

IAS Collaboration with Fudan University

The Institute of Asian Studies at UBD signed the MOU for the Network of ASEAN-China Academic Institutes (NACAI) at the Shanghai Forum at Fudan University in May 2017.



Associate Professor Hoon Chang Yau was invited as one of the four visiting scholars from ASEAN for the inaugural NACAI Youth Visiting Scholar Programme. The purpose of the fellowship is for scholars to spend at least month at Fudan University as part of cultural diplomacy to establish closer ASEAN-China academic network, discuss potential research collaboration, and explore students/academic exchanges between the two universities.

During the fellowship, AP Hoon had the good opportunity to do research on China-ASEAN relations especially that related to the Belt and Road Initiative. He was hosted by the Centre for China's Relations with Neighboring Countries and Fudan Development Institute and was given full access to use the library and online resources of the university.

The month-long stay in Fudan (15 October – 13 November 2017) was eye-opening and very fruitful. AP Hoon had many meetings with some of the most respected professors in China and was able to build rapport with them. He was invited to participate in five conferences at Fudan, and presented a paper in one during his stay. He was able to initiate conversations with the Fudan counterparts to identify common areas of research interests, and explore joint initiatives towards further collaborations with UBD.

AP Hoon ended his fellowship with the delivery of a public seminar at the Fudan Development Institute on the topic of the rise of China and the 'Mandarin Fever' in Southeast Asia.

