Chinese Astronauts land on NUST campus

Two Chinese astronauts visited NUST yesterday to share their experiences in the development of space science. The event attracted scores of staff and students, from NUST and the University of Namibia, as well as school children.

Dong is the record-holder of the longest stay in space (33 days), amongst all Chinese astronauts, whilst Yang is the first Chinese female to go to space.

The astronauts engaged the audience and shared their in-depth ‘out of this world’ experiences. The students were keen to know the benefits of going to space and Namibia’s role in China’s missions.

The Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Training and Innovation, Hon Dr Becky Ndjoze-Ojo, addressed the gathering and spoke highly of the ongoing collaborations between the two countries.

An agreement centred on the development of space technology was signed in 2000, and this resulted in the construction of a Swakopmund-based tracking station which monitors Chinese manned space vehicles.

Space technology is applied in services such as weather forecasting, remote sensing and satellite transmissions.

Fun facts:
- Dong successfully planted vegetable in space, which is a first in China’s history.
- Yang spent 3 000 hours training for her space journey.
- The space vehicle tracking station in Swakopmund is one of three Chinese overseas stations - the other two are in Pakistan and Kenya.

Sharing best practices with the University of Oradea

Three lecturers from the Department of Hospitality and Tourism and an International Relations Officer, visited the University of Oradea in Romania for a week. This forms part of an Erasmus+ agreement that was signed earlier this year between the University of Oradea and NUST.

The objective of the mobility was for the transfer of knowledge, developing relationships between the two institutions and the sharing of best practices. The first phase of the agreement has now been concluded with staff exchanges between the two universities. The second phase is expected to end in July 2020.

“My biggest dream is to change the way people perceive local ingredients and get them to appreciate them. I want to be a part of creating proudly Namibian cuisines and then write a book about it,”
- Ronaldo Kathjiheve

NUST student flies Namibian flag high in Russia

Ronaldo Kathjiheve, a third-year Bachelor of Management student was selected to represent Namibia at the 45th WorldSkills Competition in Russia. This is after taking part in the National Skills Competition, an initiative of the Namibia Training Authority (NTA).

The WorldSkills competition, which is currently underway, has brought together more than 60 countries who are competing in 56 vocational fields.

“My achievement made it possible for me to see another part of the world. It motivated me to be the best in what I am doing. You should really not waste your time whilst you are young and take any opportunity that come your way. If you love what you are doing you should not always be worried in getting a monetary reward as these experiences are invaluable and often cannot be paid with money alone,” said Kathjiheve.

He is accompanied by other local competitors who are competing fields such as bricklaying, carpentry, joinery, plumbing and heating.


The competition ends on 27 August.

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