



60 Years of Youth, 60 Years of Brilliance

In celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Beijing University of Technology

Invitation

Sept. 18th, 2020

Dear partners and friends,

Warm greetings from Beijing University of Technology (BJUT)!

2020 has been a year like no other in our lifetime as COVID-19 has swept through continents, countries and communities in every corner of the world. Over the past eight-plus months, the world has united together and fought a fierce war against the pandemic. On behalf of BJUT, we'd like to send our thoughts and prayers to everyone who has been affected by the pandemic, and express our gratitude to all of those who have made great sacrifices in this unprecedented fight.

2020 is a special year particularly for BJUT as it marks our 60th Anniversary. Founded in 1960, BJUT has transformed the spirit of "Persistent Striving the Principle, Pursuit of Innovation the Path" into tremendous strength to build a world-class research university with its characteristics. After decades of arduous efforts, we have made many breakthroughs and secured some major achievements.

Internationalization, as one of our three major development strategies, has always played a significant role in the history of BJUT. As of Sept. 2020, BJUT has established formal partnerships with 176 universities and institutions from 33 countries and regions. On behalf of BJUT, we'd like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our partners and friends who have joined hands with us and provided us with significant amount of support along the way.

The theme of our 60th Anniversary is "60 Years of Youth, 60 Years of Brilliance". Our original plan was to invite our valued global partners and friends to the BJUT campus to celebrate this significant milestone together with us. However, after months of contemplation since the outbreak of COVID-19 and considering the current pandemic situation around the globe, it's no longer feasible for us to try to organize any large-scale physical events anytime soon. Therefore, we've made the decision of going virtual with most of our planned events and will be promoting our 60th Anniversary via emails and various media platforms. You can also find the importation information on our English website: <http://english.bjut.edu.cn>

On behalf of BJUT, we'd like to invite all our valued partners and friends to kindly take a moment to think about our friendship, cooperation and shared vision for a closer partnership in the future. Though we can't meet in person for the occasion, it would mean so much to us if you could share with us your best memories of our friendship, your kind wishes for our Anniversary and your thoughts on our future cooperation. We would really appreciate if you could send your wishes in a short video clip or in a letter, best before Oct. 5th, so that we could share them with our faculty, staff and students and present them in our Anniversary-related events.

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As we mark on this Wednesday the 30-day countdown to our official Anniversary Day which falls upon Oct.16th, we're very glad to present to you the brand new BJUT Brochure (2020 Edition) and the BJUT Music Video (60th Anniversary Edition). For many of you who haven't visited our campus in a while, we hope this can bring you a fresh glimpse into the highlights of BJUT.

Please find enclosed the Brochure and please find the Music Video on our website: http://english.bjut.edu.cn/About/About_BJUT/Music_Video.htm

One more note we'd like to mention is, BJUT will be sponsoring and co-hosting the IREG 2020 - Beijing Conference (Virtual) themed "University Rankings in the Time of Uncertainty" on Oct. 20th - 21st (GMT) in collaboration with the IREG Observatory on Academic Ranking and Excellence. We warmly welcome the faculty experts and students from our partner institutions to join the meetings. The Conference will be free of charge this year due to the COVID-19 impacts. Please find the detailed program and the link for registration on the IREG website: <https://ireg-observatory.org/en/events/ireg-2020-beijing-coference-virtual>

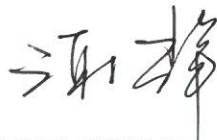
Standing on the new starting point of the 60th Anniversary, BJUT is ready to write brilliant new chapters as we chase our centenary dream of building a world-class university. Once again, we would like to express our sincerest gratitude for your continuous support and I hope our friendship will grow continuously and the fruits of our cooperation will be forever prosperous.

Sincerely,

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