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A MESSAGE OF WELCOME TO U.S. STUDENTS WISHING TO STUDY IN CHENGDU, FROM THE MAYOR OF CHENGDU



Welcome to those of you coming to study in Chengdu! To support the rapid implementation of the "100,000 Strong" Initiative, the Chengdu American Center for Study Abroad, jointly established by the Chengdu Municipal Government and Global Maximum Educational Opportunities, Inc. (g-MEO) at Sichuan University, will open officially this coming fall. A student currently enrolled in a U.S. university, who plans to study at the Center for one semester or more, will have the opportunity to receive a special scholarship from the Chengdu Municipal Government.

Chengdu is renowned for education in China. It has more than 40 institutions of higher education, including Sichuan University, University of Electronic Science & Technology of China, Southwest Jiaotong University, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, and Chengdu University of TCM. Chengdu is also one of the fastest growing metropolitan regions in China, experiencing strong growth in such economic sectors as electronics and information technology, software development, biology and medicine, machinery manufacture, financial services, logistics and tourism. The Chengdu American Center for Study Abroad will provide you with a curriculum for high-quality academic study, as well as a rich experiential living.

Chengdu is also well-known for its culture and history in China. It is the home town of the pandas, the birthplace of Taoism, and one of the top tourist destinations in China. When you come to study in Chengdu, you will have the opportunity to witness and better understand China's vibrant economy, to experience the long and rich culture of China, to taste the unique and delicious cuisine of Sichuan, and to enjoy the beautiful natural environment.

I wish to thank you for choosing to study at the Chengdu American Center for Study Abroad, and I sincerely wish you a happy and memorable experience during your stay in our beautiful city of Chengdu.

Chengdu welcomes you!

Dr. Ge Honglin
Mayor of Chengdu