

# Introduction to Renmin University of China

The predecessor of the university was Shanbei Public School established in 1937 during the Anti-Japanese War. Later it was renamed the North China United University and North China University. Renmin University of China was officially established in 1950. Eminent educationalists Prof. Wu Yuzhang, Prof. Cheng Fangwu, Prof. Yuan Baohua, Prof. Huang Da, Prof. Li Wenhui and Prof. Ji Baocheng have successively held the presidential posts. The current President is Prof. Chen Yulu, a renowned expert in international finance.

During the past half century, five Chinese leaders, Mao Zedong, Deng Xiaoping, Jiang Zemin, Hu Jintao and Xi Jinping, have attached great importance to RUC's development. They each delivered speeches on our campus or offered inscriptions for the university.

Since its founding in 1937, the total number of RUC graduates in Renmin University has exceeded 250,000. Our alumni have played an active role and earned great achievements in government, academia, and various sectors including finance, communication, education, etc.. According to the *2013 Chinese University Evaluation Report 2013*, RUC alumni number tops the List of Chinese Central Committee Members, ranks the second in the List of Scientists in Humanities and Social Sciences, and the third in the List of Distinguished Alumni, the List of Important Statesmen, and the List of Donations.

Renmin University of China (RUC) is a comprehensive research university, focusing on humanities and social sciences. Its scope also covers natural sciences, information technology and environmental sciences. The pursuit of truth and progress has always been the university's overriding task. Ever since it was established in 1937, RUC has developed into an important base for training high caliber professionals in social sciences and humanities, as well as a major center for research activities in these fields. At present, the university offers a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate and post-doctoral programs in social sciences and humanities and is one of the country's leading producers of research results in these fields.

The vision of RUC is manifested in our logo, which is composed of three Chinese characters containing "Ren" (Renmin, Renben, Renwen), indicating "people's university", "a spirit of humanism" and "a focus on humanities and social sciences" respectively. In the new era, new educational arrangements, outstanding think tanks, a more internationalized university, even better reputation and a more beautiful campus are the five targets. RUC will endeavor to accomplish. RUC has now entered a new stage of development where it endeavors to rise rapidly in the second decade of the new century and to make itself a world-class university.

## RUC Facts

Faculty	Students	Schools
3,580	25,310	26
undergraduate majors	second bachelor degrees	doctoral programs
75	4	124
self-own majors	interdisciplinary majors	master programs
31	7	183
self-own majors	interdisciplinary majors	professional degrees
33	9	20
first-tier disciplines ranked NO.1 in the third discipline assessment of Ministry of Education		
		9
postdoctoral stations		
		18
MOE (Ministry of Education) key research centers of humanities and social sciences		
		13
national basic discipline centers for talent cultivation and scientific research		
		5
MOE engineering research centers and key laboratories of		
		2
national experimental teaching demonstration centers		
		3
Beijing municipal key laboratory		
		1
Beijing municipal research centers for philosophy and social sciences		
		3
Floor space	Green space	Court space
793,306m <sup>2</sup> ( 1190 a )	133,467m <sup>2</sup>	45157m <sup>2</sup>
General books	E-books	Computers for teaching
4,391,000 vol	18,173 GB	12, 542
Total permanent assets		
		3,466,175,600 RMB
Including: Assets for instruments and facilities of teaching and research		
		502,950,000 RMB
Including: Assets for information facilities		
		423,250,000 RMB
Network access points		
		35,168