Historic Henan fosters future talent

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Zhengzhou Huimen Middle School focuses on formation of a healthy personality and all-round development of students, said its principal.

Zhou Yunming, president of the Foreign Language School, said the university has collected online resources from renowned overseas schools to help teach students basic and advanced foreign academic research. It also sends teachers to overseas two- to three-month exchange programs.

“Non-emphasis teaching globalized ideas and imparting a sense of social responsibility to improve students,” Zhou said.

The Foreign Language School now has six courses from foreign universities and offers foreign lectures to teach, which not only increases post- to-post teacher communication but also improves the language skills of students.

While learning foreign languages, we should connect the Chinese culture with cultures of other nations,” Zhou added. “Language is a tool, but the forms of communication are various.”

Colorful exchanges

Also opening more to the outside world, many schools in Henan have begun international cooperation and exchange programs.

Henan Experimental High School, founded in 1958, is one of the few comprehensive high schools. One of its students earned a gold medal in the International Mathematical Olympiad, an international debate competition, and the Team Math Olympiad, and has been admitted to reputable universities worldwide.

“Our international classes get students ready for world competition in the future,” said Prin- cipal Shi Huanli. “Students get a global outlook and will translate this to success in their international studies as well as their jobs in the future.”

In addition to those in the provincial capital, Zhengzhou No. 47 Middle School in Luoyang city and Gushi Yonghe High School in Xinxiang city have broadened the international horizon and promoted the comprehensive quality of students through diverse teaching methods.

Gao Zhengqi, principal of Zhengzhou No. 47 Middle School, talks with a foreign educational expert.

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