

UGent CHINA PLATFORM

中国平台

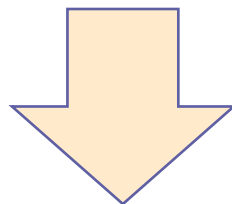


2-track policy

2006 China Platform within IRO UGent

2008 Strategic partnership

- Province of East Flanders
- Flemish-Chinese Chamber of Commerce
- City of Ghent



common China strategy
academic, economic and political

Joint initiatives

2008: Beijing Representative Office



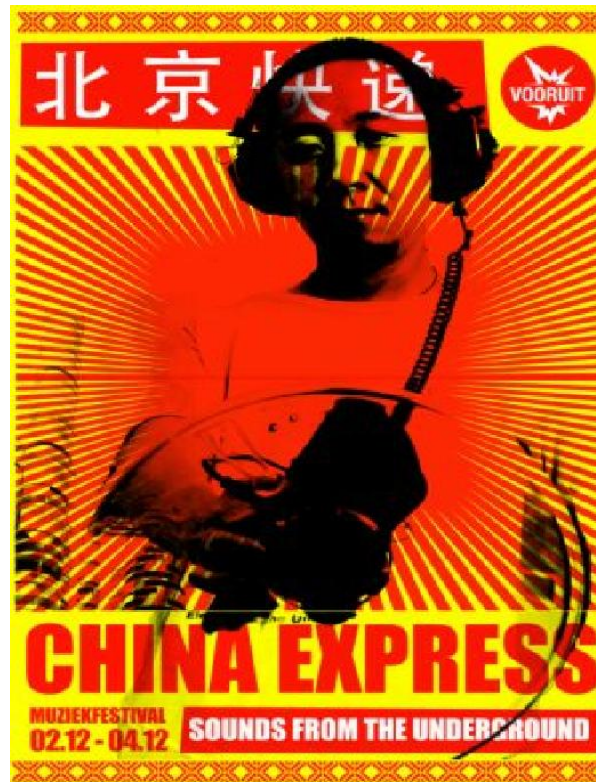
increased **visibility** in China

establish **network**

direct **communication** with Chinese partners

Europalia China 2009

Ghent as host city for Chinese contemporary art exhibitions and Chinese music festival



East Flanders Week at Shanghai World Exhibition 2010



- **scientific seminars** by Ghent University:
 - **Belgian chocolates** (*dpt of Food Safety and Food Quality*)
 - **Building in concrete** (*dpt of Structural Engineering*)
 - **Food Safety** (*dpt of Bio-analysis*)
 - **Building the bio-based economy in Ghent Bio Energy Valley** (*Dpt of Animal Productie*)
 - **The global capacities of cities:** (*dpt of Geography*)
 - **Working together for better health tomorrow:** (*dpt of Uro-Gynaecology*)

2012: Intensified academic cooperation in sister province

Top-up mobility budget for cooperation with Hebei HE institutions



China Platform within UGent International Relations Office

More than
20 years of
intensive
cooperation
in the fields
of education
and research



**Increasing
demand**
among
students and
scholars for
cooperation



**Need for
contact and
coordination**
desk at
central level

Mission

- Stimulate and facilitate **cooperation** on educational and research level
- **Contact point** for students, professors, embassies, third parties
- Academic center for **information** exchange

Daily work

Direct assistance to **students**

Assistance to **academic and administrative staff**

Information exchange

New cooperation **projects**

Network of Chinese and third partners

China Platform initiatives

Tuition fee for all Chinese PhD students

Reimbursement of the **APS costs**

Incentives for new collaboration

Co-funding for Chinese students holding a CSC grant

Recent activities

- EU-China day
- Belgium-China Education Forum
- Several visits to UGent by Chinese universities
- Official (provincial, government,..) delegations
- Participation to international HE conferences and fairs in China
- Prospective trips

Beijing Representative Office

Institutional

- Increase visibility
- Direct contact
- Support to UGent delegations, missions
- Chinese and Belgian alumni network

Education

- Student administration / information
- Identify strategic partners
- Tendencies in China's education landscape

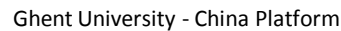
Research

- Support prospective trips
- Identify research fields



Institutional Bilateral Cooperation with China

- Most **institutional cooperation with non-EU countries** takes place through bilateral agreements
- Stimulates and finances cooperation, with focus on **teaching staff and student exchange**
- Short mobility periods, limited funding
- UGent: >70 agreements, 27 with Chinese institutions



Chinese students at Ghent University

APS certificate

- Since 2006 – agreement with DAAD
- **mandatory** for all students holding a Chinese diploma
- Costs are reimbursed by the China Platform
- Document screening
- Interview in English on field of study

Chinese students at Ghent University (2010-2011)

	Bachelor	Master	Exchange	PhD	Postdoc	Total
Bioscience Engineering	0	16	6	25	2	49
Engineering & Architecture	1	11	3	27	0	52
Sciences	1	12	2	17	0	32
Arts and Literature	3	8	2	6	1	20
Political and Social Sciences	0	1	7	1	0	9
Law	0	5	2	7	0	14
Economics and Business Administration	1	6	3	0	0	10
Medicine & Health Sciences	0	3	0	4	0	7
Veterinary Sciences	0	0	0	9	0	9
Psychology and Educational Sciences	0	0	0	5	0	5
Pharmaceutical Sciences	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	6	62	25	102	3	208

Chinese Students Association Ghent

Annual welcome day

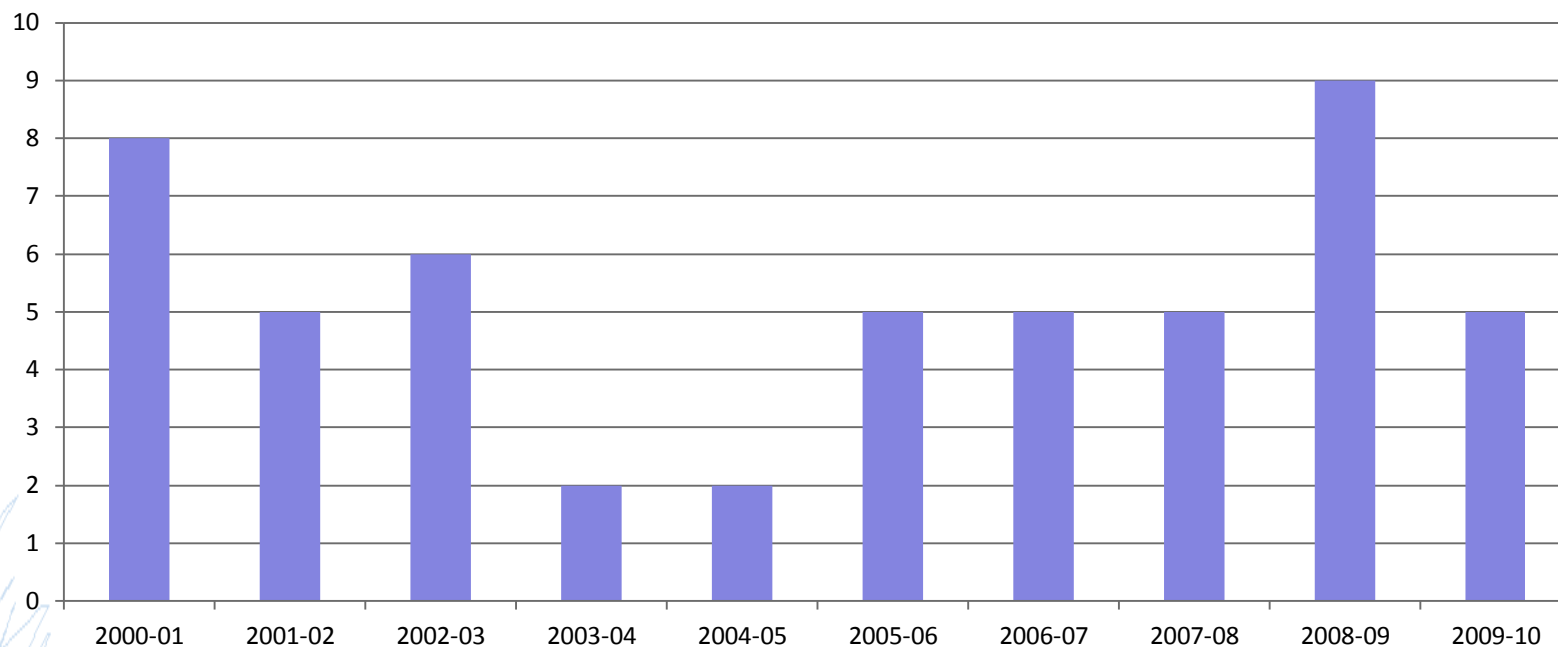
Culture, sports, Chinese new year

Research

UGent - Special Research Fund

- Joint PhD : funding for 6-24 months at UGent
 - Cofunding for Chinese candidates holding a CSC grant
 - Doctoral Scholarships for candidates from 'developing countries'
 - Several Postdoctoral opportunities
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- Since 1990: 165 incoming Chinese PhD students
 - Success ratio: 70.3% obtained a PhD degree

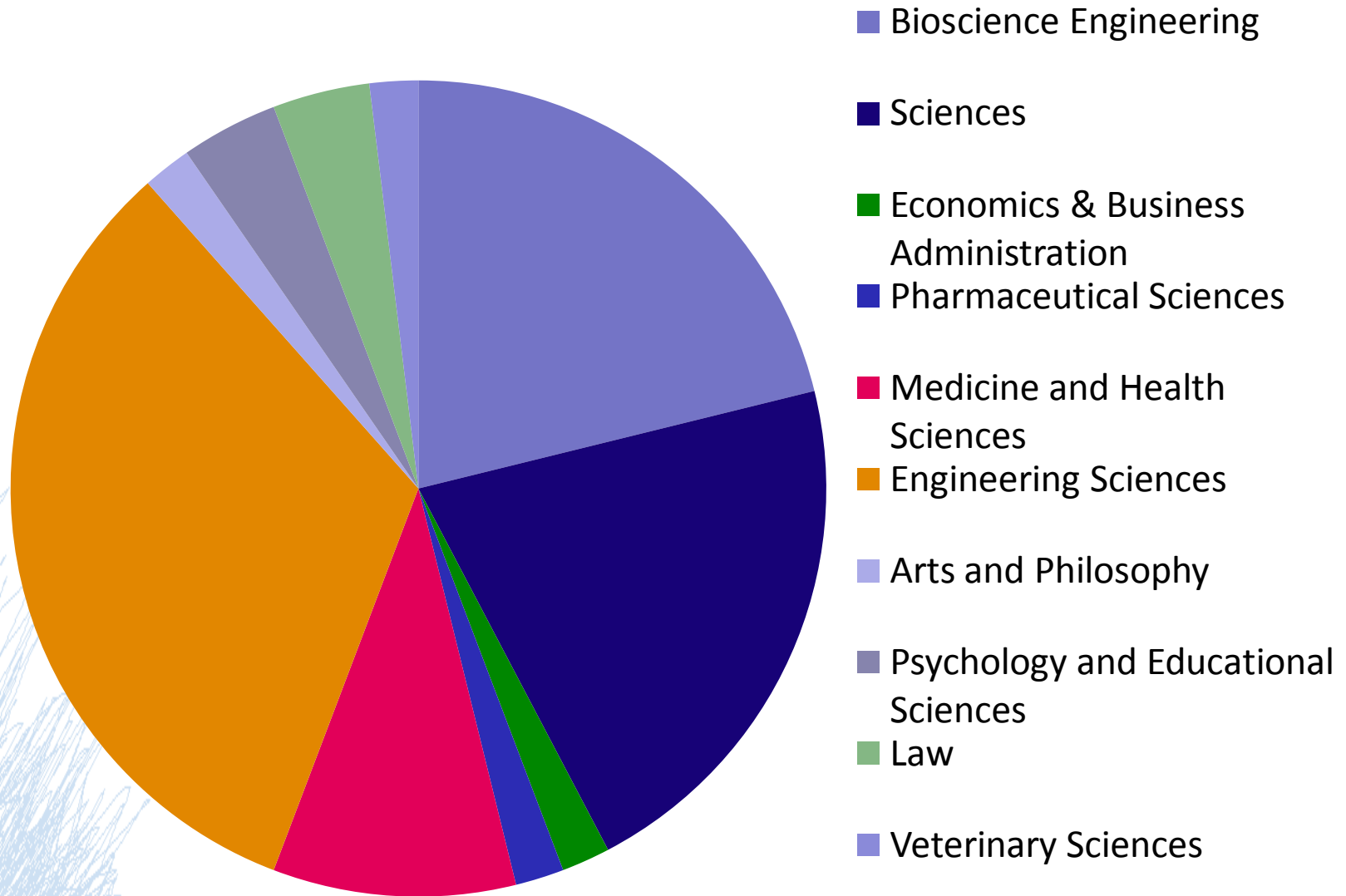
Obtained PhD degrees by Chinese researchers



- **Total since 2000-2001: 52**
men: 29
women: 23

- **1.5% of total doctoral output UGent**

doctoral defences 2009-2010



Erasmus Mundus Action 2 exchange programmes:

LiSUM: *“Linking Sino-European Universities through Mobility”*

- 10 EU + 10 Chinese partners
- Incoming and outgoing mobility
- More than **1.400 applications**
- **247 scholarships** granted

Budget: EUR 4.592.150 – 3 year project



LOTUS I and II

- Since 2010
- Cluster of countries: China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand
- 267 exchanges on all levels
- Chinese universities involved: Beijing University, Sichuan University and Nanjing University
- Proposal for Lotus III has been submitted

More info: www.lotus.ugent.be



Future prospects

- Consolidate and improve **network of strategic partners** in China
- **Intensify research and education** collaboration with strategic partner(s)
- Establish a sound **alumni network**, both in China and in Belgium
- **Lecture café**



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