

Counsellor Xu Lin's Visit to Griffith University

On 20th July 2017, Ms Xu Lin (Counsellor, State Council of the People's Republic of China, Member of the CPPCC National Committee and former Chief Executive of the Confucius Institute Headquarters) was invited by Professor Ian O'Connor (Vice Chancellor and President of Griffith University) to visit Griffith University with Mr Duan Yi (Deputy Director of the Division of the American and Oceania Confucius Institutes), and Ms Yuan Li (Deputy Director of the Division of General Affairs).



Group photo of Counsellor Xu Lin, Professor Sarah Todd and TCI heads

Professor Sarah Todd (Vice President (Global) at Griffith International) met with Ms Xu Lin. Professor Todd extended her sincere congratulations to Ms Xu for her honorary doctorate from the Queensland University of Technology. She also extended her appreciation to Ms Lin for her contributions as the Chief Executive of the Confucius Institute Headquarters. Prof Todd mentioned the important role that the Tourism Confucius Institute plays in the local community and spoke highly of the work done by the TCI over the years. She is strongly convinced that the TCI has not only enhanced local Chinese education and cultural activities, but has also helped strengthen Griffith's relationship with the China University of Mining and Technology. The annual TCI board meeting was a topic of the discussion, with hopes of further cooperation between the universities and the promotion of academic collaboration in the field of tourism between Griffith and China's universities and institutes.

Counsellor Xu Lin expressed her appreciation for the TCI's contributions to the Confucius Institute family. She then presented "*The Collection of Chinese Epic Fine Arts Grand Exhibition*" as a gift to Griffith University.

Mr Sherman Xia (Regional Director –Greater China of International Marketing, Griffith University), Professor Leong Liew (Director of the Tourism Confucius Institute at Griffith University) and Professor Chaojie Liu (Chinese Director of Tourism Confucius Institute) also attended the meeting.



Gift presentation to Griffith University