

Film Review: Contagion

Written by Miko Jiang



a viral influenza that starts with a cough and rapidly leads to seizures, vomits and death. She had symptoms after travelling back from Hong Kong for business. Then, a montage shows that in London, a model gets sick and goes back to her hotel room. Also, a

Visit Shenzhen’s Guan Shanyue Art Museum

Written by Raihboo Yan



Enjoying art exhibitions not only enriches our spare time but also provides creative and intellectual inspiration.

Cultural works of art give people the enjoyment of beauty, and also promote the spirit of culture and art. As ordinary people, we don't have to worry about not being able to fully understand the works. It is meaningful enough to receive a kind of pleasure from the heart, whether it is physical or spiritual, while communicating with the outside world.

Today, let’s walk into the Guan Shanyue Art Museum. It is a special art museum in the cultural heart of Shenzhen, the Civic Center.

The Guan Shanyue Art Museum is a National Art Museum named after the artist Mr. Guan Shanyue. It was invested in and is supported by the Shenzhen Municipal People’s Government of Guangdong Province. Mr. Guan Shanyue was a well-known contemporary Chinese painting artist. He participated in the huge Chinese painting “Such great beauty like this in all our landscape!”, which is now collected in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

The Guan Shanyue Art Museum opened in 1997 and was one of the first major cultural statements of Shenzhen. 20 years later, it is still a non-profit, permanent national cultural institution, and a major landmark in Shenzhen that is open to the public.

The museum mainly collects, researches, displays and promotes the art works of Mr. Guan Shanyue, as well as functions as a National Museum of Modern Art.

The Guan Shanyue Art Museum has various exhibition styles and the main exhibition contents are as follows:

Works of Guan Shanyue

813 works donated by Mr. Guan Shanyue are the core part of the museum’s collection. They cover important representative works of Mr. Guan Shanyue in various historical periods, including landscapes, flowers and birds, and figures. They are also a milestone in the history of Chinese art in the 20th century.

The Lingnan School of painting draws on the style, concepts and techniques of traditional Chinese

businessman looks uncomfortable on a plane to Tokyo and collapses to the floor on a bus. The virus had broken out everywhere. In Minnesota, after saying goodbye to his wife, Emhoff is informed that his son showed the same symptoms and died. The world has no idea about the origin or transmission routes of the novel virus. Dr. Erin Mears is tracking the source of the unknown deadly virus and Mrs. Emhoff seems to be the patient zero in America. As millions become infected worldwide, quarantines are imposed after long debates because the government had to keep the public informed, but not panicked. Meanwhile, CDC and WHO officials work nonstop to identify the origin of the disease and create a vaccine. However, the severity of the situation was leaked by an official to his wife, and then to their family friends and other auxiliary friends. People rushing out of big cities to small towns also aggregates the situation. The whole community starts panicking — stockpiling food, medicines and toilet papers. The government cannot stop the riots or looting. Nor can it stop the freelance journalist Alan Krumwiede (Jude Law) from spreading lies online about a false cure and undermining the credibility of government and professionals. Before long, the contagion goes crazy and bodies were piled up because no graveyard can take them. Speculators are making money out of the spreading fear, while many are fighting against it even at the cost of their own lives. Emhoff donates his blood for vaccine development. Dr. Mears doesn’t stop recording her symptoms for medical research until she is put in a translucent plastic bag. Dr. Cheever gives away his own vaccine to a poor little boy. “The film charts the ways a virus takes over a society, eating away at it from the inside,” says commentator Owen Gleiberman. It successfully captures the wide-ranging reality and human complexity in a pandemic outbreak. Throughout the film, someone suggests the virus might be a bioweapon created by rival countries, it disturbs me how similar our current situation is. In the film, a CDC expert answered, “Someone doesn’t have to weaponize the bird flu. The birds are doing that.” Indeed, we need not hold grudges against each other. This is a fight against an invisible antagonist fought by all human beings. I’m looking forward to the end of social distancing and to hugging everyone in the near future.



painting but infuses modern themes and practices. Guan Shanyue and other important members of the school hold that “ink should follow the times.”

The traditional Chinese painting collection at Guan Shanyue Museum is divided into three parts. In addition to the thematic collection of Guan Shanyue’s works, it also includes a collection of works by Guan Shanyue’s contemporary Chinese painting masters; two, a collection of Chinese paintings by the Lingnan School of Painting; three, representative works of contemporary outstanding young and middle-aged Chinese painters. The collections have become important materials for domestic and foreign scholars to study the 20th century Chinese art and the art of the Lingnan School of Painting.

The museum also has an oil painting collection. The collection is dominated by Russian oil paintings, including works by important contemporary Russian oil painters, such as Litvinov, Gukasoka, Sakarov, Yerimeyev and Zkhalov. In addition, there are also collections of representative works of important painters active in the contemporary international art scene, such as South Korea’s Kim Min-jeong, Denmark’s Ken Denning and Anders Mosholm, and Germany’s Shan Fan, as well as representatives of important domestic oil painters such as Lin Hongji and Wu Haiying.

In addition to some classic exhibitions, there is a print collection and rotating style exhibitions. For example, recently, there is an exhibition called “Spring Sleeping and Dreaming First-Gao Jianfu Works Exhibition.” Gao Jianfu is a predecessor of Guan Shanyue and one of the three original masters of the Lingnan School. This exhibition shows his life-long creation process and to commemorate the best form of the master of the Lingnan School of Painting.

Here comes the tour guide.

How to get there?
Take Metro Line 3 and get off at Lianhuacun（莲花村）Station, Exit A). Walk 300 meters to arrive.
Tickets
Generally free but there may be a fee for special exhibitions
Opening hours
Tuesday-Sunday 09:00-17:00 (Last admission at 16:30, closed on Monday)
Learn about the latest exhibition
Official website: http://www.gsyart.com/gsymsgIndex.action

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Guide to First Arriving at Nanyan!

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Finally, the school is re-opened! New-comers are here!!!
Yeah! It has been a tough time. People around the world are being seriously affected by the Covid-19. But we are managing to come through and continuing to make progress
Are you excited to step into a beautiful campus and start your fantastic journey in Peking University? Are you worried that you cannot fit in the environment within limited time?
You are starting something new. It is normal to face challenges. It is ok to feel a bit lost.
You have done the right thing! **You have picked up the school year’s first edition of the Nanyan Observer. We are here to keep you informed about everything on campus and tell the stories of PKUers.**

Check the 15 great things to know for arriving on campus!



Part I: Accommodation

1.Campus Service Center (“校园服务中心”) is the office that handles procedures and issues related to dorm rooms. It is important to know! They can help you with your registration, like your accommodation, your campus card or that one-day-you-forget-your-room-key stuff.



2.The Campus Police office is in the UTSZ library building, but on the same side of the river as the majority of the PKU campus. Call for help when needed.
Phone number: 2603 3812

3.Convenience stores: there is a new 7-11 and a new Jialefu (家乐福) - You can buy daily necessities, snacks, coffee, fruit and even full meals at these spots. If you are looking for a big supermarket, there is one called “G-Super” in Yitian Holiday Plaza.



4.Printing places: Dorm Building #2; and Building D.
School assignments, student group projects and personal creations all require printing jobs. The

good thing is, you don’t have to go far. **Bring a USB or sign into your WeChat on their computers.** Pay with a campus card or electronic payment.

5.Canteens: there are 2 canteens on the Peking University campus. Both canteens have two floors of food stalls; there is a halal food restaurant on the second floor attached to Canteen 1. **Also, you can visit the canteens of the other campuses in University Town.** Many students like the Tsinghua canteens the most~



6.Gym: a small gym is on the first floor of Yanyuan Dorm Building 5#. Each time you enter is 5 RMB. However, **a month card is 30RMB, 160 RMB for 6 months or 300 for a whole year.** Sure, the space is not wide enough, but if you just want to run or do routine work-out, this one is suitable for you.

a) If the working-out machines don’t satisfy your needs, you can also go to a bigger gym in the Shenzhen University Town Sports Hall. 20 RMB each time.



Part II: Living in University Town

7.Mirror Lake (“镜湖”)Jing Hu is a terrific place for drinking, chatting or spending time with a special someone.



8.The closest shopping center is Yitian Holiday Plaza. You will find it at the University Town metro station.
There are plenty of good restaurants there! Hai Di Lao (Famous Hotpot restaurant)/ Beef Hot Pot/ Starbucks/ Dominos Pizza/ KFC/Beijing Roast Duck/Dim Sum and more at Yitian Holiday Plaza.



9.Metro: There is a metro station near Tsinghua University, which takes about a 15-20 minute walk. The metro station is called, **“Xili Hu” Station (西丽湖), this one is Line 7. University Town Station (大学城)** is about a 20-25 minute walk but is convenient for going to Shenzhen North Train Station or Bao’an (Line 5).

10.Bus: there are bus stops close to campus: “Chun Yuan Lu Kou”(春园路口) and “Beida Yuan Qu (北大园区)”. M176 and #128 stop at both bus stops. However, the bus usually comes in 15 minutes at one time. **Bus 128 goes past IKEA and one of Shenzhen’s best shopping malls, MixC World.**

Part III: Extra-curricular Activities

11.Living on the coast: Shenzhen is a coastal city, so there can be changeable weather. It is better to carry an umbrella with you just in case it rains. Also, check out the great views at **Shenzhen Bay Park, Shenzhen Talent Park or Dameisha Beach!**



12.Student Associations: There will be recruitment for every association when a new semester comes. There is a Climbing Club, Psychology Association, Nanyan Observer News Association, Women Right Association, Marathon Association, Billiards Club and more... **If you are interested in becoming a Writer or Newspaper Designer, you are welcome to join our Nanyan Observer team.** We are looking forward to your participation!!!



13.Swimming pool: There is a competition-size swimming facility in UTSZ. **The environment is nice, especially on weekdays when there is less people.** 20 RMB each time if you carry a student card and pay with the University Town mini-program.

14.Badminton hall: Badminton courts are in the round building on Mirror Lake. You must reserve the courts in advance, it is very popular! During prevention and control measures, you must go to the courts to reserve. However, normally you must use the WeChat account 南燕信息门户 (Nanyan Xinxin Menhu).

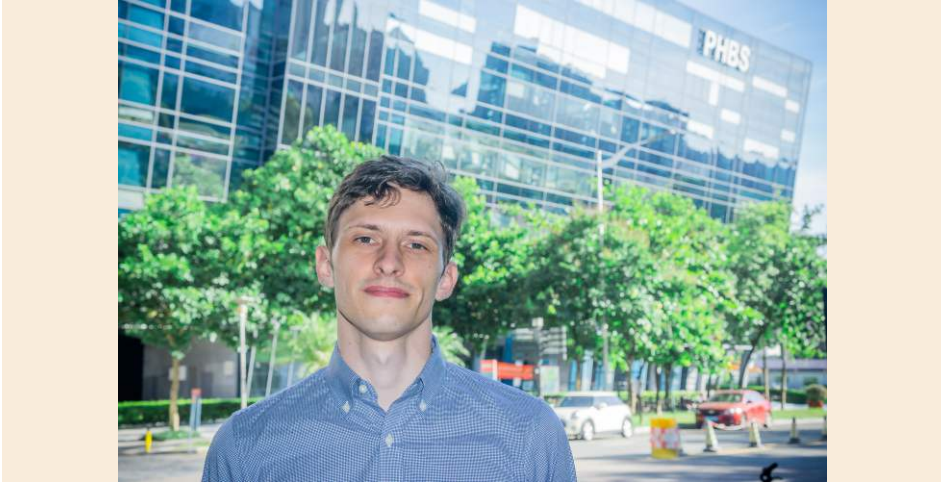
15.One more thing! Get ready to enjoy the start of a new beginning!!!

Welcome to Peking University!



From Coast to Coast: PHBS International Student Graduate Ricardo Glesse

Written by Nathan Faber



In 2014, on his first visit to China, Ricardo Glesse stood struggling to count all the lanes of the Beijing street stretched out before him. The size stunned him. Ricardo grew up in Brazil, gradually moving from rural to more urban areas, but, still, he was overwhelmed by the scale of the city. The infrastructure conveyed incredible movement, development and potential. Beijing's highways and metro lines set him down his own path—exploring the question of “Why doesn't Brazil have this?” This inquiry pushed Ricardo to construct a future in China. In 2018, he moved to Shenzhen to begin studies at Peking University HSBC Business School (PHBS). Recently, Ricardo earned his master's degree in finance at PHBS and now he is settling into his first job and second city in China.

Drawn to China

There are many reasons Shenzhen was a match for Ricardo.

To begin, China's modern reform and development strategy has made full use of the entrepreneurial spirit and potential for trade networks along its coast, especially in Guangdong where Shenzhen resides.

Brazil also has a long coast. At the southern end lays Porto Alegre. Like Shenzhen, Porto Alegre is not a sleepy coastal town for tourists to lounge on a beach. It is a technological and industrial hub where foreign investment, trade connections and industrialization helped it develop its own unique entrepreneurial and international spirit.

The international character of his home region has had a significant influence on him. When Ricardo was young, his father worked in international trade. He would make business trips to attend the Canton Fair in Guangzhou and fascinate Ricardo with his stories and pictures.

At the same time, Ricardo absorbed another aspect of his home region's cosmopolitan culture: studying foreign languages. He took a special interest in English once he began attending a training school with an innovative motivation strategy.

“You would have classes and then after you could play [computer] games. All the games were in English,” he explained, “In a sense, I learned a lot of my initial English in playing games like Call of Duty...I was playing with people in other countries.”

A strong score on the Brazilian college entrance exam earned him a spot to study international relations at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, the top university of his home state. Ricardo decided on international relations because it would allow him to “go and interact with other people” in real life.

With a mastery of two foreign languages already (Spanish and English), Ricardo was eager to start learning Chinese to pair with his international relations studies. He immediately started beginner classes. He also connected with the newly opened Confucius Institute on his campus.

The Confucius Institute provided Ricardo with tremendous resources to accelerate his learning. He took extra classes and participated in cultural events. Through his engagement, he was quick to learn about an opportunity to join a short, immersive language and cultural learning trip to Beijing.

“They were going to pay everything,” he recalled, “so I was like this is the chance.”

The trip intensified his academic focus on China. “I wanted to master the Chinese language as soon as possible,” said Ricardo about returning to Brazil. In the following 6 months, he improved his HSK level from 2 to 4.

By this time, he was finishing up his bachelor's degree. To nurture this sharpening interest, Ricardo's advisor recommended he write about China's financial system because, at the time, there was little information in Brazil on this topic.

“That's how I got interested in finance. By studying the Chinese financial system,” he explained.

With a solid understanding of the Chinese language and financial system, Ricardo began searching for an entry point to start a life in China. PHBS and Shenzhen were the best fit because they presented the challenge he was looking for.

“I was more interested in Asian financial systems so I might as well go to China and learn from them,” he said.

When he started comparing the different options, the academics at PHBS stood out.

“This program looked more technical,” he said. “[If] I'm going to go for a master's in finance, I want to fill the gap in my curriculum that I don't have technical skills.” And even though the Shenzhen campus was relatively new, he was reassured because he regarded Peking University as the “top university in China.” Plus, he was excited to be in a warm climate and close to Hong Kong.

Ready to get technical, he wasn't surprised the courses tested him in his first year.

“[The math] was as difficult as I expected the math to be,” remarked Ricardo. “I think there were other people that were surprised, I was mentally prepared for it.”

Long study nights, daunting review piles and demanding group projects were constants. But these challenges proved rewarding. He mentioned classes, like Corporate Finance, that gave him the exact practical and highly technical knowledge he knew would take his career to the next level.

“The way we learned was not through sitting and reading about corporate finance,” he said. “[It] was a very hands-on experience for what the industry will be like after [graduation] in an investment bank.”

Fortunately, intense coursework did not prevent him from developing new close friendships. For Corporate Finance, he stayed in the PHBS building all night “finding the information and crunching the numbers” on a project with his classmates Soda Coulibaly and Jackson Collantes Huacon. His two partners became two of his closest friends for the rest of his time studying at PHBS.

Little could they have expected those late study nights for their project would only be a fraction of the time they would spend together—because who could have expected a global pandemic?



Taking the Next Step

Ricardo was in Shanghai when COVID-19 disruptions began.

Before the Chinese New Year break, he had worked diligently, applying to dozens of positions, to attain the opportunity to intern at a company he would be enthusiastic to get involved with, Emerging Strategy, an American consulting company. He would be working on market research for international clients.

When the break began, he flew to Shanghai to begin his first professional experience in China. Not long after arriving in the new and unfamiliar city, things took a very strange turn: Shanghai's nightlife stopped, restaurants closed their doors and he got a call from his supervisor telling him not to go to the office.

In a matter of days, COVID-19 prevention and control measures had arrived and completely upset his plans. When he had to walk the city unable to find any food to purchase or eat, the gravity of the situation sunk in.

“During that week all the supermarkets, restaurants, everything closed. That week was very desperate for me. I was like ‘I'm in a different city.’ It was hard to find food,” he recalled.

Ricardo ended up needing to cut his time in Shanghai short and return to the Peking University campus in Shenzhen. Over 80% of the students had left campus for the break and would not be returning.

Coincidentally, Soda and Jackson were still around. The trio was back together, now grappling with what to do considering the upcoming graduation and aching for normal life again: “It's just crazy we could never imagine this could happen,” he said.

Ricardo never changed his plans to push forward and start a career in China. Back on campus, he prepared for his thesis defense and stayed on top of the market research he needed to do for his internship. He began using some of the tools he picked up in his favorite classes at PHBS. Though he says it is not just these skills that have had a big impact.

He believes being able to say he is a “Beida” student is what “convinced them to go to [an] interview.” As he put it, “PHBS definitely opens doors for your CV in China.”

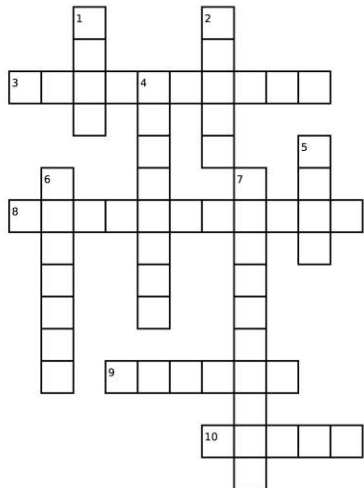
Fortunately, the epidemic situation in China improved quickly. Ricardo graduated on schedule, by which time Emerging Strategy was able to welcome him back to their Shanghai office as a research analyst. He made the move back to Shanghai. His girlfriend, Sydney Chu, who began studies in 2018 at the PHBS UK Campus and also graduated this year, will be starting a new career in Shanghai as well, working as a marketing executive.

Ricardo embarked on his path to a career in China and has overcome the roadblocks along the way. Now, with a fresh master's degree in hand, he is learning how to produce strategies for prominent foreign companies to find their best route into China. Ricardo says as long as he is “growing,” he has no plans to leave. Like the vast streets of Beijing which first gripped him, there is no end in sight for how far he could go.

China Crossword Puzzle

By Ulvi Jafari

Send a picture of completed crossword to
thenanyan@gmail.com for a chance to win a prize!



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- 1.Chinese dynasty engineered one of the earliest forms of irrigation
- 2.3rd largest country in the world by area
- 4.A historic network of trade routes
- 5.Bright, slightly reddish yellow, soft, malleable, and ductile metal that is largely produced in China.
- 6.Who discovered the Terracotta Army in 1974?
- 7.70% of this everyday consumer good were manufactured in China in 2019.

ACROSS

- 3.Initially created for cooking, not as an eating utensil.
- 8.Ancient Chinese civilization used water energy for powering machines.
9. Figure, mythical animal, associated with the emperors.
10. Symbol of Pinduoduo, online shopping platform

‘Legal Frontiers’: the New Podcast from STL

Written by Daisy Xia

In April 2020, Peking University School of Transnational Law (STL) launched the first podcast in its history, ‘Legal Frontiers’. The project is led by Assistant Professor Stephen Minas and aims to be a platform to discuss developments and practices in transnational law. It will dig into the most pressing global issues, including climate change, new technologies, public health, trade relationships and transnational legal disputes, and provide expert analysis and current insights. .

Interview with Professor Minas

We interviewed Professor Minas to learn more about this new initiative.

Professor Minas's research concerns novel transnational processes of law, policy and dispute resolution that address the emerging sustainable economy, and focuses on the nexus of climate change, finance, energy and technology. Before joining STL, he was a visiting lecture at King's College London and an adviser to the Premier of the Australian state of Victoria. In April 2020, Professor Minas was elected as the new vice-chair of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC) of the UN Climate Change.

Here, we were very honored to have an interview with Professor Minas.

1) What is the new podcast?

“The podcast is a platform for research-based analysis of how law interacts with major transnational challenges. Early episodes have featured interviews with STL resident faculty. My expectation is that the format will broaden so that we are also broadcasting guest lectures, panel discussions and other material relevant to transnational law.”

2) Why did you decide on a podcast over other forms of media?

“The podcast is a very versatile form of media. People can listen while they are travelling, exercising etc, and the episodes can be as short or as long as necessary. STL already has other social media accounts, so a podcast is not an alternative to these, but an addition.”

3) What do you hope this podcast can accomplish and what motivates you?

“I hope that the podcast shares some of the research of the STL community with a wider audience, and also starts some interesting dialogues with the broader community of people working on or interested in transnational law. One of the motivations of the podcast is to communicate the creativity of our academic community to new audiences.”

4) Do you feel that STL is at a ‘Legal Frontier’? How does this make STL different from other law schools?

“STL sits on a number of legal frontiers. Its legal diversity certainly makes STL different from most other law schools. At its best, STL fosters a culture of encounter between different legal cultures and traditions, within a context of academic freedom.”

5) Just as you said in the podcast, we are experiencing an unprecedented moment, how do you think this pandemic will affect law in the future?

“The pandemic's effects on law are already uncountable. Just think of the changes to business practices when so much of working life moves into the virtual world, and in turn what this means for

contracts, property, data law etc. The effects on public law, public administration and international law are equally dramatic. Countries which have lived under ‘states of exception’ for months will not emerge unchanged.”

6) You were recently elected as the vice-chair of the Technology Executive Committee of the UN Climate Change, what will be your responsibilities in that position? Do you think working at STL has prepared you in some way for taking on a global role like this?

“As Vice-Chair of the Technology Executive Committee (TEC), I share the responsibility for facilitating the committee with our Chair, help to represent the TEC to other organisations, and also participate in the committee's work in my individual capacity. I think an academic role, particularly one which allows a focus on international law, is very useful preparation for working on a body such as the TEC.”

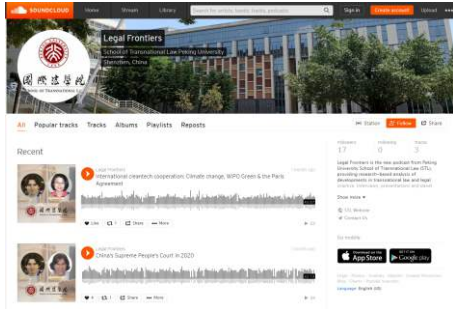
7) You have a very impressive but also very diverse and unique work portfolio, how do you decide on which career directions to go and what projects to take on?

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Listen to the Podcast

Hear much more insight from STL professors and special guests and deepen your understanding of transnational law by becoming a regular listener. Your engagement can help the project grow! Check out all the episodes and stay up to date with the latest content through various podcast platforms.

China: 喜马拉雅 (Ximalaya app)
International: Soundcloud



Companies Based in Shenzhen You Should Know!

Written by Lewis D-G

3) DJI

One of the world's largest developers of commercial drones, founded in 2006, DJI is probably younger than most of the people reading this article! Whether it's aerial photography, videography or surveying drones, DJI is a market leader accounting for up to 70% of the commercial unmanned drone market share. If you have watched a video clip over the last two years, chances are the aerial shots were produced by a DJI drone! This firm also has a presence around the world and has opportunities for both international and domestic students.



4) BYD

Innovating anything on wheels, BYD is a manufacturer and developer of automobiles, buses, forklifts and trucks. More recently, the firm has also branched out into solar panels, rechargeable energy and batteries. With Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway owning roughly a quarter of the company, you know the potential of this innovative company must be huge! For example, Shenzhen's taxis are all electric and environmental friendly, they are all BYD.



5) Transsion

The largest smartphone manufacture by sales, Transsion focuses on the development, manufacturing and services for some of the world largest consumer markets. Transsion is based in Shenzhen and operates mainly in Asia and Africa, with YoY growth of 40% this firm may become a household brand name in years to come.



Shenzhen is often referred to as a city of the future—a true hub for innovation and technological advancement. It is progressing at breakneck speed. It is no surprise that some of China's biggest and most innovative companies are in Shenzhen. From telecommunication and software to drones and medical research, Shenzhen is becoming a world leader.

A major benefit of studying at Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School is your proximity to these companies of the future, especially as many of these firms are now trying to branch out into overseas markets. The Nanyan Observer has compiled a list of companies everyone should know to help you become familiar with Shenzhen's professional landscape.

1) Huawei

Founded by Ren Zhengfei in 1987, Huawei almost embodies Shenzhen's famous historical tale, beginning from humble origins Huawei is now a global leader in smartphones, communications technology, technological infrastructure and information services. In 2020, Huawei overtook Samsung to become the world's leading smartphone retailer. With over 100,000 employees, Huawei has a presence in nearly every country in the world, they also have many opportunities available for both international and domestic students through internships and graduate programs, definitely worth a look at!



2) Tencent

You may have not heard of Tencent, but you would have heard of some of their products such as Wechat, QQ and QQ Three Kingdoms. More recently, Tencent has been active in forming partnerships around the world and now owns Riot Games, who developed League of Legends, its subsidiary Timi Studios is developing Call of Duty: Mobile. Tencent is the world's largest video game company and one of the largest social media app designers in the world. With numerous operations across the world in numerous fields, Tencent should always be at the top of your list if you are looking for an internship or graduate opportunity!

