

Vice Principal International's report to Senate

- A new international strategy was agreed by QMSE at the end of 2014/15, following extensive consultation across the institution during the year.
- A policy on transnational education employment issues was similarly approved, covering terms and conditions as they apply to staff engaged in delivering education offshore.
- A "deep dive" report on managing the risks involved in partnership activity was favourably received by Audit and Risk Committee.
- On-campus visits were hosted involving senior staff from Amity, Keio, Monash and Sydney Universities and the Russian Ministry of Science and Technology.
- Cooperation agreements were signed (during the visit to the UK of Chinese Vice Premier Liu Yandong) with Beijing Foreign Studies University and Northwestern Polytechnical University; the latter aims at new joint educational provision in Xi'an, subject to approval from the Chinese Ministry of Education.
- Staff for the new QMUL Confucius Institute have been appointed in conjunction with Shanghai University of Finance and Economics with teaching due to begin in October and a launch event shortly thereafter.
- The VP (International) represented QMUL during a visit to the UK by leading universities from Vietnam (hosted by the British Council and the UUK International Unit), in the state visit by the Chinese Vice Premier at meetings in London and Cardiff, at the launch of the "Universities for Europe" UUK campaign, and at the Japanese Embassy to celebrate the Sasakawa Foundation. He attended the BUPT/QMUL JP graduation ceremony in Beijing, and will be leading a visit to Pakistan, Bangladesh and China during October, concluding with a keynote address to the China Annual Conference for International Education.