy director of the Center of South Asian Studies, China Institute of International Studies was also on the panel. Such initiatives were called for when India and China signed an MoU in order to enhance media exchanges and cooperation to improve the mutual understanding and friendship of the two peoples. The MoU envisaged holding an India-China High-Level Media Forum.



Prof. BR Deepak (first from right)

Dr. Gautam Kumar Jha visits the State High School of Islamic Studies Salatiga, Central Java, Indonesia

Dr. Gautam Kumar Jha, Assistant Professor, Bahasa Indonesia, was invited by the State High School of Islamic Studies (Sekolah Tinggi Agama Islam Negeri, STAIN) Salatiga, Central Java, Indonesia from 1st July to 6th July 2013 and from 8th July to 10 July 2013 by the State Islamic Institute (Institut Agama Islam Negeri) Bengkulu, Sumatra for a series of lectures. The lectures were related to Indonesian Islam, Research Methodology, India-Indonesia Bilateral Ties, Bahasa Indonesia, and Sanskrit, Nationalism and Democracy. This visit was part of the AoC signed between JNU and the above mentioned universities recently. Dr. Jha presented a paper titled “Indonesian Shaivism: Looking for Undercurrents of the Mainland” at International Congress of Vedanta, July 11-14, 2013, held at the Centre for Indic Studies, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, MA USA. Dr. Jha also presented a paper titled “Indonesian Ramleela through Puppetry” at First International Ramleela Conference, July 12-14, 2013 held at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago. Dr. Jha delivered a talk on “India’s Prospect of Leadership in Southeast Asia” at the Society for Social Empowerment, Jawahar Yuva Kendra, New Delhi Feb 21, 2013.

Last year, Dr. Jha organized an International Symposium from 19 to 21 Dec 2012, in collaboration with the Overseas Indonesian Student Association and CCSEAS, JNU in which more than 70 overseas scholars presented papers. He also presented a paper titled “India-Indonesia Relations: Pivotal Points”.



Dr. Jha (first from right) at the State High School of Islamic Studies, Salatiga, Central Java, Indonesia

Conferences in collaboration

1. International Conference on “*China’s ongoing quest for cultural modernity into the 21st century: Lu Xun and his legacy*” organized by the Institute of Chinese Studies and the Centre for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies, in IIC and JNU, 15 –17 November 2012.
2. International Conference organized by the Centre of Russian Studies entitled “*Revisiting the Silk Road: India and the Silk Road Regions, Cultural Connections, Current Challenges*”, JNU New Delhi, 5-7 November 2012.
3. “*Empowerment of Students in nation building*” jointly organized with the Overseas Indonesian Student Association, JNU, 18-21 December 2012.

CCSEAS China Perspective Seminars/Lecture

1. “India-China Territorial Dispute & Solution” on 25 October 2012 at SLL&CS by Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli.
2. “A Diplomat with difference: Ong Wenchi’s Journey in India” on 22 November 2012 by Ong Wenchi, Chief Representative of Taiwan Economic and Culture Centre, New Delhi
3. Translation of Indian Literatures from Indian Languages into Chinese” 10 January 2010 by Professor Jiang Jingkui, Director of Centre for South Asian Studies, Peking University
4. “外国人认识的印度” (India in the eyes of foreigners) by 吴德朗 Jeffery Wu 台北印度音樂文化中心創辦人 on 20 February 2013
5. “Does China Think” by Professor Anne Cheng, Chair College de France, Paris, on 19 March 2013
6. “Cultural Governance in Contemporary China” by Elizabeth Perry, Professor of Government and Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute on 20 March 2013
7. “India-Taiwan Education Cooperation: The case of Taiwan Education Program in India” by Prof. Wang Weizhong, Vice President for Global Affairs, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan on 5 August 2013
8. “Maritime issues in the Indian Ocean region with reference to China and India” by Rear Admiral (retd.) Dr.

S. Kulshrestha, Senior Fellow, New Westminster College on 29 August 2013

9. “Manmohan Singh’s China Visit and India-China Relations “ by Prof. B R Deepak on 24 October 2013

Workshop

“Sinological Methods: Workshop on Researching and Writing on China” on 7 February 2013 in SLL&CS Committee Room by Prof. Tansen Sen of City University of New York Baruch College

Remedial Courses

The Centre for the first time initiated remedial courses and appointed two teachers for conducting the same. Presently Severin Kuok, Prashant Kaushik and Swami Kundan Kishore are running these courses. .

Felicitation and Farewell

The Centre organized Dr. Manik Bhattacharya’s retirement felicitation on 22 November 2012. Dr. Manik had been in the Centre since 1985.

Cultural Activities

The Chinese Spring Festival organized by CCSEAS and supported by the Embassy of the PRC was held successfully on 27-28 February 2013 at the SSS Auditorium. The function was attended by HE Ambassador Wei Wei; Dean SLL&CS, Prof. Mohd. Aslam Islahi; Chairperson CCSEAS, Prof. B R Deepak; Cultural Counselor, Zhang Zhihong; Education officer, Huang Zhigang, and other officers and members of the PRC Embassy in India. Besides, Chinese students studying in India, members of the Chinese media, and teachers and students participated in the festivities.



(From left to right) Mr. Zhang Zhihong, Prof. B R Deepak, Ambassador Wei Wei, and Prof. Mohd. Aslam Islahi.

Vivek Kumar and Aditya Kumar Pandey both students from the third year and Ms Dayawanti, and Manju Hara, Assistant professors at our Centre took initiative in organizing the students to put together a very colorful performance.

This year, the Centre planned two days activities; on 27th the students organized a quiz on China and a speech competition at undergraduate level; and a debate for MA students. The post lunch activity included a lecture on Contemporary China and India by Professor B R Deepak. The Day 2 activities were dedicated to cultural performances by our students, Chinese students and the embassy staff.



Chinese students giving a performance



Welcome dance

The Chinese Bridge Competition

The Centre organized the national round of the 12th Chinese Bridge Competition in India on 6 May 2013. Irfan Ahmad, Neeraj Jha and Aditya Kumar Pandey were selected for participating in the 12th Chinese Bridge Competition to be held at Changsha, Hunan, China from 6 to 30 July 2013. Irfan Ahmad continued the glorious tradition of CCSEAS students participating in the Chinese Bridge competition since its inception. Neeraj Jha and Aditya Pandey actively participated in various cultural activities organized as the part of the competition. The participants got invaluable opportunity to visit a Chinese family and understand the Chinese way of life. Various

important rounds of the competition were telecast live by the Hunan TV station.



Irfan Ahmad at 汉语桥比赛

2nd Sino-Indian University Students Forum

The Sino-Indian Youth Forum held its 2nd session on 25-28 April 2013 at Peking University. The Forum was organized by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, China-India Friendship Association, Peking University and the Chahar Institute. Centered on the theme "Writing the Future of Cindustan: Our opportunities and challenges" the forum was attended by 100 youth delegates from China and India.

Students from the CCSEAS, Baban Das, Divya Sarkar, Pawan Ekka, Nishit Kumar, Rani Singh, Sandip Kumar, and Snehal Ulman participated as youth delegates in the Forum.

The delegates came up with many suggestions after



deliberating on various themes related with diplomacy, economy and culture. The suggestions included the idea to work at grass-roots level for increasing youth exchanges, and thereby creating a better understanding of each others' culture. Lack of trust was identified as the main reason impeding the full growth of India-China

relations. It was stressed that to leverage the potential of bilateral relations, we need to build a solid foundation of trust, stemming from an understanding of each other's culture, which in turn will only come with increased exchanges, language comprehension and positive media reports.

"After taking part in the 500- member Youth delegation to China in 2011, the Second Sino-Indian University Students Forum 2013 was the second best interactive youth event attended by me. It provided a platform to voice my opinions, put forward my suggestions, and listen to the thoughts of Chinese youth on various issues concerning India-China cooperation", said Rani Singh.

Prabha Lalwani at the India-China Knowledge & Capacity Building Initiative (ICKCBI) in Yunnan and Kolkata

Prabha Lalwani, an M. Phil. student at the recommendation of the Centre attended the ICKCBI programme involving Yunnan University, the New School (New York), and University of Calcutta in Yunnan and Kolkata between June and July 2013. The ICKCBI is an international academic exchange programme funded by the Ford Foundation.

It was only this year that participants from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University and Lanzhou University were included for the first time. The 20 participating students were divided into groups covering themes such as Media & Culture; Mobility & Livelihoods; Health & Environment; Civil Society & Development; Gender & Development; and Youth Culture. Prabha participated under the Media and Culture theme.

The most important part of this project was the opportunity to do field research, working in a team of 3-4 from a different country, different academic interests, and different cultural background. In Media and Culture theme the team concentrated on the minorities of Yunnan. The participants got the chance to watch various performances, including Dynamic Yunnan and Impression of Lijiang; taste the local food, and enjoy the breathtaking beauty of Yunnan, including a visit to Shangrila, Lijiang, and Dali. In West Bengal, the team witnessed some local classical performances. The home stays and activities such as trekking trips and cycling made the program truly fun and also very educational. The findings of this team were that cultural difference and diversity are promoted in a place of homogeneity; whereas cultural unity is promoted in a place where there already exists much diversity.



"ICKCBI experience has definitely been a valuable experience for me. It not only gave me the chance to be in Kunming and Kolkata for a month each, but more than that, it gave us all the opportunity to meet, to live, to learn, and to survive together. This is the most special and memorable part of the whole program: the people you meet and the long term relationships you create. Apart from the great friends we made and the delicious cuisine we enjoyed, what I would miss the most, is the beautiful scenery and serene calmness, especially of Er Hai in Yunnan and Shantiniketan in West Bengal", said Prabha Lalwani.

Ph.D. scholars from the centre

S. No.	Name	Title of Thesis	Year
1.	Bagyalakshmi	Avalokiteshvara in China	1997
2.	B. R. Deepak	India-China Relations 1905-1947: An Era of Anti-Imperialist Struggle	1998
3.	C. Usha	Paradox of Equality and Difference, Gender Discrimination at the work place in Urban China: Analysing Post-1949 Chinese Gender Discourse	2013

M.Phil. scholars from the centre

S. No.	Name	Title of Thesis	Year
1.	C. Usha	Economic Structure Reform and its Impact on Women in Marriage in Post- Mao China	2001
2.	Rathijit Chakraborty	A Comparative Analysis of the Folkloristic Aspects of Chinese and Bengali Proverbs and Proverbial Tales	2002
3.	Rakesh Kumar	Changing Values of the Chinese Youth in the 1990s: The Role of the Individual Vs the Collective	2006
4.	Sudeeptaa Chakrabarti	Religious Practices and State Response in Urban China since Twelfth Party Congress	2006
5.	Ningshen Zingjarwon	A Comparative Analysis of Chinese and Manipuri Folktales on Deities and Popular Folk Ethics	2010
6.	Pema Choden	The Jataka Tales of the Bodhisattva-Reincarnated Animals: A Sino-Indian Cultural Interface through some Contrastive Features	2010
7.	Prashant Kumar Jain	An Analytical Study of Major Romantic Folktales of China	2011
8.	Arpana Raj	A Comparative Analysis of Chinese and Hindi Idioms on Animals and Birds	2011
9.	Manju Rani Hara	Women's consciousness in Zhang Jie's Works: A case study of three novels	2011
10.	Jitender Chandak	Tea Culture in Contemporary China: A case study of Lao She Tea House in Beijing	2011

List of scholarship students 2013- 14

S. No.	Name of student	Type of scholarship
1.	Malavika Chakraborty	MHRD
2.	Daveirou Lanamai	MHRD
3.	A.S. Ramtayao	MHRD
4.	Ruchi Kumari	MHRD
5.	Swastika Khunnu	MHRD
6.	Caus Hassan	MHRD
7.	Shanky Chandra	MHRD
8.	Rajiv Gupta	MHRD
9.	Heena Chaudhary	CIS
10.	Md. Sahid Nakkash	CIS

List of Vimla Saran Gold Medal Winners (M.A. toppers)

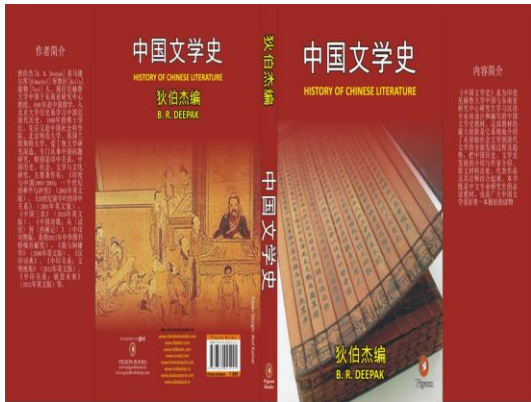
S.No.	Name	Year
1.	Rathijit Chakraborty	1998- 99
2.	Amit Sikri	1999- 2000
3.	V. Hari	2000- 01
4.	Syed Eqbal Hassan	2001- 02
5.	Nupur Singh	2002- 03
6.	Prashant Kumar Jain	2003- 04
7.	Sanjeev Kumar	2004- 05
8.	Taniya Singh	2005- 06
9.	Sarika Gupta	2006- 07
10.	Madhurendra Kumar Jha	2007- 08
11.	Rakesh Ranjan	2008- 09
12.	Tanvi Negi	2009- 10
13.	Prabhat Kumar	2010- 11

14. Severin Kuok 2011- 12
15. Prashant Kaushik 2012- 13

List of scholarship students 2012-13

S. No.	Name of student	Type of scholarship
1.	Divya Sarkar	MHRD
2.	Rani Singh	MHRD
3.	Baban Das	MHRD
4.	Swami Kundan Kishore	MHRD
5.	Mritunjay Kumar	MHRD
6.	Snehal Ajit Ulman	MHRD
7.	Sandeep Kumar	MHRD
8.	Pawan Ekka	MHRD
9.	Nishit Kumar	Huawei Maitree

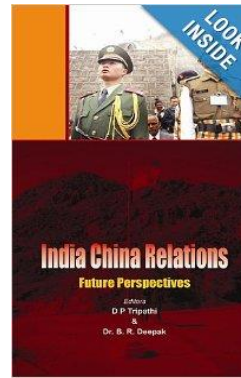
Faculty Publications



Deepak B R 《中国文学史》(History of Chinese Literature) Pigeon Books, New Delhi (2013) ISBN No. 978-93-82025-22-1

《中国文学史》是过去几年讲稿的基础上编写的。书中列出有关原文材料出处、代表作品、注释和作家介绍。本书中谈到了中国历史个阶段的代表作品如奴隶时代的《诗经》春秋战国的诸子百家，以及《左传》、《国语》、《庄子》等突出的散文，屈原的《离骚》、《九章》等作品。汉代伟大史学家司马迁的著作《史记》唐代的李白和杜甫以及两汉魏晋南北朝的诗人把中国古典诗歌发展到空前的水平。在此之后，宋人之词，元人之曲，明清之小说把中国文学发展到一个新的高潮。辛弃疾，陆

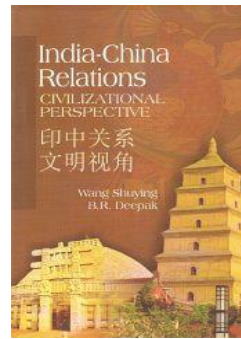
游，关汉卿，王实甫，施耐庵，罗贯中，蒲松龄，吴敬梓等都对中国文学的发展作出了重大贡献，而曹雪芹的《红楼梦》更是其中最杰出的作品。本书是中文专业研究生的必读教材，对广大中国文学爱好者也是一本极好的读物。



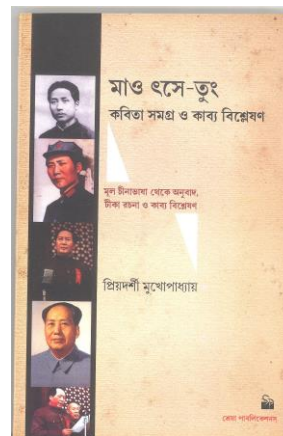
Deepak B R and D P Tripathi (ed.), *India-China Relations: Future Perspectives*. Vij Books, New Delhi (2012) ISBN No. 9789381411155

India-China Relations: Future Perspectives is a collection of eighteen essays by eminent Indian and Chinese scholars, diplomats and political personalities, who look at the complex and multi-layered relationship from different perspectives covering various domains such as civilizational dialogue through history, the 1950s brotherhood, the border, and various other issues pertaining to education, agriculture, security, defense and economic complementarities etc.

The volume is a collection of fourteen essays and seven appendices by eminent Indian and Chinese scholars, political personalities and diplomats who looks into the various facets of civilizational dialogue between India and China covering various domains such as Buddhist linkages; Southern Silk Route; maritime relations; Magadha in Chinese historical records; Indian involvement in the Taiping Uprising; colonial links between India and China; Tagore and China; Gandhi and China; Ji Xianlin's contribution to the civilization dialogue; and topics on the situation of China studies in India and India studies in China

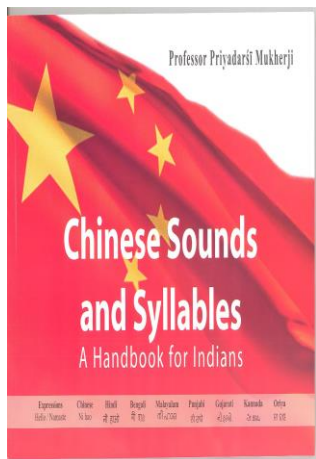


Deepak B R and Wang Shuying (ed.), *India-China Relations: Civilizational Perspective*. Manak Publishers New Delhi (2012) ISBN Nos. 9378313043, 9789378313042, 9789378313042



[Complete Poems of Mao Tse-tung and the Literary Analysis](#) : An anthology of 95 poems by Mao Zedong (1893-1976)—translated from original Chinese into Bengali with exhaustive annotations, thematic classification, chronological index and literary analysis of the poems. Calcutta: Shreya Publications, January 2012; pp. 227.

P. Mukherji, *An anthology of 95 poems by Mao Zedong*, Shreya Publications, Calcutta (Jan. 2012) ISBN: 978-93-82008-00-2.



Chinese Sounds and Syllables: A Handbook for Indians : A guidebook with Chinese sounds and syllables for all professionals; also acquainting the readers with daily expressions in Chinese, tourist attractions in China, basic knowledge about Chinese history and geography, and the correct methods of reading and writing Chinese names, etc. The best guidebook for transliterating Chinese words into English as well as into seven different Indian languages: Hindi, Bengali, Malayalam, Punjabi, Gujarati, Kannada and Oriya.

P. Mukherji, *A guidebook with Chinese sounds and syllables for all professionals*. Lancer Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi (Aug. 2012), pp. 95. ISBN: 978-81-7062-262-8.

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Exploring New Rising Powers: First India-Taiwan Students Conference on India and China

To be held in JNU on 21-22 January 2014

The rise of India and China is perhaps one of the most visible and dramatic developments in world politics today. Their rise will not only affect their bilateral relations but also reorder the geo-political and geo-economic landscape of Asia in the coming years.

To understand this dynamic in a comprehensive perspective, and to allow graduate students from India and Taiwan with interests in both rising powers' developments as well problems, it is proposed to convene a student conference in January 21-22, 2014 at School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, in New Delhi, India.

The conference will be co-organized by the Centre for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India, the Graduate Institute for International Politics of the National Chung Hsing University (NCHU), Taiwan, and Tsing Hua University (NTHU) Taiwan, with Prof. B. R. Deepak, Prof. Mumin Chen, and Prof. Fang Tientse as conveners. The conference will encourage graduate students from JNU, NCHU and NTHU to present their observations and research findings on India and China's developments as well as bilateral relations. The conference will have four panels as

1. Migration, Peasants and Environment
2. Media and Soft Power
3. Cooperation, Conflict and security issues
4. India and China: diasporas, war and space race
5. Developmental issues in India and China