



PRESS RELEASE

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHINESE DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE



The University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) wishes to inform the University community and the general public that, following the retirement of Professor Zhang Xiaozhen, the position of Chinese Director of the University of Dar es Salaam Confucius Institute became vacant. To ensure continuity, stability, and the sustained delivery of the Institute's mandate, the President of Zhejiang Normal University, Professor Qiu Limin, has appointed **Professor Zhang Yanjun** as the new **Chinese Director of the Confucius Institute at the University of Dar es Salaam**

Zhang Yanjun is an Associate Professor of Education at the School of Teacher Education, Zhejiang Normal University, and a respected scholar in comparative and international education. He holds a PhD in Education from Zhejiang University, a Master's degree in Education from Sichuan Normal University, and a Bachelor's degree in English Education from Anshan Teachers College, reflecting a strong academic foundation in education policy and international education systems.

Prof. Zhang has led and completed several competitive research projects at the provincial and institutional levels, and has participated in multiple initiatives at the provincial and ministerial levels. His research interests include higher education internationalisation, Chinese language education, STEM education, and comparative education policy, with relevance to both national reform agendas and global education trends.

Prof. Zhang has published a scholarly monograph, *Research on American Educational Strategy*, and over 40 peer-reviewed articles in reputable Chinese and international journals, including SSCI-indexed outlets. His work has contributed to curriculum reform, teacher education, and evidence-based advancement of Chinese language teaching, and has received formal recognition through provincial academic awards and national policy acknowledgement.

The University of Dar es Salaam is confident that Professor Zhang Yanjun's appointment will further strengthen the Confucius Institute's mandate in promoting Chinese language education, cultural exchange, and academic cooperation, and warmly welcomes him to the UDSM academic community and wishes him every success in the execution of his duties.

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