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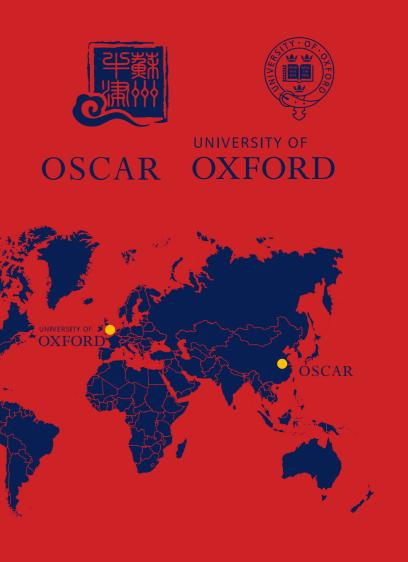
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Standing beside the Jinji Lake in Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP), the building known as the 'Gate of the Orient' (center in images), is an iconic building of modernity and development. On the night of 22 November 2018, the building was illuminated to celebrate the cooperation between SIP and Oxford University in establishing the Oxford Suzhou Centre for Advanced Research (OSCAR).



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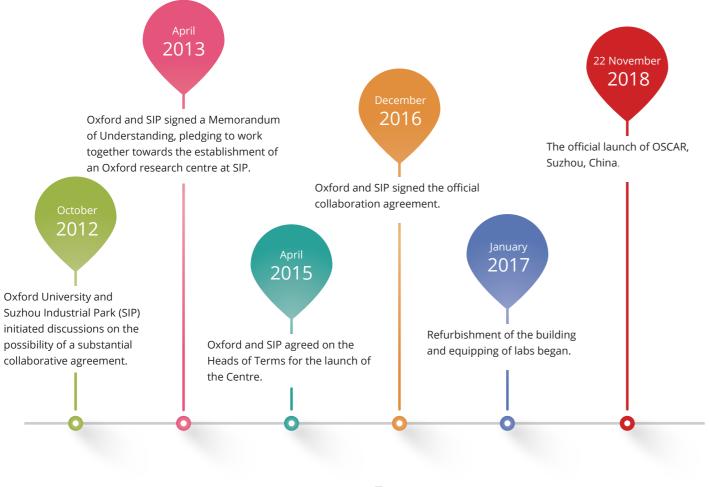
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#### Grand Opening

Time: 22 November (Thursday), 2018 Venue: Lecture Hall, 1F, OSCAR Building Address: Building A, 388 Ruoshui Road, Suzhou Industrial Park, Jiangsu Province, China

Opening Ceremony 开幕仪式 10:00-12:00 10:30 Opening Ceremony kicks off 仪式开始

Buffet Lunch and Networking 自助午餐与交流 12:30-13:30

Lecture Hall (1F) 报告厅 (一楼)

OSCAR Club (2F) 员工中心(二楼)

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Oxford **Cooperation Forum** 牛津合作论坛 14:00-17:00



Lecture Hall (1F) 报告厅 (一楼)



L-R: Prof Patrick Grant, Prof Louise Richardson, Prof Donal Bradley, Prof Zhanfeng Cui

# **Press Conference**



Professor Louise Richardson, Vice Chancellor of Oxford University, Professor Donal Bradley, Head of the MPLS Division, and Professor Zhanfeng Cui, Founding Director of OSCAR, attended the press conference that took place in the seminar room of the OSCAR building from 9:30 am to 10:00 am on 22 November to officially announce the opening of Oxford Suzhou Centre for Advanced Research (OSCAR).

The press conference was compered by Professor Patrick Grant, Oxford Pro Vice Chancellor (Research). Over 20 journalists from 15 local, provincial and national media outlets, including CCTV, Science & Technology Daily, Xinhua Daily, The Paper, Sixth Tone, jiemian.com, Suzhou Daily, Suzhou Broadcasting System, were present at the occasion.

Professor Richardson, Professor Bradley and Prof Cui each gave a briefing from the perspective of Oxford, MPLS Division and OSCAR respectively, which was followed by a fifteen-minute Q&A session.

## " OSCAR Opening Ceremony



OSCAR Founding Director Professor Zhanfeng Cui presides over the opening ceremony



John Edwards, British Consul-General Shanghai, speaks at the opening ceremony



Professor Donal Bradley, Head of the University of Oxford's MPLS Division, speaks at the opening ceremony



Professor Louise Richardson, Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford, speaks at the opening ceremony



Mr. Yang Zhiping, Vice Mayor of Suzhou, speaks at the opening ceremony



Professor Louise Richardson, Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford, and Mr. Zhou Naixiang, Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Jiangsu Provincial Committee, Party Secretary of CPC Suzhou Municipal Committee, unveil the plaque for OSCAR





Ribbon-cutting ceremony to inaugurate the new OSCAR building

L-R: Professor Zhanfeng Cui, Founding Director of OSCAR; Mr. Wu Qingwen, Member of Standing Committee of CPC Suzhou Committee and SIP Party Working Committee Secretary; Professor Patrick Grant, Pro Vice Chancellor (Research), the University of Oxford; Mr. Zhou Naixiang, Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Jiangsu Provincial Committee; Professor Louise Richardson, Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford; Mr. John Edwards, British Consul-General Shanghai; Professor Donal Bradley, Head of the MPLS Division, the University of Oxford; Mr. Yang Zhiping, Vice Mayor of Suzhou; Mr. Ding Lixin, Chairman of Suzhou Industrial Park









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Oxford Vice Chancellor's Speech at the OSCAR Opening Dear Mr. Zhou, Mr. Wu and Vice Mayor Yang, Consul-General John Edwards, Suzhou Industrial Park, University Presidents and Chairpeople, honoured guests, It is truly an honour to be here today and it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the Oxford-Suzhou Centre for Advanced Research – known to us all as OSCAR – the first international physical sciences research centre in the University of Oxford's more than 800-year history.

We have a full day of events today and I know many of you are still waiting to see this magnificent centre and meet some of our brilliant researchers who will be working here, so I will try to talk for just a few minutes. What I'd like to do is not only introduce OSCAR to you, but explain precisely why the Centre is so important for Oxford. How it will continue our long history of interaction with China. And, in particular, how it will allow Oxford to work in partnership with the many other research institutions and businesses based here at the Suzhou Industrial Park, to bring cutting edge innovation into the lives of citizens around the world.

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The University of Oxford has engaged with China for centuries. Our ancient Bodleian Library has held Chinese texts for more than 400 years and the first Chinese scholar to visit Britain worked with our librarians to translate them.

We were one of the first western universities to introduce a degree in Chinese. And our University Press – best known for publishing the world famous Oxford English Dictionary – opened its first Chinese office in Shanghai around 100 years ago.

Yet, much of our current relationship has been built over the past 20 years.

We are living in a period of realignment, as China moves back to the central position it has held in the world economy for much of human history. Oxford, as it has for centuries, moves with the changing times.

We do so by growing our collaboration with Chinese partners, with the aim of benefiting both our countries and all humanity with the new discoveries, inventions and knowledge we will produce together.

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Today collaboration with China is at the heart of innovative University projects that include some of the world's largest medical trials and research projects, collaboration in social science areas including Law and Business Studies, and numerous joint initiatives across the sciences, particularly in engineering, physics, chemistry and mathematics. Unfortunately, we don't have time for me to describe all of the many excellent joint initiatives Oxford has with Chinese partners. So instead of providing an exhaustive list, I'd like to illustrate our ambition through just two particularly innovative examples of joint projects that show the creative ways in which Oxford thinks about collaboration with China. The first of these is our ambition to establish the Oxford Chinese Medicine Research Centre, in our Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics. This is being facilitated by our collaboration with China's Shan-she Momentum Pharma Ltd.

Many years of research has shown the benefits of traditional Chinese medicine, yet its use remains rare in western countries. Our new centre will be dedicated to investigating the function and effectiveness of these traditional medicines. Understanding precisely how traditional Chinese medicines work will encourage their adoption, improving the lives of users in western countries. China's receive course Cambr I believ as this vulnera naviga blowin \* \* \* These they ar ambitic improv The thi course the wo profess that wi

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We are very open to expanding the scale of Oxford's traditional Chinese medicine research, and I hope we will be able to work with further partners in China to do so in the coming years.

The second is a programme run by our business school, the Said Business School, which is working in partnership with our close friends at Peking University's Guanghua School of Management and Harvard University to help China's family-owned businesses develop and thrive in a globalised economy.

Over the past two and a half years, this innovative programme has seen the leaders of family businesses, many of which are following China's large businesses in expanding globally, receive specialised dual-language education at courses taught in Beijing, Oxford and Cambridge Massachusetts.

I believe that cross-cultural programmes such as this will be vital in helping innovative yet vulnerable small and medium sized businesses navigate the protectionist headwinds currently blowing out of the US White House.

These two initiatives share many of the common features of Oxford's work in China: they are innovative in design, they are bold in ambition, and, ultimately, they seek directly to improve human life.

The thing that makes this goal possible is of course the excellence of our people. And it is the world-leading research standards of the professors who will be working here at OSCAR that will guarantee this Centre's success over the coming years.

In its first phase, research at OSCAR will take place across three broad themes:

Biomedical Engineering and Healthcare

Environment and Biotechnology

And Nanotechnology and Functional Materials

There isn't time to talk about the expertise of every OSCAR researcher, but I do want to name one in particular:

Professor Zhanfeng Cui - to whom I am grateful for helping to organise this opening ceremony and who I know many of you will be familiar with already - is the inaugural Director of OSCAR. At home in Oxford, Professor Cui is the Donald Pollock Professor of Chemical Engineering in Oxford's Department of Engineering Science. He is also Director of the Oxford Centre for Tissue Engineering and Bioprocessing, Director of the CRMI Technology Centre, A Fellow of Hertford College, and in 2013 was elected Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Professor Cui is a world-leading expert on tissue engineering and related fields. His wide-ranging research has direct medical applications, in particular the invention of new technologies that will allow doctors to monitor and regulate the growth of human tissue.

And as well as advancing his own research, Professor Cui has worked tirelessly to aid his Department and Oxford's wider scientific community to build productive links in China. The largest of which is this Centre.

Cui: we are very grateful to you.

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This Centre, which Professor Cui and his colleagues, as well as our partners in the Suzhou Industrial Park, have worked for several years to establish, is situated in Suzhou for the express purpose of further enhancing the already significant impact Oxford research has on the world. We are bringing world-class scientists with years of experience in applied research here to Suzhou, an international hub for high-tech industry, so that they can carry out their work in close proximity to institutes and businesses that will further develop and commercialise the new technologies that OSCAR's research makes possible.

Locating our research here will speed up the process from scientific discovery to the manufacture of new technology. In areas such as healthcare and environment – both of which are research themes for OSCAR - this will improve the lives of millions of people around the world. \* \* \*

OSCAR builds on Oxford's long tradition of spinning out its research. We like to joke that the University of Cambridge and the Oxford English Dictionary are among our earliest world-changing spinouts.

In more recent years we have consistently increased the commercialisation of our research, and Oxford is now one of the world's leading universities in terms of the launch of spinout companies. This process is aided by the Oxford Sciences Innovation fund, the world's largest innovation fund dedicated to the commercialisation of research from a single university.

I am sure that OSCAR will provide the next step in the ongoing growth of our international impact. I, and all of my colleagues, are very grateful to the Suzhou Industrial Park, for partnering with us to develop this important Centre and I hope we will continue to work closely together, as friends, for many years to come.

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All that remains is for me to thank once again all of my colleagues and Oxford's partners for their untiring efforts in the design and launch of this Centre. Ladies and gentlemen - welcome to OSCAR.



# Oxford-SIP Cooperation and Development Board Meeting

The first board meeting of Oxford-SIP Cooperation and Development Board was held in Suzhou on the afternoon of November 20 in the newly completed OSCAR Building. The attendees of Oxford side included Prof Alison Noble (Associate Head of MPLS Division), Prof. Zhanfeng Cui (Founding Director of OSCAR), Dr. Matthew Perkins (CEO of Oxford University Innovation) and Martin Edmunds (Strategic Research Manager of the MPLS Division). The attendees of SIP side included Xiaoming LIN (Deputy Chairman of Suzhou Industrial Park Administrative Committee), Weiming JIANG (Chairman of Suzhou Dushu Lake Science and Education Innovation District), and others.

At the first meeting, the Oxford-SIP Cooperation and Development Board Articles of Association was reviewed and approved, Prof. Cui and Mr. Lin were elected as two co-Chairs of this Board, and the Secretariat was set up to run the daily operations.

### Side Events—Oxford Week in Suzhou





MC: Matt Perkins CEO of Oxford University Innovation



Matthew Knowles Director of British Council, East China



Xi Youmin Executive President of Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University



Adam Workman, Head of Investment & New Ventures, Oxford University Innovation (OUI)



He Lianzhen. Vice President (International) of Zhejiang University

# Oxford Cooperation Forum

On the afternoon of the OSCAR opening day, the Oxford Cooperation Forum, was held in the lecture hall of the OSCAR building. Keynote speakers from Chinese and overseas government departments, universities, research institutes and industry addressed themes including education cooperation, technology innovation cooperation, research cooperation and industrial cooperation.

Dr. Matt Perkins, CEO of Oxford University Innovation, acted as MC of the forum. Mr. Matthew Knowles, Director of British Council, East China, gave a speech entitled 'A New Generation of Higher Education Links'. Professor Xi Youmin, Executive President of Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University (XJTLU), talked about the development progress of XJTLU and referred to the establishment of OSCAR in SIP as a good opportunity of collaboration. Mr. Adam Workman, Head of Investment & New Ventures, Oxford University Innovation (OUI), spoke about OUI and the innovation work of the University of Oxford. He Lianzhen, Vice President (International) of Zhejiang University, delivered a presentation 'Innovation & Collaboration: ZJU Perspectives.'

Dr. Liu Yujun, Head of Institute Management Department, Jiangsu Industrial Technology Research Institute shared his views about Global Collaboration-Innovation Shaping the Future. Professor Mike Giles, Head of Mathematical Institute at the University of Oxford, introduced the proposed 'Institute for Mathematical Data Analytics' in OSCAR. Gareth Taylor, Consul, Science and Innovation, UK Consulate General Shanghai, spoke about the UK Industrial Strategy and UK-China Scientific Collaboration. Professor Patrick Grant, Pro Vice Chancellor (Research), the University of Oxford, made the concluding speech.

As the first key event after OSCAR's official opening, the Oxford Cooperation Forum boosted the mutual understanding among the participants. It showed how much importance OSCAR attaches to 'cooperation' and marked the beginning of the process to deepen the relationships between the University of Oxford and local partners.



Liu Yujun, Head of Institute Management Department, Jiangsu Industrial Technology **Research Institute** 



Mike Giles, Head of Mathematical Department, the University of Oxford



Gareth Taylor, Consul (Science and Innovation), UK Consulate General in Shanghai



Patrick Grant, Pro Vice Chancellor (Research), the University of Oxford





#### The introduction to the 12 OSCAR PIs in the Exhibition Hall

OSCAR currently hosts research programmes from 12 Principal Investigators from Oxford. PIs carried out various activities during the Oxford Week in Suzhou, including academic workshops, technology workshops, and open day.

#### Biomedical Engineering and Healthcare



### **Zhanfeng Cui** FREng, Donald Pollock Professor



### **Cathy Ye**

**David Clifton** 

**Nei Huan** 

uet Wong



### **Ronald Roy**

Engineering, University of

### Environment and Biotechnology



### Ian Thompson



Jeremy Robertson

#### Nanotechnology and Functional Materials



**Donal Bradley** 



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# Academic Workshops

In order to strengthen cooperation and build relationships with local universities and institutions, Oxford professors delivered 11 presentations at 7 local universities and institutions across 3 days to more than 1,000 attendees.





Prof Zhanfeng Cui: Regenerative Medicine Engineering and Technology. Professor Cui began by introducing the University of Oxford and OSCAR, before giving a general introduction to Regenerative Medicine. The audience showed great interest in the talk, with the Q&A session lasting for more than 40 minutes.



#### Prof Donal Bradley: Physics and Application of Soluble Semiconductors. The talk focused on light emission materials and devices, and control of optical properties

through structure and patterning.





- Dr Rick Hamilton: 'Building the Open Science Economy Enabling Collaboration and Data Sharing between International Laboratories'. - Dr Jingsong Huang: 'Interlayer Lithography: Micro-scale Patterning Method and its Applications.'











#### Soochow University presentations:



- Prof Mark Moloney: 'Natural Products as Inspiration for New Chemistry in Antibacterial and Materials Science.'

Prof Moloney's group at OSCAR will develop functional materials using a novel polymerization process for possible engineering and biomedical applications.

- Prof Luet Wong: Cytochrome P450 Enzymes as General C-H Bond Oxidation Catalysts. Prof Wong's group at OSCAR aims to deliver new and efficient enzyme-based routes to functionality-diversified core structures for molecules with biological activity.



#### Research Institute for Environmental Innovation (Suzhou), Tsinghua presentations:



- Prof Ian Thompson: 'Environmental Biotechnology at OSCAR.'

- Prof Wei Huang: 'Application of Single Cell Raman and Synthetic Biology to Environmental Microbiology.'

The Oxford-based research groups of Prof Thompson and Prof Huang have been developing technologies for sustainable treatment of industrial effluent and transformation of organics and CO emissions into high value products such as biogas and bioplastics.



### Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University (XJTLU) presentation:



- Prof Jeremy Robertson: 'Complexity-increasing Redox Reactions for the Synthesis of Biologically-active Natural and Non-natural Products.' Prof Robertson's group will work with researchers in enzymology, molecular biology and synthetic biology to create high-value small organic molecules from structurally simple feedstocks.





- Prof Alison Noble: 'Advances in Ultrasound Image Analysis' The talk outlined some recent work in applying machine learning to ultrasound image analysis, noting some of the interesting challenges specific to this application domain and some emerging topics of research interest.

### Suzhou Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Technology Chinese Academy of Sciences (SIBET) presentation:





University of Science and Technology of China Suzhou Research Institute (USTC) presentation:



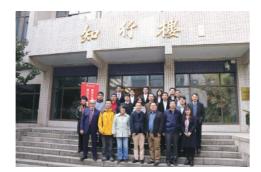
#### - Prof Moritz Riede: 'Organic Solar Cell'

Prof Riede's presentation focused on the challenges of increasing the power conversion efficiency of solar cells, the recent progress on optimising vacuum processed organic solar cells and how to reduce major loss processes in organic solar cells.



#### PI Prof Ronald Roy's Meeting in Nanjing University

On 26 November, Prof Ronald Roy (Deputy Head of the Engineering Science Department, University of Oxford) visited Prof Juan Tu and Prof Dong Zhang at the Institute of Acoustics at Nanjing University to attend an awards ceremony at which the ASC granted the 'Wei Rongjue Award' (excellence in acoustics research) to Prof Juan Tu. Prof Roy held discussions on a potential joint proposal on the development of multi-functional contrast nanoparticles for enhancing photo-acoustic imaging and ultrasound-assisted drub delivery.



First row: L1 Prof Ronald Roy; R1 Prof Juan Tu and R2 Prof Dong Zhang



The Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences (MPLS) Division of the University of Oxford and the Jiangsu Industrial Technology Research Institute signed an MOU in September 2017 to begin cooperation, with OSCAR acting as the executive party for MPLS. To promote cooperation between OSCAR and JITRI, an OSCAR-JITRI Workshop was held on November 21 in the Board Meeting Room of OSCAR for OSCAR PIs to communicate with JITRI's specialty institutes.

Prof Zhanfeng Cui, Founding Director of OSCAR, introduced OSCAR and its connections with JITRI. Prof Donal Bradley, Head of MPLS Division, reviewed the agreement, and signed with JITRI in 2017 and the set-up of Oxford-JITRI IMPACT Institute in early 2018. It is hoped that more cooperative projects between MPLS and JITRI will be developed in 2019. Dr. Yidong Hu, Party Secretary and Deputy President of JITRI, gave a presentation about JITRI and its cooperation models with the University of Oxford and OSCAR. Seven JITRI Specialty Institutes participated in the workshop. Mr. Hongbo Yang, Director of Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Technology; Mr. Jiuzhi Xue, Director of Institute of Smart Liquid Crystal Technologies; Mr. Qiang Chen, Deputy Director of Institute of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology; Mr. Feng Lin, Deputy Director of Institute of Textile and Silk - Deakin Institute; Mr. Feng Zhao of Institute of Advanced Vehicle Technology; Mr. Zaozao Chen of Institute of Biomaterials and Medical Devices and Mr. Bo Liu of Institute of Industrial Biotechnology introduced their institute separately after Dr. Yidong Hu's presentation.

Eight OSCAR speakers including Prof Mike Giles, Prof Mark Moloney, Prof Jeremy Robertson, Prof Luet Wong, Prof Wei Huang (also representing Prof Ronald Roy & Prof Ian Thompson), Prof Cathy Ye, Dr. Hui Wang and Dr. Yang Yang (representing Prof David Clifton) presented their research interests and the projects in which they are interested to work with JITRI.

## **G** Innovation Technology Salon

As part of OSCAR opening ceremony events, the 'Innovation Technology Salon' was held on November 23. The event hosted 5 representatives from the University of Oxford and spin-out companies across several research areas, including life science, clinical AI, fine chemicals, and environment protection and monitoring. The event aimed to begin to develop relationships with domestic enterprises and venture capital funds with a view to market cooperation, co-development, tech transfer and commercialization. Over 60 guests from industrial companies, venture capital funds, industrial parks, universities & research institutes attended the event.

Prof Zhanfeng Cui, Founding Director of OSCAR, gave opening remarks and noted that tech transfer and commercialization of research outputs from OSCAR were a very important part of its mission, and he hoped to work with Suzhou industry and venture capital funds closely to help achieve this. Mr. Wenjun Zhang, Director of Scientific and Technological Achievements Transfer, Suzhou Productivity Promotion Centre, welcomed guests from Oxford and hoped to have more technologies transferred to Suzhou through OSCAR.







After Prof Mike Giles's brief introduction on Financial Mathematics, Prof Jan Thompson introduced biotechnologies for environmental protection developed in his lab and their commercialization in UK.

Prof David Clifton introduced his clinical Al technologies and the successful commercialization in UK that lead to the public listed company 'Sensyne Health.' Prof Mark Moloney introduced his research in novel antibiotics and novel materials for drug delivery, and his two spin-out companies 'Oxford Antibiotic Group' and 'Oxford Advanced Surfaces'.





Jason King, the CEO of Oxford Biotrans, introduced the new routes to produce high-value chemicals using enzyme biotechnology developed by Prof Luet Wong, and its first commercialized product 'Nootkatone'. Dr. Petr Jurcicek from Oxford MEStar introduced the company and one of its products, a self-testing device for bowel cancer which might launch on the Chinese market in 2019.







After the presentation, interested parties held one-on-one matchmaking with the guest speaker in OSCAR's Technology Innovation & Incubation Space.

### A Dialogue with Oxford



Prof Louise Richardson, Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford

The Oxford Alumni Party was held in the OSCAR Lecture Hall from 6:30 pm to 9 pm on November 23. Professor Louise Richardson, Vice Chancellor of the University of Oxford, delivered the opening remarks.

'Oxford alumni are a vital part of the equation that makes Oxford work - and alumni from Greater China help keep Oxford's brand strong around the world and reinforce the ties between the University and the 3,000 strong alumni body there. Alumni from Greater China are wonderful supporters of the Oxford Thinking Campaign; their generous support continues to have an enormous impact at Oxford'. Quoted from http://www.oxforduchina.org/alumni.html



On the afternoon of November 23, 'a Dialogue with Oxford' took place in the OSCAR building.

Professors from the University of Oxford and Oxford alumni representatives participated in the dialogue, which was hosted by OSCAR, co-organized by Study @ Dushu Lake and supported by the Universities of Oxford & Cambridge Alumni Network (Jiangsu-Zhejiang).

More than 70 teachers and students from neighboring schools and universities attended the event, which was open to the public. The Dialogue starred four Oxford professors who shared their research work, education and career development with the audience and two alumni representatives who talked about their studies and life at the University of Oxford.

For more information, please visit website of Oxford China Office http://www.oxforduchina.org/alumni.html

Jeremy Woodall, Director of Development, Asia, University of Oxford China Office Limited







# " Media Coverage

On 22 November 2018, over 20 journalists from 15 media outlets showed up at the OSCAR Opening Ceremony, including paper media, TV media and new media at local, provincial and national levels, such as CCTV, Science & Technology Daily, Xinhua Daily, The Paper, Sixth Tone, jiemian.com, Suzhou Daily, Suzhou Broadcasting Group and so on. The OSCAR opening event was widely reported by the Chinese media. These pictures show some of the news reports.

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**OSCAR Building Fit-out** and Construction



Located within Suzhou Dushu Lake Science and Education Innovation District (SEID), the nine-floor OSCAR building has a total area of about 20,000 square meters, with facilities for lab-based research, computational research, early-stage company incubation, seminars, training, public events and administration. After months of design and tendering, the fit-out construction began in August 2018, including non-lab space construction, air-conditioning construction, IT construction, Exhibition Hall construction, and lab space construction.

### August 2018

### October 2018















Exhibition Hall













Meeting Room











