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## OPEN LECTURES AND CULTURAL EVENT AT THE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY OF YSU

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On December 25, 2025, a remarkable scientific and educational event in the format of open lectures was held at the Faculty of Philosophy and Psychology of YSU.

The first lecture was dedicated to the presentation of the most influential currents of Chinese philosophy and the discussion of their manifestations in the socio-cultural environment. The second lecture was devoted to the analysis of the peculiarities of Chinese calligraphy and Armenian calligraphy.

The participants of the event were welcomed by the Dean of the Faculty, Alexan Baghdasyan, emphasizing the importance of cultural dialogue, educational and scientific cooperation between Armenia and China.

The first speaker, Associate Professor of the

Department of History, Theory and Logic of Philosophy Hovhannes O Hovhannisyan, presented the main features and stages of the formation and development of Chinese philosophical thought within the framework of the lecture on the topic "Influential Currents of Chinese Philosophy. Manifestations in the Socio-Cultural Environment". The main ideas, development patterns and trends of the most influential currents: Confucianism, Taoism, Chinese Buddhism, Legalism, Mohism, Neo-Confucianism were discussed. In addition, the manifestations of Chinese philosophical ideas and traditions, their impact on various spheres of public life: education, family, political governance, economic environment, healthcare practices, public relations were analyzed.



Associate Professor H. Hovhannisyan drew parallels between the socio-cultural and value systems formed under the influence of Chinese

philosophy (Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, Legalism, Neo-Confucianism) and Western (Greek-Roman ancient philosophy, Christianity,

Enlightenment, liberalism) philosophical currents in the mentioned areas.

Questions were asked, and an active exchange of ideas took place.

Speeches and words of gratitude for the event were delivered by the President of the Armenia-China Friendship Union Karen Avagyan, the President of the Union of Domestic Manufacturers Vazgen Safaryan, the President of the "Pyunik" Charity Foundation Gabriel Chemberyan, and the Director of the "Altmed" Traditional Medicine Center Mkrtich Avagyan.

The second speaker, calligraphy master and

famous theorist Chen Qiao, Within the framework of the lecture titled Armenia and China: from Ancient calligraphy to modern bird letters" introduced the participants of the event to the history and main patterns of Chinese calligraphy, presented the general features of the Armenian alphabet, bird letters and Chinese calligraphy. The participants received souvenirs with episodes of Chinese calligraphy.

Armenian and Chinese melodies and beautiful performances of songs were performed by talented musicians of the "New Names of Armenia" program (led by Nona Vardanyan).



The event, organized in the format of open lectures, ended with a coffee ceremony, during which the students, lecturers, guests, and speakers participating in the event had free interaction.

The event was organized by the Faculty of Philosophy and Psychology of YSU and the In-

ternational Scientific and Cultural Center (Chinese Language Teaching and Testing Center in Armenia) in collaboration with the Armenian Philosophical Academy, the "Pyunik" Charitable Foundation, and Yerevan G. Stepanyan Primary School No. 135.