

3 Brilliant Chinese Stars in the One World: Together at Home Concert

By Luo Jiechunyi

In 1985, the epic Live Aid fundraising mega-concert took place. Thirty-five years later, an eight-hour live-stream concert featuring artists from all around the world has raised more than \$120 million to support healthcare workers in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. While One World could not create the same energy as the famous Live Aid event, it was a milestone in a collective moment of crisis. Curated by Lady Gaga and organized by the World Health Organization and Global Citizen, One World could be equally memorable for being a symbol of a shared struggle.

The star-studded concert was broadcast and live-streamed starting at 2 a.m. on April 19th (UTC+8) with support from more than 140 artists. Three Chinese musicians, Eason Chan 陈奕迅, Jackie Cheung 张学友 and Lang Lang 郎朗, participated in this global broadcast & digital special. Get to know these superstars!

Eason Chan 陈奕迅



Eason Chan is an iconic figure in China's mainstream music scene. Born in 1974 in Hong Kong, he has many well-loved hit songs in both Cantonese and Mandarin. A number of his songs are sung by every household in China, such as Ten Years 十年, Depression 浮夸, Your Backpack 你的背包 and Red Rose 红玫瑰. These songs carry the emotions of this generation and represent some of his best work. Initially famous for fairly conventional pop songs, Eason has since shown a creative spirit unconstrained by popular style. He has made breakthroughs by experimenting with various music genres. Through all the bold attempts he makes, his sincerity and passion in every performance never change. One fun fact is that he was also called the successor of Jackie Cheung, the next musician we are introducing!

Jackie Cheung 张学友



Jackie Cheung is a superstar and pioneer in the Chinese pop music industry. There was a popular saying among Chinese in the 1990s: Wherever the wind blows, Jackie Cheung's music echoes. He has countless classic songs whose popularity span generations and several decades—he has even grown popular internationally. Songs such as The Goodbye Kiss 吻别, A Thousand Sad Reasons 一千个伤心的理由 and fast-rhythm

songs, such as Wolf Legend 饿狼传说, Hair Was Awry 头发乱了 are still covered by contemporary pop singers. Recently, Jackie even had a duet with Beyoncé on a recorded version of Can You Feel the Love Tonight?. Apart from his contribution to the music industry, Jackie Cheung is also a role model for other people, receiving the nickname "the Great Guy" in the entertainment industry.

Lang Lang 郎朗



One World: Together at Home concluded with a song named The Prayer performed by Lady Gaga, Celine Dion, Lang Lang, John Legend and Andrea Bocelli. Who is Lang Lang? Lang Lang, born in Shenyang, China, is one of the most successful and renowned concert pianists in history. He has performed around the world, including Buckingham Palace. He even performed during the Beijing Olympic Ceremony in 2008 in front of a billion live viewers. He has released nine studio

albums including Dragon Songs 黄河之子, Lang Lang in Paris 朗朗在巴黎, New York Rhapsody 纽约狂想曲, etc.. Lang Lang is also an active promoter of classical music in China and has successfully made piano learning popular among kids. He won his first piano award at age 5! His unique and enthusiastic style of piano performing has changed Chinese people's perception of this classical instrument.

5 Chinese Phrases to Stay Motivated

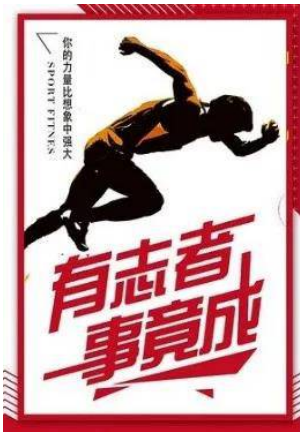
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Currently, PKU students are all over China and the rest of the world completing online courses, working towards their thesis or learning Chinese.

The team here at the Nanyan Observer have compiled five idioms to keep you motivated during this tough semester. Chinese language is filled with idioms that can be traced to its long history.

Some of these phrases are more literary, while others are great folk sayings fun to use in conversation. Nearly every situation and mood can be summarized by an idiom. So, learn these five phrases, keep motivated, work hard and let's all accomplish our dreams.

1.有志者，事竟成 (yǒu zhì zhě, shì jìng chéng) – Where there is a will, there is a way



Found in the famous book 《后汉书》, this idiom describes Geng Wei's heroic actions. He was sent to attack an enemy during a battle in the Eastern Han Dynasty. While fighting, an arrow was shot into his thigh. He then pulled out his sword and cut it out. Of course, he would go on to win the battle. The legend became folklore. This idiom refers to his will and determination to finish his task, regardless of the obstacles. So, pull an arrow out of your leg and continue learning some Chinese!

2.千里之行，始于足下 (qiān lǐ zhī xíng, shǐ yú zú xià) – A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step



This idiom dates back to the Spring and Autumn Period. In his book Dao De Jing 道德经, the famous philosopher Laozi (老子) explains his philosophy of dealing with things before they occur. A big tree comes from a small seedling, a big house begins with a bucket of mud and a journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step. The biggest achievements all begin with small actions.

3.好好学习，天天向上 (hǎo hǎo xué xí, tiān tiān xiàng shàng) – Study hard and make progress everyday



A direct quotation from the founder of the People's Republic of China, Chairman Mao Zedong. This eight-word phrase has been a beloved saying in China for over 50 years. It remains popular today because the importance of studying never changes. This phrase translates to study hard and make progress every day.

4.熟能生巧 (shú néng shēng qiǎo) – Practice makes perfect



This idiom originates from the Song Dynasty. The story goes that one day a talented archer called Chen Yaozi (陈尧咨) was practicing shooting arrows. He was very good so a crowd gathered around him. When he finished, everyone in the crowd applauded except an old man. Chen Yaozi asked the man, "What do you think of my skill?" The old man replied, "Just okay, nothing special." "What can you do then?" said Chen Yaozi. The old man put his bottle on the ground and a coin (with a whole in the middle) over the mouth

of the bottle. He then began to pour oil from a height through the whole in the coin without making any mess. Everyone was amazed. Then the old man said, "I can do this because I have practiced a lot."

5.撸起袖子加油干 (lǔ qǐ xiù zi jiā yóu gān) – Roll up your sleeves and work hard



Voted as a top 10 phrase of 2017, this saying comes directly from President Xi Jinping's 2017 New Year's message. English speakers may recognize the term 'roll up your sleeves and get to work', it is the same meaning.

Of course, add oil, 加油 (jiā yóu), is the common motivational phrase you hear every day in China.

Success only comes from hard work, so roll up your sleeves and get cracking.

Wherever you are in the world, keep motivated, work hard and don't quit on your dreams! We look forward to seeing you all back on campus sometime in the future.

Stay safe and stay strong PKU family!

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"One World, One Fight" PHBS Sends Donations to Friends and Partners in the UK

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• Medical supplies labeled "One World, One Fight" donated by PHBS

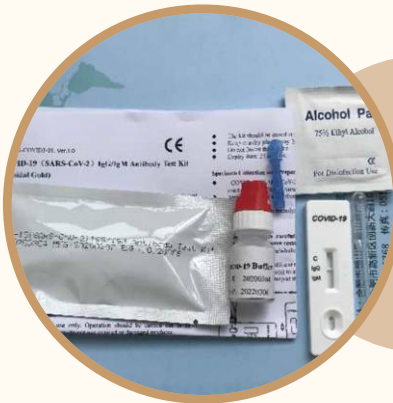
As the coronavirus (COVID-19) is spreading across the globe, many countries are experiencing critical shortages of medical supplies, including testing kits, protective masks, and surgical gowns. To help in the fight against the virus, 11 board members of Peking University HSBC Business School (PHBS) UK Campus shipped 10,000 test kits on March 23 from China to Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust in London, UK. Shortly after, PHBS followed up with another donation of 1,000 pieces of



• On behalf of PHBS, Professor Guy Liu (left), Head of the PHBS UK Campus, ships the supplies to University of Cambridge

personal protective equipment (PPE) clothing, 300 protective medical goggles, and a batch of test kits to Cambridge University Hospitals.

The donations to both the Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and Cambridge University Hospitals came labeled with the uniting message "One World, One Fight."



• Test kits and shipping boxes



• SmartTogether are responsible for procurement and supply chain management for Guy's and St Thomas', and many other NHS Trust

The first donation received essential support from HM Revenue and UK Customs, King's College London (KCL), as well as the Peking University Alumni Association in the UK. Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust is known worldwide for medical breakthroughs and innovation, and their hospitals have a long history. Guy's Hospital and St Thomas' Hospital are among the designated medical facilities which have been receiving and treating confirmed coronavirus patients in the UK.

PHBS was founded in 2004, while its UK campus in Boars Hill, England was established in 2018. The UK campus and other initiatives have strengthened the relationship between PHBS and the University of Cambridge. PHBS recently signed a memorandum of intent with Cambridge Judge Business School (CJBS) for a joint initiative in business and management in Shenzhen. As the first step of the cooperation, PHBS and CJBS launched two non-degree executive education programs focusing on innovation and international management.



• Peking University and University of Cambridge

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Ice Thawing, Fighting Together

Written and Translated by Zhang Wendou



This special winter vacation is very memorable for most of us. Without the laughter of family reunion or clanking of wine glasses with friends, when facing the virus, we also realized the value of health.

Now, Wuhan has made it through its most difficult time. Let this be an example of perseverance and hope for the rest of the world.

COVID-19 has blocked people's way to work and students' way to school. People are working from home on the internet, in Chinese this is often poetically referred to as 'on cloud'.

In light of this special time, in March, PKU and THU students came up with a collaborative idea to encourage the people who are fighting the epidemic using a beautiful song. Even more, two members

of Tsinghua University composed a song, called Wish for Spring to voice their concern and well-wishes. The song was composed by Fan Qian, while the lyrics were written by Chen Yang from Tsinghua University. 22 students from the chorus teams of Nanyan Art Troupe of PKU and SIGS Art Troupe of THU, cooperated 'on cloud' and finished producing the song and video. Everyone sang to pay their respects to the doctors and nurses who fought on the front line of the epidemic resistance and all those who contributed to the fight. We were amazed by the decisive action of the People's Liberation Army during the crisis and touched by the 'armed' body of doctors and nurses in white. The fighters used scientific research as a sword, and a white gown as armor. Facing the instructions of President Xi Jinping, PKU and THU showed the courage and responsibility of Chinese universities: more than 400 medical personnel from PKU's National Aid Medical Team supported Hubei province, and fought bravely on the front line of the epidemic. Their actions displayed benevolence and great love to the world. Multiple scientific research teams at THU have raced against time and made great achievements in research regarding innovative drugs, vaccines, and the development of new detection reagents.

In just two weeks, two special hospitals, called Huoshenshan (the Fire God Mountain) and Leishenshan (the Thunder God Mountain), were established in Wuhan to specially treat those suffering from COVID-19. Furthermore, dozens of medical teams were sent to Hubei from all the other provinces, each province was responsible for one Hubei city. Besides 2 special hospitals, there were over 10 mobile cabin hospitals established in indoor stadiums for patients with mild symptoms.

When we saw the two hospitals of "the Fire and Thunder God Mountain" rising, when we saw the medical staff and the majority of patients in the mobile cabin hospitals help each other, when we saw the number of newly confirmed cases dropping each day in China, when we saw the support from the whole country going to Hubei, it seemed as if it was the warmth gradually melting the snow which feeds the Yangtze River and nourishes China after a cold winter. Love and hope are the only ways for human beings to fight and defeat the relentless disease.

As the war between human beings and COVID-19 is approaching victory in China, the disease has continued its spread worldwide. Facing the worldwide situation, as an "experienced" country, China is

providing a lot of support to countries that are also suffering from the virus, including sending medical materials and teams of experts abroad, which also represent the wishes of all the Chinese.

We wish all the heroes who are still fighting against the epidemic a safe and timely return home.



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In Nanyan, Keeping Calm and Carrying On

By Nathan Faber



Everyone was eager for winter break. It was supposed to be 28 days. Feeling beat after weeks of studying and preparing for finals, students and teachers were desperate for relaxation.

While most returned home or set off to a travel destination, there are a few who remained on campus. At times, the concern and fear that has reached everywhere else in the world also found its way into campus. But the students who stayed—and the staff responding to the situation—stepped up to the challenge. They have kept campus safe for much more than 28 days.

However, in protecting Nanyan, they also became deeply attached to it. Minimizing risk requires less contact with the outside world. Students who decided to stay found themselves in a situation where they wouldn't be leaving campus for months.

Through their efforts, Nanyan was sheltered from the virus and the feeling of safety provided comfort to all. But what was initially planned as an opportunity to focus on a thesis or finally get some rest on a quiet campus, became a period of solitude beyond what anyone was expecting or prepared for.

The Observer checked in with the international students who are on campus—doing their part to keep it safe, finding ways to stay active, supporting each other and awaiting the return of their classmates.

Chinwe Alli, 1st Year, STL, LL.M., Nigeria

What have you been doing most days?

I am usually studying for the ongoing quarter and sometimes I hang out with the other international students on campus. I also take part in some aerobic and climbing activities organized by PKU.

What's been difficult?

Feeding! I feel like I'm on a routine diet! Also the fact that I can't go to the dorm where the other international students stay is another challenge.

What's been good about being on campus?

I like the fact that it's quite safe and I don't need to worry a lot about getting the virus.

What's your message for those outside campus?

Stay safe! Stay positive! This would be over soon.

Gillian Mutyambizi, 1st Year, PHBS, Management, Zimbabwe

How is life on campus?

Life on campus is good. I have adjusted to the whole situation and I try to make the most of my days here!

What have you been doing most days?

Besides attending classes, I mostly hangout and workout with my friends. I also do other activities with our PKU fitness coaches and I've now conquered my fear of heights.

What's been good about being on campus?

Having the whole campus and teaching building to ourselves! It's going to be so weird when everybody else gets back on campus!

What's your message for those outside campus?

Stay safe! This too shall pass!

Samuel Yazo, 1st Year, PHBS, Economics, Colombia

How is life on campus?

Campus is very quiet these days. Life is simple, not a lot of things going on.

What have you been doing most days?

Not much. Apart from online classes and all the work that comes with it, I've been trying to workout in my room, watch Netflix and read.

What's been difficult?

Being inside for so long has been the most difficult thing. There's not much to do around campus as everything is closed. Also, adjusting to online learning has been a challenge.

What's your message for those outside campus?

Try to stay focused and just enjoy spending time with family.

Momir Amidzic, 2nd Year, PHBS, Finance, Serbia

How is life on campus?

Quiet, but considering the circumstances, it's ok.

What have you been doing most days?

I've been spending most of the time working on master thesis. Also, trying to stay active and workout several times a week.

What's been good about being on campus?

Good thing is that there are no distractions so I can focus on working. Also, there is a few of us that stick together throughout this period and try to make life more entertaining, whether it be food, exercising, watching movies, etc.

What's your message for those outside campus?

Stay patient. Hope to see you soon.

Helping Our Furry Friends: Cat Protection Society of PKU Launches Viral Mini-Program

Written by Miko Jiang

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The Cat Protection Society of PKU is a student association who has been taking care of stray cats hanging around the PKU main campus since 2006. Recently, the protection of animals, especially cats, has been a hot topic. While fighting COVID-19, caring for one's own pets is hard enough, there is even less support for stray or abandoned animals. Furthermore, you may have seen the news of several cats around the world testing positive for coronavirus (even a tiger!). Some worry this could lead to a backlash against cats. The Cat Protection Society of PKU is leading the way in demonstrating goodwill and social responsibility.

The society aims to scientifically improve the life quality of stray cats and peacefully reduce their number by sterilizing and re-homing. Besides daily care and medical aid, they have found a home for more than 400 cats and sterilized 90% of the campus's stray cats.

The team noted in their posts, "We encourage scientific aid and adoption. Cats don't belong on the street, a university campus is helpful, but it still isn't heaven for them. We want the public to empathize and harmoniously interact with the stray campus cats."

The team recently celebrated a huge milestone. There is now a WeChat mini-program Field Guide of PKU Cats! It was an extremely welcome and timely release. Amazingly, the mini-program became viral news on some social media.

The program enables WeChat users to search stray cats around campus by name, fur color and current status. The protection team sorts the cats by pure color, cow color, tricolor, ginger and striped. Their current status is shown at the bottom: 'students' (在校) are still hanging around, 'graduates' (毕业) are adopted, 'absentees' (休学) are not seen for some time and dead cats have returned to their home on the 'Meow Planet' (喵星). Each cat has a unique archive consisting of their name, identification photo, physical and personality characteristics, sterilization status, adoption status, family tree and social network. For protection, their activity locations are omitted. Currently, the information is all in Chinese.

Among the tens of cats documented, Little Yellow Duck 小黄鸭 Xiao Huang Ya is definitely the superstar due to his cuteness. The archive says he was born in March 2018 and was sterilized in November of the same year. His personality is very fickle. The gray buttons allow the audience to hear his voice. He gets along well with the Xijie (希杰) family and usually fights against (and loses to)



Yunwu 云雾). A fan of his wrote, "Little Yellow Duck was bullied a lot when he was young because he was an outsider. He has developed good fighting skills since then. Despite his bad temper, his innocent look leads to many people tempted to feed him, and thereafter, several rabies vaccines."

After exploring the mini-program, the story of Changchun (畅蠢) and Xiaoju (小菊) draws my attention. First seen in the summer of 2017, he was named Stupid Chang (畅蠢) because he often fell down to the basement of Garden Chang. There are more white patches than orange on him. As you can see, he has butterfly-like spots around the mouth. He allows people to stroke his hair but not cuddle him. The observers found he doesn't get along with any cats except Xiaoju. Xiaoju was first seen around the campus in 2017, too. He had more orange hair but white gloves. Unlike "food raider" Changchun who stops students on the street, Xiaoju hardly approached humans. He only favored lucky people and allowed them to pet his back and tail when he was happy. Nobody could touch his chubby belly. On April 5, 2019, protectors sadly found him dead from injuries caused by dog bites. "Although students take care of them as much as possible, campus stray cats often die from being hit by cars, diseases and dog bites," the society notes.

"We like the stray cats around campus, but street life is not suitable for them. Moreover, without efficient help and management, abandoned animals can cause environmental or public health problems in cities," the team adds. "Again, please don't abandon your pets. If possible, adopt a pet instead of buying one."

Thankfully, the team is able to prevent many tragedies. Lonely Changchun has ended his street life and found a loving new home. He is one of 10 cats that the society has re-homed.

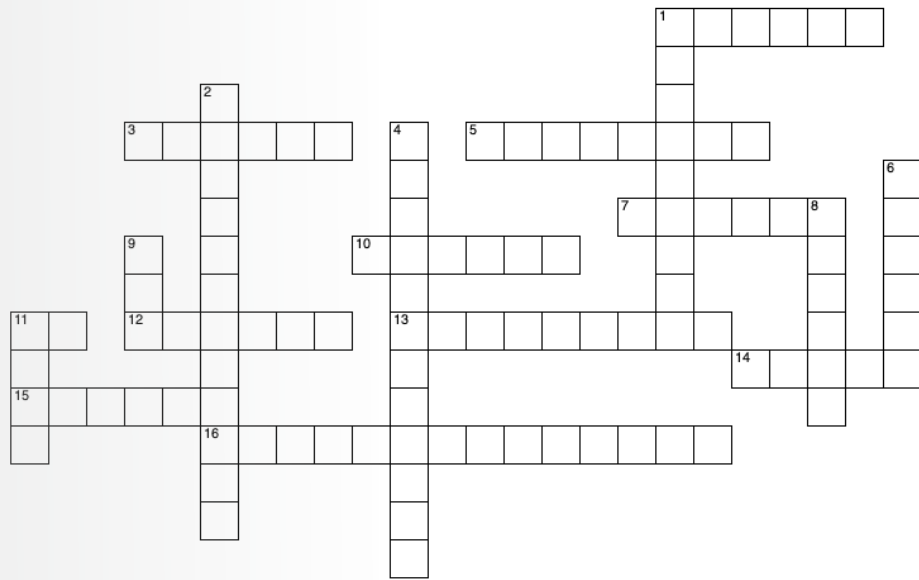
The team has already had a great impact, but they are far from satisfied. Currently, they are recruiting programmers to develop the online mini-program and would even like to include a cat-face recognition function! Who knows, maybe some PKUSZ students will be inspired to start a new chapter of the club for our campus cats.

Observing and documenting is the first step to protection. Let's work together for a better world!



June Nanyan Crossword

Send a picture of the completed crossword puzzle to
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CLUES

ACROSS

- Root vegetable, also a kind of cake
- Yellow tropical fruit
- Sci-fi franchise purchased by Disney in 2012
- Milk tea balls
- Jay-Z's music genre
- Big brother (Chinese pinyin)
- Popular Chinese online shopping platform
- A turkey stuffed with a duck stuffed with a chicken, a dish
- Easy as one, two, _____
- World's largest PC supplier
- Body of water separating England and France

DOWN

- Tobacco roll
- word created to replicate a sound (e.g. "boom" or "meow")
- December 24, holiday
- _____, center of a piano
- Largest hot desert in the world
- PKUSZ neighbor
- Australian coast named after a flashy metal