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The key aim of UKCPIE is 'To ensure that China and the UK have well educated and trained people, equipped to meet the opportunities and challenges of a globalised world; to strengthen UK-China relations for our mutual prosperity; and to build on our position as being partners of choice in education.'

The programme is organised around four individual strands: higher education, vocational education and skills training, schools, and language cooperation and learning. A wide range of activities is delivered under each of these strands to reflect both countries' key domestic and international priorities rather than aiming to capture all the education cooperation activities taking place between the two countries.

Our team was commissioned to undertake the evaluation of the programme and assess delivery of the programme (2011 to 2014), with particular focus on the impact and benefits for Her Majesty's Government and key stakeholders, identify best practice and make practical recommendations for future actions.

Key methods deployed included:

- ✓ Desk-based review of qualitative and quantitative information including review of existing monitoring and financial information that provides descriptive analysis of the achievements of the programmes.
- ✓ Consultations with key stakeholders in China and the UK in the form of face-to-face and telephone interviews including government officials from BIS and the Devolved Administrations, key relevant staff in other Government departments, officials from the Chinese Ministry of Education, key players in the education sector in the UK and China and the managing organisations/agents of the individual strands.
- ✓ Selected consultations with organisations and individuals that have participated in the programme including students, colleges, universities and employers.

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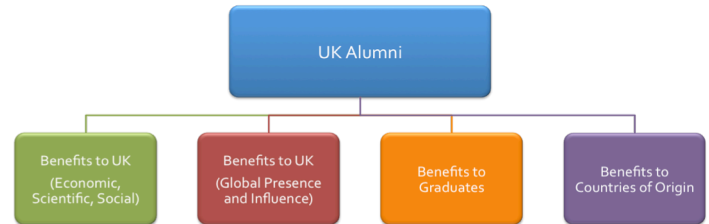
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UK China Partners in Education (UKCPIE)

Capturing the value of international education – provision and partnerships for the UK economy
Impacts of UK Alumni



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Our report (finalised in August 2015) concluded that the programme is **strategically important for both the UK and Chinese Governments as it reflects both countries' willingness and commitment for better mutual understanding of their economies, societies and culture**. China is a global economic player and remains the top non-EU country sending students to study at UK higher education institutions. The evidence clearly shows that UKCPIE is supporting bilateral cooperation and facilitating joint UK-China education and research activities. UKCPIE also provides the framework needed to ensure that specific educational programmes and projects are endorsed and thus can *happen* and enable many other education-related initiatives and agreements to take place.

Minister for Universities and Science Jo Johnson and China's Minister of Education Yuan Guiren signed an ambitious framework agreement on education collaboration at the third UK/China People to People Dialogue in London today (17 September 2015). A total of 23 education agreements were signed at the 8th UK-China Education Summit, part of the People to People dialogue, which will see UK universities and organisations working closely with partners in China to boost joint academic research and student exchange, and to establish new institutions.

Culminating in the signing of a 'UK-China Strategic Framework in Education' both countries announced their commitment to expanding collaboration across higher, vocational and school education, and to work closely together in sports education.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-china-education-partnership-reaches-new-heights>