

Sino-British cooperative study on finless porpoises

By Sue Liu

On November 1, Martyn Roper, the deputy head of mission at the British Embassy in Beijing, visited the Wuhan Institute of Hydrobiology.

During his visit, Roper fed the finless porpoises housed at the institute and participated in the cleaning of their pool. He also made inquiries about the current population of finless porpoises and the measures taken to protect them out in the wild.



During British Princess Anne's visit to Wuhan in July, the Wuhan Institute of Hydrobiology and the Zoological Society of London signed a memorandum of understanding related to the protection and study of finless porpoises.

"This is a bilateral project where our scientists are working together to protect

animals. So I'm here to support that cooperation which is an excellent example of the U.K. and Wuhan working together," Roper said.

Wang Kexiong, a senior researcher at the Wuhan Institute of Hydrobiology said that the Zoological Society of London will assist them in determining new and better ways of protecting finless

porpoises. Scientists from the two countries will work together studying the effect of water quality and fishing on finless porpoises.

There are about 1,000 finless porpoises in the Yangtze River. Presently, five finless porpoises live at the Wuhan Institute of Hydrobiology, the only organization that artificially breeds finless porpoises.

40 expat women receive free breast cancer screenings

By Jessie Fan

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Wuhan Ren'ai Hospital provided more than 40 expat women with free breast cancer screenings and gynecological examinations on October 26 and 28.

Wuhan Ren'ai Hospital has been providing free breast cancer screenings every October for 17 years. In 2016, Shubila Ruth Kikoko and three other expat women participated in the hospital's free breast cancer screening program. This year, Kikoko became an organizer. She helped publicize the free test and assisted over 40 expat women who were tested. In her book, *Incubated in China*, Kikoko recalled her mother's

battle with breast cancer 17 years ago. Although her memory is replete with sadness, Kikoko decided to use her experience to encourage women to become more aware of their health.

Dr. Deodata Matiko, one of the expat women who had received a free examination, expressed her gratitude for the breast cancer screening test. "I know it's very important that every woman do this kind of test at least once or twice a year. I was thinking about doing the test, but I wasn't sure of what I would need to do and how much it would cost."

Wuhan Ren'ai Hospital also provides free gynecological examinations at any time.



Consulting with doctor

Malaysian students explore Wuhan for future business opportunities

By Jessie Fan

More than 150 students from Malaysia's Fairview International School visited Wuhan from October 22 to 28. During the group's visit, they learned about Wuhan's past, present, and future. They will apply this knowledge in an analysis of potential business connections between China and Malaysia.

This was the second time that Fairview International School has organized student expeditions to Wuhan. While in Wuhan, the students went to Dongfeng Motor Company, where they helped the company assess how China's "Belt & Road" initiative is creating enormous business opportunities throughout Asia. They also visited places such as the 1911 Revolution Museum, East Lake, and the Wuhan Planning Exhibition Hall. The students were also given the opportunity to interact with local students at Wuhan China-Britain School.

Piano recital and poetry with Olivier de Spiegeleir

By Helen Pan

The Belgian pianist Olivier de Spiegeleir, invited to perform in Wuhan by the French Alliance, put on an evening of spectacular music at the Qintai Concert Hall on October 28, leading audiences through the musical worlds of Beethoven and Schubert.

Spiegeleir's recital paid tribute to love. The many pieces of music he performed all focused on emotions evoked by the passion of love. Before playing each piece of music, Spiegeleir read short poems written by contemporary French authors. The musician concluded his "commentary recital" with an inspired piece of music adapted from the popular Chinese song, "You Exist in My Song."

"I practiced this piece a lot this year prior to the start of my China tour. It is difficult to play, but is nonetheless rewarding," Spiegeleir said after the recital.

Spiegeleir is one of the most celebrated pianists in Belgium. His recital was part of the Qintai Music Festival in Wuhan.