

Media Release

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New Research Centre established with Chinese University

The University of Tasmania today signed a formal agreement with Yunnan Normal University in China to establish the international Sino-Australia Cross Cultural Research Centre.

University of Tasmania Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen and Yunnan Normal University President Professor Yang Lin were joined by Deputy Premier, Jeremy Rockliff and dignitaries for the signing at Wrest Point Casino.

“The Sino-Australia Cross Cultural Research Centre will continue to support and strengthen our teaching and research partnerships with China,” Professor Rathjen said.

“The Centre will provide an opportunity to develop collaborative research and academic exchange, further supporting cooperation between China and Australia by conducting long-term joint cross-cultural studies.”

Today’s event recognised a commitment from the University of Tasmania to provide five PhD tuition fee scholarships, each worth \$25,000 for four years. Yunnan Normal University will provide some \$1 million to support new research activity, fellowships and exchange.

As part of the agreement, the Australian Education Management Group (AEMG) will also provide up to 10 scholarships per year, valued at \$20,000 each, for students studying a Master of Education, TESOL or Languages to undertake an internship program in China.

The Centre will be located in the University of Tasmania’s Asia Institute Tasmania, and within Yunnan Normal University in Kunming.

“Today’s agreement demonstrates the University’s commitment to building partnerships through the Asia Institute Tasmania, which was officially established with the State Government earlier this year,” Professor Rathjen said.

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