

Celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the China Platform
Monday 21 March 2022
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MORNING	
08:00 - 09:00	<i>Registration & Welcome coffee</i>
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome by Prof. Guido Van Huylenbroeck, Director of Internationalisation, Ghent University: <i>"The China Platform in Ghent University: a story of many successes and immense cooperation over the years."</i>
9:15 - 10:45	<p>Panel session Research: what opportunities for future sustainable collaborations?</p> <p>Chaired by Dr Dirk De Craemer, Head Research Co-ordination Office, Ghent University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Deng Yonghui, Counsellor of Science and Technology, Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Belgium: letter of congratulations - Prof. Patrick Sorgeloos, Department of Animal Sciences and Aquatic Ecology, Faculty of Bioscience Engineering - Prof. Philippe De Maeyer, Department of Geography, Faculty of Sciences - Prof. Sven Biscop, Department of Political Sciences, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences - Prof. Stefaan De Smedt, Department of Pharmaceutics, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences - Prof. Stijn Van Hulle, Department of Green Chemistry and Technology, Faculty of Bioscience Engineering
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Coffee break with poster session and networking opportunity</i> Venue: Kapittelzaal
11:15 - 12:30	<p>Panel session Vision on the developments in education: an internationalisation for all strategy</p> <p>Chaired by Prof. Luc Taerwe, Director China Platform, Ghent University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Zheng Baoguo, Counsellor of Education, Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Belgium: recorded video presentation - Ms Irina Ferencz, Director, Academic Cooperation Association (ACA) - Mr Frederik De Decker, Head International Relations Office, Ghent University - Prof. Martin Valcke, Department of Educational Studies, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Ghent University - Mr Hannes Van Cauwenberghe, student Ghent University (exchange period in Tongji University) - Mr Ji Li, doctoral student in VIB and former chairman ChiSAG (AY 2017-2018)
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Walking lunch with poster session and networking opportunity</i> Venue: Kapittelzaal

AFTERNOON	
13:00 – 13:30	<i>Registration for the participants who only attend the afternoon programme</i>
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Panel session Innovation and R&D: future prospects with China</p> <p>Chaired by Mrs Gwenn Sonck, Executive Director, Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Kurt Vandeputte, Senior Vice-President Government Affairs, Umicore - Mr Luc Semeese, Vice-President Manufacturing Engineering, Volvo Cars - Mrs Veerle Van Wassenhove, Vice-President Research & Innovation, Bekaert - Mr Wim Van Camp, General Manager, Ghent University Tech Transfer Office - Mr Birk Vanderweeën, General Manager Europe, Legend Biotech
15:00 – 15:25	<p><i>Coffee break with poster session and networking opportunity</i></p> <p>Venue: Kapittelzaal</p>
15:30	Music performance by Sweet – start of the Plenary session
15:30 – 16:20	<p>Plenary session in the presence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Mr Cao Zhongming, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Belgium - Prof. Rik Van de Walle, Rector of Ghent University - Prof. Mieke Van Herreweghe, Vice-Rector of Ghent University - Mr Jean Cornet d'Elzius, Director Asia – Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs <p><u><i>Strategic Partnership China members:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs An Vervliet, Deputy of the Province of East-Flanders - Mr Mathias De Clercq, Mayor of the City of Ghent - Mrs Kate Verslype, Advisor Multimodality & Rail, Commercial Affairs department, North Sea Port - Mr Kurt Vandeputte, Chairman of the Flanders-China Chamber of Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Video film of milestone events of the China Platform over the past 15 years - Words of welcome by Prof. Mieke Van Herreweghe, Vice Rector Ghent University - Speech by H.E. Mr Cao Zhongming, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Kingdom of Belgium - Congratulatory video messages from some of the partner universities - The China Platform Steering committee in the spotlight
16:20 - 16:25	<i>Musical intermezzo by Sweet</i>
16:25 – 16:55	Presentation of the third publication of the China Platform by Prof. Dr. Luc Taerwe, Director China Platform, Ghent University
16:55 - 17:00	<i>Music performance by Sweet</i>
17:00 – 18:00	<p><i>Reception "Mix and mingle"</i></p> <p>Venue: Kapittelzaal</p>