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JERSEY AND CHINA DEVELOP EDUCATION LINKS

Over the past few months, the Government of Jersey's Education Department, in partnership with several of the Island's secondary schools, has made excellent progress in forging closer links with China. Together they have worked to create many important new opportunities for students from both Jersey and China.

On 22 October 2015, Hautlieu School (Jersey) was awarded Confucius Classroom status by the Confucius Institute in China. Hautlieu is already twinned with the BaYi School in Beijing, where the Chinese President was educated. The status was awarded to Hautlieu School at a ceremony in London in the presence of President Xi, and will hopefully open up new opportunities for cultural and language development, such as the potential for Mandarin teaching in Jersey.

Following the award, Jersey's Minister for Education, Deputy Rod Bryans and a delegation of Jersey secondary school representatives, joined with delegates from the other Crown Dependencies to visit primary and secondary schools in



Chinese President Xi presents a plaque to commemorate the induction of Hautlieu school into the Confucius Institute.

Beijing and Shanghai on the invitation of the HanBan Institute – the official headquarters of the Confucius Institute.

More recently, Hautlieu school welcomed 92 students from Baiyi School Beijing on 3 February to share ideas and develop new friendships and cultural exchanges as part of the Confucius classroom initiative. Deputy Rod Bryans said: "fostering good relationships with schools in China will provide opportunities for even more of our young people to make international links, broaden their horizons and learn about a different culture."

BEST ISLAND IN BRITAIN



Jersey has been voted the Best Island in Britain by TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice Awards 2015. It has also made the top 10 Islands in Europe. The awards are voted for by millions of travelers worldwide.

Three Jersey hotels also featured on the

list of TripAdvisor's 2016 'Top 25 Hotels—UK'. Hotel La Place, Longueville Manor and Greenhills Country Hotel were amongst the top 15 .

If you would like to find out more about planning a holiday to Jersey, explore [Visit Jersey](http://www.visitjersey.com).



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EXPLORING JERSEY CULTURE

At the end of last year, the Jersey in the UK group gathered together for a festive celebration at the Jersey London Office. This was a great opportunity to reflect on the successful launch of the group in 2015 and to discuss plans for the year ahead.

During the evening we were lucky to be joined by Jersey's Cultural Development Officer, Rod McLoughlin, and Dr Matthew Pope from the Institute of Archaeology at University College London, who is involved in Jersey's ongoing Ice Age Island project. Rod gave the group an interesting insight into the key varied cultural activities currently being undertaken in Jersey which encourage Islanders to engage with Jersey's rich and unique heritage.

We then heard from Dr Matthew Pope who gave a fascinating presentation about the three-year Ice Age Island project. The project is currently in its second year and is being run by a team of experts from Jersey,

the UK and Europe to uncover the Island's prehistoric past.

For more information about the Ice Age Island project:

<http://www.jerseyheritage.org/ice-age-island>

We were delighted that many of our Jersey in the UK members were able to join us for an enjoyable, sociable and educational evening. We look forward to building on the success of the group's inaugural year with planning underway for a series of events in 2016 which will give the group the opportunity to build their networks, stay up-to-date with on-Island developments, and hear more about a number of interesting projects across a range of sectors in Jersey.



Dr Matthew Pope explains the team's key findings and analysis so far, taking us back 250,000 years to the beginning of Neanderthal occupation in Jersey.

Follow the Jersey in the UK [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages for further updates and news about upcoming events.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CENTRE OF THE YEAR

Jersey has been named 'International Finance Centre (IFC) of the Year' for the fourth consecutive year at Citywealth's annual IFC Awards ceremony in London, highlighting the Island's leading position as a centre for private wealth management.

The awards were judged by a panel of international experts from different



financial services sectors, who recognised Jersey as a 'gold standard' jurisdiction.

Jersey Finance's deputy chief executive officer, Richard Corrigan collected the award at the gala ceremony on Wednesday 20 January.

JERSEY PROJECTION GALLERY



Photo credit: Holly Smith

Every evening from 10 to the 14 November 2015, the yellow façade of Normans Commercial Buildings in St Helier, Jersey was used as a backdrop for the projection of many of Jersey's most important artworks. Islanders were invited to view this special public gallery from the Steam Clock where local café Coco Rico served hot drinks and crepes for the crowds.

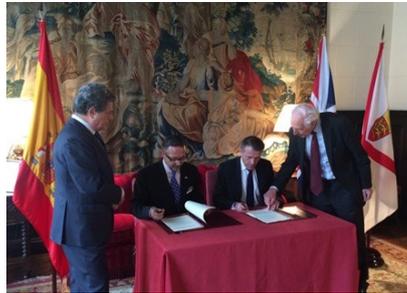
As well as including works from

Jersey Heritage, Les P'tits Faïtchieaux, Societe Jersiaise, Skipton Art Series artists and the Island Games, the exhibition also commemorated Remembrance. The Jersey Projection Gallery was the last in a series of events in the Skipton Art Series 2015 which involved workshops from Street Wisdom, Archilse and pop-up exhibitions with the National Trust for Jersey.

MINISTERIAL BUSINESS

- In November, the Minister for External Relations Senator Sir Philip Bailhache visited the UAE to meet with government ministers and senior business representatives. Whilst the relationship between the two jurisdictions has traditionally focused on financial services and business matters, in recent years there has been broader engagement to include other sectors such as agriculture and wildlife conservation.
- The External Relations team has been strengthening Jersey's bilateral relations with EU neighbours through regular engagement with their embassies in London. On 17 November 2015, Senator Philip Ozouf signed a Tax Information Exchange Agreement with the Spanish Ambassador to the UK, HE Federico Trillo-Figueroa.
- In January, Senator Bailhache met with the Ambassador of Finland and the Acting Ambassador of Romania to discuss key issues of mutual

interest including the UK's upcoming EU referendum.



Signing the TIEA at the Spanish Embassy in London

- Jersey was represented at the UAE and Romanian National Days in December.
- Jersey has also signed a joint declaration with Switzerland on the automatic exchange of information in tax matters. Senator Sir Philip Bailhache, and the Swiss Ambassador His Excellency Dominik Furgler signed the declaration in London on 15 January 2016. Senator Bailhache said that it reflects the close economic ties that exist between Switzerland and Jersey.

Assistant Chief Minister Senator Philip Ozouf recently travelled to Cape Town, joining members of the Government of Jersey's Economic Development Team and representatives of Jersey Finance to attend the Investing in African Mining Indaba Conference 2016 to discuss Jersey's relevance to the mining sector.



Senator Bailhache and Swiss Ambassador H.E. Dominik Furgler

CHANNEL ISLANDS' CHIEF MINISTERS TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS



Chief Ministers Senator Gorst and Deputy Le Tocq with EU Tax Commissioner Pierre Moscovici.

On 12-13 January, Chief Ministers of Jersey and Guernsey, Senator Ian Gorst and Deputy Jonathan Le Tocq conducted a two-day visit to Brussels for a number of key meetings with members of the European community. Meetings were held with the UK, French, Slovak and Maltese ambassadors to the EU.

The Slovak Republic and Malta are due to have the presidency of the EU from July 2016 and January 2017 respectively, so these meetings offered important opportunities to discuss their key priorities for the EU during this period.

The Chief Ministers also met three MEPS from the UK, Ireland and Germany, and the EU Tax Commissioner Pierre Moscovici, who confirmed that Jersey and Guernsey were seen as co-operative jurisdictions and important partners of the EU.

During the visit, issues discussed included EU tax packages and the prospects for the UK's EU reform agenda which may have a significant impact on the Channel Islands. Whilst Jersey supports the aims of the UK's renegotiation, particularly the desire for a more competitive and open EU, Jersey itself has no wish to change its existing

relationship with the EU as set out in Protocol 3 to the UK's Treaty of Accession. The Ministry of External Relations, including the offices in London and Brussels, continue to monitor developments closely.



Chief Ministers Senator Gorst and Deputy Le Tocq outside the European Parliament in Brussels

HACKJSY: FRIDAY NIGHT INNOVATION CLUB



DIGITAL JERSEY

Digital Jersey have hosted their first HackJsy event of 2016. On Friday 15 January, a group of innovative Jersey people got together to discuss ideas and help one another to develop their individual projects. The Friday night events, held at the Digital Jersey Hub, will take place

each month to encourage more people to share their knowledge and ideas with one another in a fun and collaborative environment. Through these regular meet-ups, Digital Jersey hope to emulate the success of the HackJsy Hackathon events in 2015, which brought together a range of participants from developers, to legal experts, to designers to produce innovative solutions in important areas such as digital health and fintech. The Jersey Hackathons will continue to take

place throughout the year, with the next event scheduled for Friday 18 March. Although these events have been hugely successful, the Friday Night Innovation Club offers the opportunity for tech enthusiasts to engage more regularly with like-minded people in order to either progress specific initiatives or simply enjoy experimenting with new technologies and learning from one another in a relaxed and convivial environment.

DURELL WELCOME NEW ADDITION

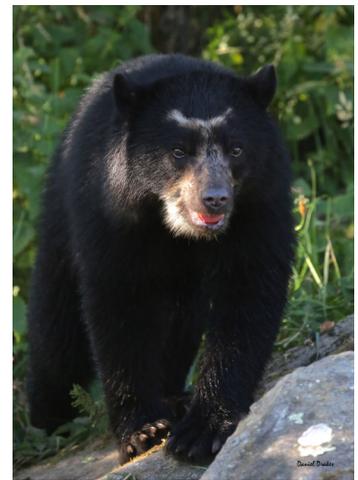
At the beginning of January, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust announced the exciting news that their five year-old Andean bear Bahia became a mother to a healthy cub. This is the first time in 20 years that a bear cub has been born at Durrell and the birth is an important contribution to the European breeding programme for this species.

Andean bears originate from South America and are currently listed as vulnerable in the wild according to the IUCN Red List. The new cub will remain with her mother in a specially designed

den, sponsored by ABN AMRO Private Banking Jersey. In a few months, when Bahia decides that her cub is ready to leave the den, the cub will be seen by the public.

Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust was founded by Gerald Durrell OBE in 1959 with the remit of conserving endangered species. The organisation now has a Wildlife Park in Jersey, many field programmes around the globe and two Conservation Academies, collaborating with international partners to prevent the extinction of endangered species in the short term, and support the development of

conservation capacity for the future.



JFA UEFA APPLICATION

The Jersey Football Association recently submitted an application for membership of UEFA in December 2015. On 9 December, the Minister for External Relations Senator Bailhache, JFA Director David Brookland, and Legal Advisor Dennis Dixon, travelled to Geneva to meet with Mr Theodore Theodoridis, Deputy General Secretary of UEFA, Mr Alasdair Bell, Director of Legal Affairs and Mr. Jacques Bondallaz, Head of Sports Legal Services, to formally submit the application.

The application was a 147 page document setting out the case for Jersey's membership. The Deputy General Secretary announced that UEFA officials would travel to Jersey

during 2016 to consider the case.

Jersey is currently identified as a county by the English Football Association but is hoping to soon be classed as a nation in its own right so that it can compete on the international stage, including taking part in European Championship qualifiers.

Jersey has already been awarded this status by the International Cricket Council, competing in the 2015 World Twenty20



Photo credit: [JFA Website](#)

Qualifiers last summer.

Following this news, the JFA made another exciting announcement in January 2016. Former Premiership player and manager, Brian Little was appointed as the new manager of Jersey's senior football team and the U21 side. Brian Little has been working with the Jersey Football Association as the Director of Football since November 2014. By extending his responsibilities to managing the men's senior team, the JFA hope to draw on Little's significant experience as a former Aston Villa player and manager, and manager of other clubs including Stoke City, Leicester City and West Bromwich Albion, to take the Jersey team forward.