

# **2020** Annual Report Tsinghua University Latin America Center



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### **Part I. General Information**

In 2020, even facing the pandemic, Tsinghua University Latin America Center (hereinafter referred to as "the Center") has made tremendous achievements, especially for assisting Chile for fighting against Covid-19 and jointly with Pontifical Catholic University of Chile and University of Chile for organizing China-Chile week for celebrating the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Chile. Besides, the Center also put efforts on collaborative research, online education, culture exchange, as well as providing bi-lateral educational opportunities for the students from both China and Chile. These activities strengthened the relationship between Tsinghua University and its local partners, and helped to improve the mutual understanding and the trust between China and Chile, and facilitated the further practical cooperation in the fields of economy, trade, education, culture, science and technology.

In addition, during this year, the operation of Santiago office of the Center is gradually getting on track in terms of legal, financial and HR issues. And taking advantage of online tools, the Center organized the first Advisory Committee meeting and the first meeting with Tsinghua University Latin American alumni.

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### **1. Establishment of the Center**

On December 6, 2018, Qiu Yong, president of Tsinghua University, traveled to Santiago of Chile to attend the inauguration ceremony of the Center. The signing ceremony was held at the Center's office in Santiago.

#### **Mission of the Center**

The Center will act as a contact and exchange base, with the mission of enhancing exchange and cooperation between China and Latin America, and developing global competency amongst the students of Tsinghua University. It will work closely with institutions in Chile, and further promote collaboration in science and culture. It will also contribute to the international influence and reputation of Tsinghua, as well as the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative.



President Qiu Yong and Mr. Andrónico Luksic signed the cooperation agreement



Guests attending the opening ceremony of the Center

#### 2. Organizational Structure

#### 2.1 Board of Directors

The Center is the first independent overseas branch built by Tsinghua University, and its establishment process can also be considered the international exploration journey of Tsinghua University.

Under the leadership of Prof. Jinliang Li, the dean of International Office of Tsinghua University, the Board of Directors of the Center was established on March 29, 2019. The Board includes 5 members: Jinliang Li (Chairman), Taotao Chen (Vice Chairman), Bo Meng, Zhe Wang and Dehua Liu. The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held on August 16, 2019, in which Prof. Taotao Chen, Ms. Nan Nan Liu and Ms. Lufang Xie were officially appointed as the Director, the Deputy Director and the Assistant to Director respectively.

Since the establishment of the Board of Directors, several meetings have been held to discuss on the work carried out by the Center and its development direction in the future. A system of countersigning on important decisions has been formed.

#### 2.2 Advisory Committee

As stipulated in the Grant Agreement between LUKSBURG FOUNDATION and Tsinghua Education Foundation (N.A.) INC., the Center is required to establish an advisory committee in Santiago, Chile. The Advisory

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Committee now consists of nine members:

- Mrs. Andrea Tokman, Chief economist, Quiñenco;
- Ms. Hongjuan Gu, Academic director, Confucius Institute of Pontifical Catholic University of Chile;
- Mr. Ignacio Tornero, Carey Lawyer;
- Mr. Jeff Swiryn, Executive Director, Luksic Scholars;
- Mrs. Manola Sánchez, Former Dean of UAI;
- Mr. Peter Morse, Chief of staff, office of the Chairman, Luksic Group;
- Mr. Pu Zhang, President of China Construction Bank Chile Branch;
   President of Chinese Enterprises Association of Chile;
- Mr. Tzu-Hsin Shen, Consultant at Eluchans Abogados & Tsinghua Alumni;
- Mr. Zhong Wang, Director of South America Center of Chinese Academy of Sciences in Chile;

#### The first Advisory Committee meeting

On June 10, 2020, the Center held its first Advisory Committee meeting via online. Dr. Taotao Chen, director of the Center, reported the performance and future plan of the Center to all of the advisory members. During the meeting, the members have actively provided their comments and valuable suggestions on the development of the Center.



The advisory committee communicated with the Center online

### **3. Operation Model**

Tsinghua University Latin America Center (university-level center) and the Center for China-Latin American Management Studies of School of Economics and Management of Tsinghua University (school-level think tank) are operating in an integrated manner. Meanwhile, the Center also adopts an integrated operation of the domestic and the foreign teams, both of which are led by Professor Taotao Chen, director of the Center.

### 4. Team Building

So far, Ms. Yue Gu was recruited as the assistant of the Center in Santiago. Meanwhile, Ms. Lufang Xie was appointed as the assistant to the director. Ms. Tianci Zhang and Ms. Qiaolin Ma were recruited as assistant to assist the director in carrying out various tasks in Beijing.

The research team of the Center is currently made up of Prof. Taotao Chen

and her PhD students; in the course of its operation, the Center has coordinated with the departments and faculty members related to Latin American studies in Tsinghua University to jointly carry out the research on Latin America related topics.

### 5. Chile Office Operation

The Center had completed the registration of non-profit organization, tax number application, business license application, bank account opening and other procedures in Chile in 2019. The funds were deposited into the bank account in Chile at the beginning of 2020 and the operation was gradually back on track. However, it has also been affected by the pandemic:

- In terms of funding, the donation was deposited into the Center's bank account in Chile on March 16, 2019.
- In terms of staff management, Yue Gu 's labor contract has been renewed;
- In terms of financial management, Gestión Global has been assigned to assist the Chile office in its financial operation and management, and Ms. Lufang Xie and Ms. Yue Gu assist the director of the Center in managing and controlling daily expenses of the Center;
- In terms of legal matters, Carey and Eluchans were appointed to provide legal advices and consultations on the management and operation of the Chile office;

Given the pandemic, the office decoration was postponed. However, the Center has been in continuous communication with the Chilean company regarding the renovation program, and has also interacted with the teleconference equipment supplier on the video conference system procurement and installation issue. In the first semester of 2021, the Center will work actively to move this project forward.

### Part II. The Performance of the Center

### 1. Fighting against Covid-19

During the pandemic, the Center has been continuously supporting the anti-pandemic activities in Chile and other Latin American countries by hosting several seminars related to Covid-19 prevention and control, carrying out joint research projects on this topic, promoting the exchange and cooperation between Chinese and Latin American universities in the field of online education, and assisting the donations from Chinese and Chilean institutions to fight against Covid-19.

In recognition of the Center's efforts and contributions, on November 27, 2020, the Center was awarded the honor of "Advanced Group of Tsinghua University in Fighting against Covid-19".



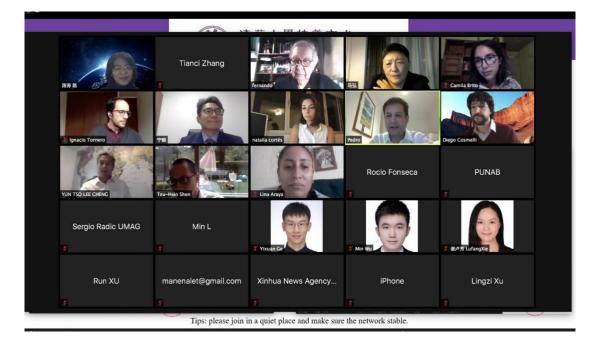
Left: The Center was awarded " Advanced Group of Tsinghua University in Fighting against Covid-19"

Right: Presentation of the award to the Center team by Mrs. Meng Bo, Deputy Dean of International Affairs, Tsinghua University

# 1.1. Celebrating seminars on sharing experience in fighting against Covid-19

# 1.1.1. Online seminar on "Sharing China's experience in fighting against the Covid-19"

On March 27 (Beijing time), the Center hosted an online seminar on "Sharing China' s experience with Chile and Latin America on fighting against the Covid-19". More than 130 people participated in this videoconference, including: authorities and medical experts from Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, University of Chile, UNAB and UDD; representatives from ECLAC, Chilean Embassy in China, Corfo (Production Development Corporation, full name in Spanish Corporación de Fomento de la Producción), ProChile, InvestChile and other government agencies; as well as representatives from Fundación País Digital, Security Bank, China Construction Bank, Bank of China, China Power Investment Corporation, China Harbour, Huawei, Nuctech, Dahua Group and Didi Chuxing, etc.



webinar on "Sharing China' s experience with Chile and Latin America in fighting against the Covid-19"

In this seminar, Dr. Hong Ma, member of the expert group on new coronavirus pneumonia of the National Health Commission of China, and Dr. Yi Ning (executive director of Peking University Meinian Public Health Research Institute & epidemiologist) were invited to share with representatives from different sectors of Chile their experiences and reflections in the fight against Covid-19, and also to provide detailed explanations on specific questions raised by the participants.

This online seminar was co-organized by Fundación País Digital, Pontifical

Catholic University of Chile, University of Chile, UNAB and UDD.

# 1.1.2. Dialogue on "Confronting Covid-19: What we can learn and think"

On April 14, 2020, Tsinghua University Latin America Center and the Center for International Studies of Pontifical Catholic University of Chile jointly organized an online dialogue entitled **"Confronting Covid-19: What we can learn and think"**, in which more than **160** representatives from the academic, political and private sectors of Chile and other Latin American countries have participated.



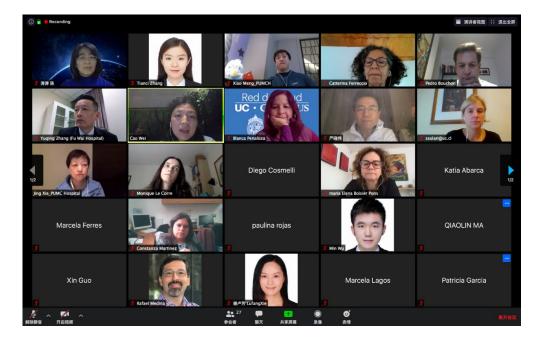
# Dialogue

Prof. Taotao Chen shared with the participants the effective approach taken by China in response to the pandemic, the economic reactivation plan, the role of China in the world postpandemic, the changing situation of globalization in the context of the pandemic, as well as other topics.

# 1.1.3. Online seminar on "sharing Covid-19 diagnosis experience"

On April 23, 2020, the Center and Pontifical Catholic University of Chile jointly organized an online meeting on **"Sharing Covid-19 diagnosis experience"**. Authoritative medical experts from the Peking Union Medical College Hospital and China International Exchange and Promotive Association for Medical and Health Care presented China's experience in the diagnosis of Covid-19 to more than 20 medical supervisors and public health experts of Chile.

According to the medical experts from the Chilean side, this event was very professional and practical, which provided a good guidance to Chilean doctors in terms of diagnosis and treatment of patients during the outbreak.



Webinar on sharing Covid-19 diagnosis experience

# 1.1.4. Online seminar on "sharing Covid-19 Intensive Care experience"

On May 5, 2020, a seminar between Chinese and Chilean medical experts on "**Sharing Covid-19 Intensive Care experience**" was successfully held online. The seminar was jointly organized by the Center and the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. It was based on the positive and effective results of the seminar on "Sharing Covid-19 Diagnosis experience" which was held on April 23rd.

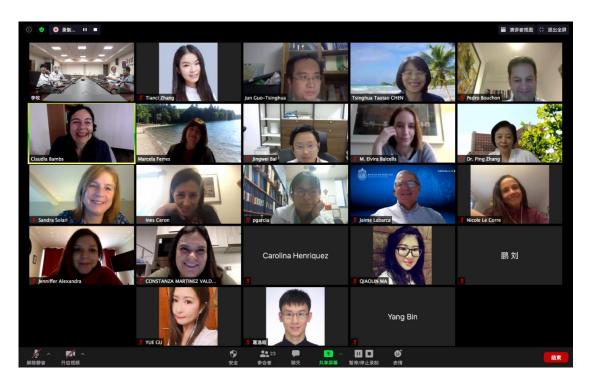
A total of 28 participants attended the seminar, including Chinese experts from Peking Union Medical College Hospital medical team sent to aid Hubei province and Chinese Academy of medical sciences, as well as Chilean experts in the field of intensive care medicine and epidemiology.



#### Webinar on sharing Covid-19 intensive care experience

# 1.1.5. Online seminar on "Experiences sharing between Chilean and Chinese medical experts - on Covid-19 rapid testing"

On August 6, 2020 (Beijing time), Beijing Tsinghua ChangGung Hospital, Tsinghua University Latin America Center and the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile co-hosted the second expert meeting on the joint research project in fighting Covid-19. The joint research project was supported by Tsinghua University Spring Breeze Fund and was kicked off on July 2. The theme of this meeting is **"Experiences sharing between Chilean and Chinese medical experts - on Covid-19 rapid testing"**, which was proposed by the Chilean side according to their needs and the current situation.



Webinar on Covid-19 rapid testing

A total of 22 medical experts from the both sides have attended the meeting, including Dr. Ping Zhang (Vice-president of Beijing Tsinghua ChangGung Hospital), Dr. Zuoxiang He (Director of Scientific Research), Dr. Xiuying Zhao (Director of Clinical Laboratory), Dr. Jingwei Bai (Researcher and doctoral supervisor, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Tsinghua University), Prof. Pedro Bouchon (Vice-Rector for research of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile), Dr. Claudia Bambs (Head of the Department of Public Health), and Dr. Marcela Ferrés (epidemiologist). The meeting was chaired by Prof. Taotao Chen, director of the Center.

# **1.2 Joint Research (supported by Spring Breeze Fund of Tsinghua University)**

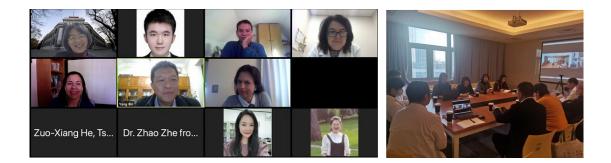
On June 30, 2020, the Center, together with the School of Clinical Medicine of Tsinghua University and the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, jointly applied for the Tsinghua University Spring Breeze Fund in order to collaborate on a scientific research project named **"Experience sharing on Medical care & public Policies toward Covid-19 and economic recovery and trade promotion between China and Chile under the new normal of controlling Covid-19"**, aiming to take advantage of their respective strengths to collaborate and contribute to the fight against Covid-19 and improve the public health governance. The joint project focuses on healthcare public policy and economic

recovery. Research teams from the School of Medicine and the

Department of Economics of Pontifical Catholic University of Chile are invited to collaborate with the teams from the School of Clinical Medicine, Beijing Tsinghua ChangGung Hospital, the School of Economics and Management and the Institute for Artificial Intelligence of Tsinghua University to conduct the research. The purpose of the project is to find solutions to fight Covid-19, improve public health governance, and reactivate the economy through a cross-regional and interdisciplinary approach.



kick-off meeting of joint research project held on July 2, 2020



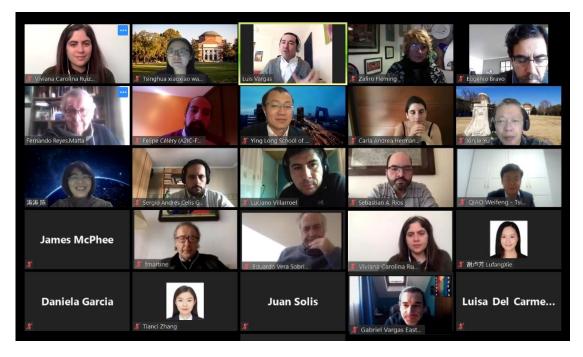


The joint research team held several exchange meetings on research development

# 1.3 Holding webinar on "Experience sharing for E-Learning" with UChile

On April 28, the online seminar on **"Experience sharing for E-Learning"** was successfully held by the Center, Tsinghua University Lifelong Education Office and the School of Mathematics and Physical Sciences of University of Chile. A total of 28 people were involved in this exchange meeting, in which experts from both universities shared their online teaching experiences.

Both sides recognized the importance of online education. Especially in the current serious situation, online education is an effective tool to ensure the continuity of education. Therefore, the purpose of the meeting is to share with each other their experiences regarding online education and have a good discussion on relevant topics. Professors from both universities made keynote speeches to introduce the online education situation and the challenges they were confronting. In panel session, the two sides discussed how to effectively conduct the online assessment and evaluation, and how to make students more involved in the learning process.



Webinar on "Experience sharing for E-Learning"

# 1.4 Actively assisting in the donations of epidemic prevention and control supplies

At the beginning of February, the epidemic situation in China was very serious. After being informed that Security Bank of Chile encountered some difficulties in the process of donating medical materials to China, the Center, with the support of the International Office, actively assisted the Tsinghua University Education Foundation in completing the

#### donation.



In April, the Center received a letter from Mr. Luis Schmidt, the Chilean Ambassador to China, who congratulated China for its great achievements in fighting against Covid-19 and expressed his wishes for a quick end of this pandemic. He also mentioned that the epidemic situation in Chile is getting more and more critical and expected to receive some donation of epidemic prevention and control supplies from China for Chile in this difficult period.

After understanding the situation, the Center immediately reported back to the International Office and the School of Economics and Management of Tsinghua University (hereinafter referred to SEM). With the support of Jinliang Li, the Dean of International Office and Chong' en Bai, the Dean of SEM, the Center quickly worked with the International Office of SEM and developed a donation initiative to raise some funds among the students and faculty members who have been involved in C-MIX program. Alumni, students and professors who have participated in the "C-MIX

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Program" donated more than 40,000 RMB and 2560 medical surgical masks in 3 days. The Center helped to purchase nearly 3000 pieces of N95 medical masks with the donations. On April 17, The Center delivered all these medical materials to the Chilean Embassy in China and the director was kindly received by the Chilean Ambassador to China.



Chong' en Bai, Dean of SEM, guided the donation to Chile



Prof. Taotao Chen and students from SEM delivered the prevention materials to the Chilean Embassy in China and were received by the Ambassador

#### 1.5 Covid-19 Self-Assessment System

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Self-Assessment System Spanish Version Website: https://covid-19-es.tsing-care.com/

Tsinghua University has developed independently the "Covid-19 Self-Assessment System". People could answer the questions online according to their real situation, and then the system will conduct an intelligent analysis, make a risk level assessment and provide an instruction on healthcare and medical treatment. This would help the public to deal with the panic, evaluate the possibility of infection under scientific guidance, and can reduce effectively the burden on healthcare workers and avoid the medical resources overstretched.

The system is available in Chinese, English, French, Italian and so on. Based on this, the Center has been actively assisting in the development of the Spanish version and promoting the system to our compatriots overseas and partners in Latin America, so as to help our Chinese compatriots and Chilean people to better monitor their health status in the context of the worsening epidemic situation and the spreading public panic.

# 2. Activities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Chile

The year 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Chile and China. The Center has planned and carried out a series of academic activities in the fields of economy, diplomacy, medical care, education, science and culture, together with Chilean universities and cultural foundations.

# 2.1 Jointly holding "China-Chile Week" together with the University of Chile and the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Chile, **China-Chile week** was jointly held by Tsinghua University, together with Chile's top universities, University of Chile and Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, from December 14th to December 18th, 2020.

This China-Chile week consisted of a series of webinars covering topics like improving economic performance while taking control of Covid-19, China-Chile relations, China-Chile online education, health care & surveillance challenges during Covid-19, science and technology innovation, and related matters.

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It was held under the support and participation from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, Embassy of Chile in China, Embassy of China in Chile, Corfo, and other government agencies, Tsinghua University, Peking University, Zhejiang University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Fudan University, University of Chile, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, and University of Concepción of Chile, and other institutions.



The poster of China-Chile Week event

2.1.1. First day of the China-Chile week: the opening ceremony and webinar on "Improving economic performance while taking control of Covid-19 -- experience sharing and collaboration"

The opening ceremony of China-Chile Week was held on December 14. Bin Yang, vice president and provost of Tsinghua University attended the ceremony and delivered a speech. Among the guests, there were Ennio Vivaldi, president of the University of Chile; Ignacio Sánchez, president of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile; Zhou Yi, Charge d' Affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Chile; Rodrigo Toledo, Head of the Politician División of Embassy of Chile to China, etc.

The moderator of the opening ceremony was Prof. Eduardo Vera, director of the International Affairs of the University of Chile. Prof. Taotao Chen, director of the Center, and Prof. Lilian Ferrer, vice president of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, attended the meeting.

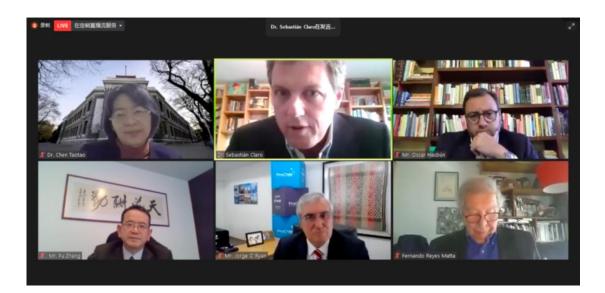


Speech by Bin Yang



Opening ceremony guests

After the opening ceremony, the first webinar "Improving economic performance while taking control of Covid-19 -- experience sharing and collaboration" started. Taotao Chen, director of the Center, and Sebastián Claro, associate professor of Department of Economics of UC, gave keynote speeches. At the same time, the webinar invited Mr. Jorge O'Ryan, general director of ProChile, Mr. Oscar Hasbún, CEO of Compañía Sud Americana de Vapores S.A.(CSAV), and Mr. Pu Zhang, president of China Construction Bank Chile Branch, to attend the panel session and to communicate with the audience.



Guests of the economic webinar

# 2.1.2. Second day of the China-Chile week: webinar on "China-Chile Relations" and book launch

On December 15, the webinar on "**China-Chile Relations**" was successfully held. At the same time, a new book named "Sino-Chile Relationship: an integral approach" which was compiled by scholars of both countries to commemorate the 50-year cooperative relationship between the two countries, was also released at the meeting.

This webinar was hosted by Dorotea Lopez, director of the International Studies Institute, University of Chile. Mr. Andrés Allamand, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile, was invited to give a keynote speech. Ennio Vivaldi, president of the University of Chile, also delivered a speech. In addition, Zhiming Chen, vice president of Fudan University, and Taotao Chen, director of the Center, shared their views from the perspective of academic cooperation. María Mont, professor of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, and Andrés Borquez, researcher of the International Studies Institute of the University of Chile jointly introduced the new book to the audience.



#### webinar on "China-Chile Relations"

The book was initiated by the International Studies Institute of the University of Chile. Scholars from China and Chile participated in the compilation of different chapters. There are 6 chapters in the book, looking back on the achievements of China-Chile cooperation in the past 50 years from the perspectives of history, culture, diplomacy, economy, investment, and thinking about the challenges faced by the relationship between the two countries in the future. This book is a crystallization of wisdom of Chilean and Chinese academics, and a good example of joint research between both countries. In particular, Taotao Chen, director of the Center, and Jin Ying, her doctoral student, wrote the chapter of **"China-Chile Strategic Cooperation"** for the book.



Minister Alamand delivered a keynote speech



The cover of the book jointly written by scholars of Chile and China-

# 2.1.3. Third day of the China-Chile week: webinar on "China-Chile Online Education Dialogue: Envisioning a Shared Future for Higher Education"

On December 16, the webinar of "China-Chile Online Education Dialogue: Envisioning a Shared Future for Higher Education" was successfully held. Eduardo Vera, director of the International Affairs of the University of Chile, and Taotao Chen, director of the Center, delivered opening remarks respectively. Rosa Devés, vice president of Academic Affairs of the University of Chile, and Xiaoxiao Wang, associate dean of Lifelong Education Office of Tsinghua University, general secretary of the Global MOOC Alliance, gave their closing remarks. Professors and students from Chinese universities including Tsinghua University, Peking University, Zhejiang University, Shanghai Jiaotong University and Chilean universities like the University of Chile, the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, and the University of Concepción participated in the webinar. Among them, the four Chinese universities mentioned above and the University of Chile are members of the Global MOOC Alliance established on December 11, 2020.

The seminar included three themes, namely "Our Past - transitioned from pre-Covid to Covid", "Our Present - transitioning from Covid to the new normal" and "Our Future - transition beyond post-Covid into

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the future of education". Teachers and students participating in the seminar reviewed the development of online education before the pandemic, analyzed the opportunities and problems faced by its fast development during the pandemic, and gave their views and suggestions for the future development of the online education.



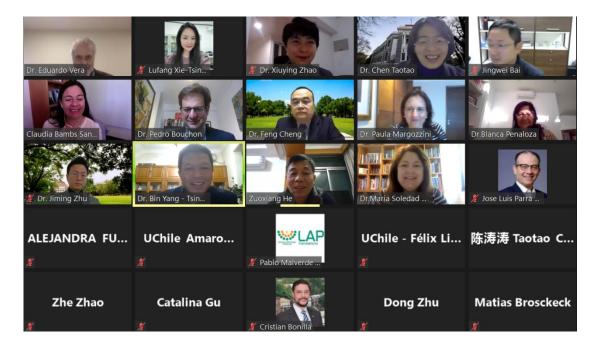
Professors were sharing ideas about the online education Online education has promoted the cooperation between China and Chile, and will further promote the cooperation between China and Latin America. In the future, the Center will continue to cooperate with the Lifelong Education Office to discuss the content and form of China-Latin America online education cooperation, and jointly promote common learning, exchange and collaboration between Chinese and Latin American youths.



Students were sharing ideas about the online education

2.1.4. Fourth day of the China-Chile week: webinar on "Health care & surveillance challenges during Covid-19: experience sharing between Chile and China"

On December 17, the online seminar of "Health care & surveillance challenges during Covid-19: experience sharing between Chile and China" was successfully held. The activity was presided by Dr. Claudia Bambs, director of Public Health Department, Faculty of Medicine of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. She is also the head of the Chilean team of the joint scientific research project with Beijing Tsinghua Changgung Hospital. Dr. Pedro Bouchon, vice president of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, and Dr. Taotao Chen, director of the Center, attended the event and delivered opening remarks. Dr. Feng Cheng, professor of Vanke School of Public Health of Tsinghua University, and Dr. Paula Margozzini, a public health and family medicine expert in the Department of Public Health of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, delivered keynote speeches. Dr. Feng Cheng introduced the measures and experience of China's control of the epidemic from the perspective of public health policy which was the concern of the Chilean medical team. Dr. Paula Margozzini gave a presentation about Chile' s anti-epidemic response strategies and policies, and analyzed the challenges that Chile is currently facing.



Medical webinar guests

In addition, Dr. Blanca Peñaloza, an expert in public health and family medicine of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile; Dr. Xiuying Zhao, director of the Laboratory Medicine Department of Beijing Tsinghua Changgung Hospital; Dr. Maria Soledad Martínez-Gutiérrez, a public health expert in the School of Public Health, University of Chile; Dr. Jiming Zhu, assistant professor at the Vanke School of Public Health of Tsinghua University, attended the conference as panelists.

This conference is an extended exchange and discussion based on the joint anti-epidemic scientific research project carried out by Tsinghua University and the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. The medical teams from both sides worked together to prepare for the meeting. At the same time, the Center specially invited Dr. Feng Cheng and Dr. Jiming Zhu to communicate with the Chilean side considering their need.

## 2.1.5. Fifth day of the China-Chile week: webinar on "Science & Technology Innovation"

On December 18, the last day of the China-Chile week, the webinar on "Science and Technology Innovation" was held. The activity was presided over by Francisco Martínez, Dean of the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences of the University of Chile (hereinafter referred to FCFM). Taotao Chen, Director of the Center, and Eduardo Vera, Director of the International Affairs of the University of Chile, gave opening and closing speeches respectively.

Experts from Corfo, FCFM, Faculty of Engineering of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, and University of Concepción introduced the Corfo Engineering 2030 plan and the development in each university.

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Professors from the University of Chile and representatives of Chinese companies including Huawei, Didi Chuxing, and Zhejiang Supcon Solar Technology Co., Ltd. discussed the cooperation between companies and universities and their views for the future. The Center invited Ming Yang, the president of Tus-S&T Service Group, to participate in the seminar. Mr. Yang introduced Tsinghua's industry-university-research mechanism to Chile through the successful experience of TusPark.



Experts discuss "Science and Technology Innovation"

This event of China-Chile Week was reported by Xinhua News Agency, CGTN Spanish Channel, Voice of Chile, Chile National Congress Library (in Spanish la Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional de Chile), University of Chile, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile and Tsinghua University. More than 300 people have taken part in the events via ZOOM online conference platform, and more than 3,300 people have watched the live webinars through XuetangX platform. The video playback address is as below:

## https://www.xuetangx.com/live/live20201207m001intl/live20201207m0 01/5848046

In addition, University of Chile and Pontifical Catholic University of Chile broadcasted the event simultaneously via YouTube and Facebook.

This series of webinars has achieved very good results. It is an attempt and embodiment of the successful cooperation between Tsinghua University and the two top universities in Chile. On the one hand, it has promoted the collision of ideas and exchange of knowledge between scholars, students, political and business circles in the two countries; on the other hand, it has provided new ideas and opened up new prospects for future China-Chile cooperation and China-Latin America cooperation.

## 2.2 Assistance in the organization of "China-Chile Online Education Week"

In order to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Chile, and to explore innovative cooperation in online education and teaching between Chinese and Chilean universities, the Center has jointly launched the **China-Chile Online Education Week** with the Lifelong Education Office of Tsinghua University, the University of Chile, the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, and the University of Concepción.

The event involved a total of **7** online lectures and lasted for two weeks. These lectures of different themes attracted the active participation of students from universities in China and in Chile, which has laid a solid foundation for exploring future cooperation in online education and teaching innovation between universities in both countries.

During the week, professors from Tsinghua University, Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, and Zhejiang University brought wonderful online keynote speeches to students from China and Chile from November 24 to November 27, covering AI, Big data, psychology, biomedicine, etc. These lectures can be watched through the link as below:

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From November 30 to December 2, professors from University of Chile brought lectures in terms of Latin American politics, artificial intelligence in social sciences, and climate change, introducing the current situation of Chile and Latin America to the students of both countries. These lectures also can be watched through the link as below:

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# 2.3 Support to the series of activities in commemoration of 50th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Chile, organized by the Confucius Institute of Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

From October 19 to 23, 2020, with the support of the Chinese Embassy in Chile, the Confucius Institute of Pontifical Catholic University of Chile organized a series of online seminars celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Chile. These seminars covered different topics of economics, diplomacy, history, culture and academic exchange.

Bin Yang, Vice President and Provost of Tsinghua University, was invited to attend the opening ceremony of the event on October 19 and delivered a keynote speech. He reviewed the important achievements and developments of China-Chile cooperation in the field of education, and expressed that Tsinghua University is willing to cooperate with universities of Chile and Latin America in the fields of public health and global climate change, and to jointly discuss the challenges of the century which human society is facing. Taotao Chen, director of the Center, participated in the webinar on "China-Chile Academic Exchange" held on October 23 as a speaker. She shared the fruitful achievements of China-Chile during 50 years with scholars and politicians from China and Latin

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America, and she gave opinions about the future of China-Chile partnership.





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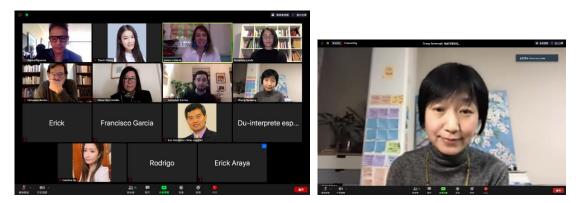
In addition, the Center also promoted the activities to scholars, academic institutions and companies who are interested in Chile and Latin America, and help them in registering and participating in the webinars.

# 2.4 Co-organizing "Return-China" China-Chile Artist Exchange Event, organized by Lustro Foundation

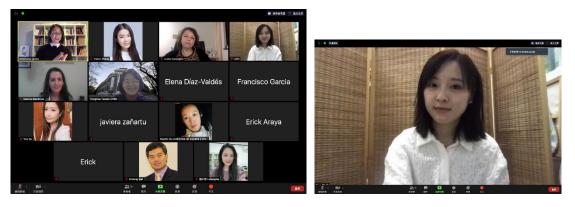
To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Chile, the Center, as a co-organizer, assisted

in the series of activities of "Return China -Dialogue with Chilean Artists in China".

These activities were held online on November 12, 19 and 26, 2020. The organizer was the Lustro Foundation of Chile, and the co-organizers were Tsinghua University Latin America Center and the Center for Latin American Studies on China at Andrés Bello University (UNAB). This event was also strongly supported by the China-Italy Design Innovation Hub and Academy of Arts & Design of Tsinghua University. Dr. Baimeng Zhang and the assistant professor Zhi Mo from Academy of Arts & Design discussed the topics such as China-Chile art exchange and its influence with their Chilean counterparts.



Left: Art webinar on November 12; Right: Baimeng Zhang made a comment



Left: Art webinar on November 26; Right: Zhi Mo made a comment

### **3. International Exchange and Cooperation**

## 3.1 University-level agreement between Tsinghua University and Pontifical Catholic University of Chile

The Center has promoted the university-level agreement between Tsinghua and Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, which has been approved by both universities, and is now being arranged for signing.

## 3.2 MOU signed between the Center and University Andrés Bello

On July 17, 2020, the Center and University Andrés Bello signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by electronic signature so as to promote further cooperation between the two universities. University Andrés Bello is one of the four Chilean universities visited by President Qiu Yong in 2018 and has cooperation with relevant departments of Tsinghua University and the Center in research, faculty exchange, student exchange and academic activities.

## **3.3 Providing support in inviting the University of Chile to join in Global MOOC Alliance**

The Global MOOC Alliance, initiated by Tsinghua University, was officially launched on December 11, 2020. Based on the cooperation in the field of online education between Tsinghua University and the University of Chile, the Center actively assisted the Lifelong Education Office of Tsinghua University in inviting the University of Chile to join in the Global MOOC Alliance, which is helpful for Chile-China hand in hand responding to the opportunities and challenges of global education in the Smart Internet Era under the background of the Covid-19, discussing the role of advanced technologies in the future of higher education, promoting the construction, application and sharing of MOOC and online education, facilitating the achievement of sustainable development education goals. The Center also actively developed communication, exchange and cooperation with other Latin American universities, such as University Adolfo Ibáñez, University of Talca, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP), University of Pacific of Peru (UP), etc.

### 4. Educational Activities

# 4.1 Supporting Tsinghua Global Summer School 2020 and promoting it to Chile and Latin America

Tsinghua Global Summer School 2020 was held in July. The Center actively provided academic support in the activities related to Latin America.



We organized a workshop "Dialogue with former Latin American Ambassadors to China" and a webinar "Learning and growth by going global". Both events were presided by Professor Taotao Chen, director of Latin American Center of Tsinghua University.

During the first activity, we invited Mr. Marcos Caramuru, former Brazilian ambassador to China, Mr. Fernando Reyes Matta, former Chilean ambassador to China and Mr. Diego Ramiro Guelar, former Argentine ambassador to China to share their viewpoints from perspective of personal experience with students on "how to understand China", "Development and prospects of China-Latin America relations" and " how can universities promote understanding between China and Latin America ". This activity helped students to strengthen their knowledge about China, Latin America and china-Latin America relations.



Three former Latin American ambassadors to China walked into the class to communicate with the students

In the second activity we invited Mr. Jian Jiao, vice president of China Minmetals Corporation and Mrs. Lan Gao, Senior Vice President of Lenovo Group to participate in the dialogue. They communicated with students on topics such as the challenges faced by enterprises in internationalization development, learning and growth by going global, countermeasures of enterprises during the epidemic and enterprise development strategy in the post-epidemic era.

The Center also actively promoted the Tsinghua Global Summer School to Chile and Latin America and assisted Latin American students in participating this Summer School. On September 3, due to our efforts and support to the program, the Center was awarded an honor for its " **Special Contribution to Tsinghua University 2020 Global Summer School** ".

## 4.2 Assisting Tsinghua University in recruiting students in Latin America

The Center actively assisted Tsinghua University Graduate Admissions Office in recruiting international students 2021. We have been discussing and cooperating with CORFO on the Engineering 2030 Program, which is carried out under the leadership of CORFO with the purpose of cultivating more outstanding engineering and scientific talents and improving the level of Chilean engineering and science development through the concrete promotion and implementation taken by Chilean universities, and the cooperation with international universities. We have sent the latest enrollment materials, brochures, information sessions and other information to the officials of CORFO who are in charge Engineering 2030 Program in a timely manner. After receiving the information from the center, CORFO quickly forwarded the admission information to many Chilean universities and expressed gratitude to the Center.

At the same time, we also forwarded the admission brochure to our Latin American alumni in order that they could recommend their classmates, friends and family members to apply for Tsinghua University graduate programs if interested.

### 4.3 Promoting Tsinghua Summer Camp to Chile

Due to the global pandemic, offline cultural exchange activities between universities were greatly restricted. Facing the negative impact of the pandemic, the Computer Science Department of Tsinghua University



celebrated "Deep Learning Online Summer School 2020" that welcomed students from all over the world. As requested by this Department, we promoted it in Chile to welcome Chilean students to participate.

During the cooperation with CORFO, we learned that short-term exchange programs contribute to the cultivating talents task of the Engineering 2030 Program. For this reason, we quickly transmitted this summer camp information to CORFO, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile and University Andrés Bello, and received their positive response and publicity. Some Chilean students applied for the online summer camp actively.

# 4.4 Providing opportunities for Tsinghua students to study in Latin America



Since its establishment, the Center has been committed to promoting Tsinghua students' global competency, recommending overseas study opportunities and providing relevant assistance for students. Given the Covid-19 pandemic, students' offline overseas study was affected and

restricted. The Center actively focused on the online learning programs of Latin America cooperative universities. On August 2020, the Center assisted the Global Mobility Office of Tsinghua University in recommending the Spanish Virtual Immersion Course 2020 of University of Chile to Tsinghua students. This course lasted for 11 days with a total of four Tsinghua students' participation. They successfully completed all learning tasks and obtained certificates.

# 5. Participation in domestic and international academic activities

Affected by the epidemic this year, we participated the academic forums and seminars at home and abroad mainly through online forms, so as to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with domestic and international academic institutions, enhance and expand the influence of the Center in academia, government, enterprises, think tanks and other institutions. See Table 1 for specific activities.

Date	Academic Activities			
2020/03/03	Attended the online seminar " Belt & Road and Latin America: Prospects and Implications" co-organized by University of Pacific (Peru) and Inter-American Dialogue. In this seminar Prof. Taotao Chen delivered a keynote speech introducing the connotation and system building of the Belt & Road Initiative;			
2020/05/06	Attended the academic activity "Latin American Studies Methodology" held by the Latin American			

## Table 1 Participation in academic activities

2020/05/28

Center of Shanghai University. Prof. Taotao Chen delivered a keynote speech titled "Reflections on Latin American Studies Methodology";

Director Taotao Chen responded to a signed article entitled "China Changes Narratives: From Origin to Solution the Pandemic" by Cynthia Sanborn, professor of Social and Political Science Department, University of Pacific (Peru), and published an article entitled "Covid-19 pandemic: an opportunity for China to recognize the world and for the world to China - response to professor Sanborn's article" on the website of the University of Pacific (Peru);

On September 1, Director Taotao Chen published a signed article " Seven positive factors for promising 2020/09/01 China-Chile relationship in post Covid-19" in the column "Conexión a China" of the Chilean newspaper Diario Financiero;

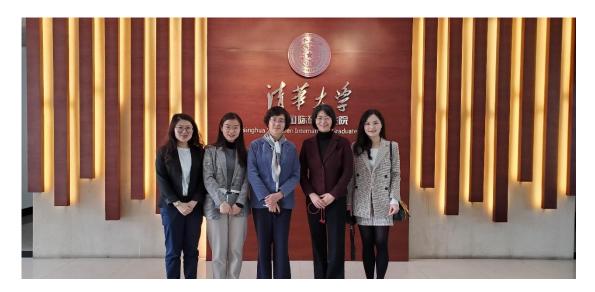
Prof. Taotao Chen delivered a keynote speech at the 2020/09/18 webinar "US-China commercial rivalry and its implications for Latin America", hosted by the

	Atlantic Council Latin America Center;			
2020/11/01	Attended the online seminar "Insight BRI talk-Latin America", hosted by the Student Association of Belt & Road Initiative of Tsinghua University, and Prof. Taotao Chent delivered a keynote speech on China- Latin America relations;			
2020/12/07	Prof. Taotao Chen delivered a keynote speech at the online seminar "China and Latin America in the Biden Era: Five-Year Planning and the Impact of RCEP" , hosted by the Center for Latin American Studies on China of UNAB;			
2020/12/10	Prof. Taotao Chen was invited to attend "China International Economic Cooperation Association Annual Meeting - 2020 International Economic Cooperation Forms Analysis Conference", and delivered a keynote speech.			

# 6. Visits to governmental agencies, universities and enterprises at home and abroad (online and offline)

Due to the impact of the pandemic, international visits cannot be carried out. The Center mainly maintains online communication with foreign partners such as University of Chile, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, University of Andrés Bello, University of Talca, University of Adolfo Ibáñez, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, University of Pacific, and other Latin American universities, as well as government agencies like ProChile and Corfo.

In China, visits and communications are done through online or offline ways depending on the situation. The Center visited Chinese government agencies such as the Latin America Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Commerce, and the Ministry of Science and Technology, companies like Huawei, Tus S&T Service Group, etc. The Center also strengthened the communications inside Tsinghua University by visits or online talks. During the year the Center has visited various schools, departments, administrative units including Tsinghua Shenzhen International Graduate School, Department of Astronomy, Department of Architecture, China-Italy Design Innovation Hub, Global Alliance of Universities on Climate, Lifelong Education Office of Tsinghua University and Center for Global Competence Development at Tsinghua University. These visits are made in order to maintain active and efficient communication and contact with domestic and foreign governments, academia, and business circles, and to promote related cooperation and discussion in the fields of scientific research, academic, education, culture and technological innovation.



Visit to Tsinghua Shenzhen International Graduate School



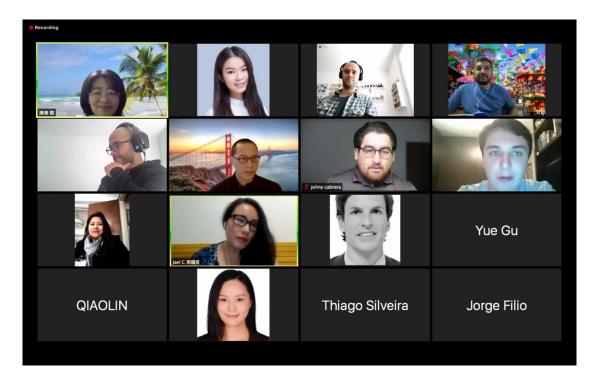
Visit to Huawei



Visit to the Center for Global Competence Development at Tsinghua University

## 7. Contact with Tsinghua Alumni of Latin America

On June 30, 2020(Beijing time), Tsinghua alumni from Latin America gathered online under the organization of the Center. They interacted with the Center and shared the perspective about the future. It was the first Tsinghua Latin American Alumni meeting organized by the Center, with a total of 13 alumni participants from Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico and other Latin American countries.



Latin American alumni of Tsinghua University gathered in the cloud

At the meeting, Professor Taotao Chen, director of the Center, gave a comprehensive and in-depth introduction to the alumni in terms of the Center's establishment background, the mission of the Center, its organizational structure, its development strategy and principal work. The alumni congratulated the establishment and development of the Center. They provided suggestions for the future development of the Center based on their experience. They also expressed that as Tsinghua alumni, they are very willing to work with the Center to promote the understanding and cooperation between China and Latin America.

### 8. Scientific research

### 8.1 Work description

### Research on Chile-China relationship

The year 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Chile. The Center has also carried out relevant research on the bilateral relations development. We have made summary and analysis of the achievements during 50 years of the diplomatic relations between both countries and discussed future cooperation strategies. Mainly there are two jobs we have made:

First, the Center was invited by the International Studies Center of the University of Chile to write a chapter for the book "Sino-Chilean relations: an integrated approach" that was initiated by this same Center to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Chile. In this chapter we made a

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summary and analysis of the internal logic of the friendly relations development in the past 50 years; at the same time, we carefully identified and analyzed the essence of the current two major challengesthe Covid-19 pandemic and the Sino-US dispute. Based on this, we proposed a constructive idea of how to ensure the sustainable development of China-Chile relations under the complex international situation through strategic cooperation. The book was officially published in Chile in December 2020.

Second, at the invitation of Chile's newspaper "Diario Financiero", the director Taotao Chen wrote an article "**Seven positive factors for promising China-Chile relationship in post Covid-19**" which was published in the column "Conexión a China" on September 1, 2020. The article explains what are the seven positive factors, and believes



they will support the sustainable development of China-Chile economic and trade relations after the pandemic.

### **Follow-up study on China's fight against the pandemic**

Since the outbreak of Covid-19 in China at the end of January, the Center has kept close tracking of China's anti-epidemic process. In order to understand and summarize China' s experience in fighting the virus, the Center carried out relevant research in the early stage of the epidemic, including:

- systematically reviewing the construction of the Huoshenshan Hospital and the Fangcang shelter hospital, in order to explore the "China speed" of Chinese construction companies reflected in the epidemic from the aspects of construction quality, construction speed, construction methods, and construction companies;
- explore the possibility of digital technologies to fight the epidemic by sorting out the application situation of digital technologies such as 5G and big data in the epidemic;
- 3) conducting many studies and discussions on China's rapid response to the epidemic prevention and control system, and analyzing the epidemic prevention system with Chinese characteristics by introducing relevant ideas of emergency management.

In the process of China's fighting against the epidemic, doubts and untrue speculations about China's true anti-epidemic work has raised due to tensions in Sino-US relations. In this complex context, the Center wrote a working paper entitled "Covid-19: promoting reflections on China and the World" in May 2020, taking the United States, South Korea, Germany and other countries as the research objects, showing the different countermeasures and corresponding results of different countries facing the epidemic, so as to respond to the world's doubts and promote the reflection.

# Analysis and research of international public opinion on China's anti-epidemic effort

During China' s anti-epidemic process, the Center paid close attention to international public opinion trends, especially the reports from Latin American media. Taking Chile, Peru, and Argentina as examples, we conducted an in-depth analysis and research on the mainstream media's public opinion on China's anti-epidemic work, and formed two research reports in February 2020 and June 2020 respectively: "**Status of Covid-19 transmission and prevention in Latin American countries and relevant recommendations--Based on the analysis of media coverage in Chile, Peru and Argentina**" and "**Analyzing attitudes towards China during the epidemic, and discussing future cooperation paths - taking Argentina, Chile, and Peru as examples**".

Carry out research on "Economic development and trade promotion between China and Chile under the public policy of controlling Covid-19" with the support of Spring Breeze Fund of

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Since China begun to recover its work and production in mid-February, the Center has been paying close attention to and sorting out China' s successful practices and experience in fighting the Covid-19 while resuming production. The Center made a comprehensive and systematical summary about China' s experience in fighting Covid-19 while resuming work and production from three aspects: the macro aspect (for example, economic impact of Covid-19, policies of fighting Covid-19), the meso aspect (for example, local government anti-epidemic work characteristics, and the resumption of production situation of representative industries) and the micro aspect (for example, resumption of work and production of typical enterprise).

In addition, in order to understand the anti-epidemic situation of Chinese-funded companies in Latin America as well as to explore the possibility of learning from successful domestic experience, the Center also cooperated with the CCPIT (China Council for the Promotion of International Trade) to compile a questionnaire entitled **"About the impact of Covid-19 on Chinese-funded companies in Latin America"**. The Center has conducted interviews and surveys with Dahua Group, State Grid Corporation of China, and Power China in Latin America and Africa in November and December 2020, and has been working on the perfection of the questionnaire based on the results of the corresponding

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interviews. Besides, we keep summarizing and reviewing the resumption of work and production of corresponding enterprises.

## 8.2 Publication and Working Paper

No.	Authors	Name of Achievement	Name of Publications, publishing houses, or authorized institutions	Year	Type of Achievement
1	Taotao Chen, Ying JIN	Logics of Sino-Chilean Relationship and Strategic Cooperation in Future	Studies Institute	2020	Chapter of the book
2	Chauvet Pablo, Taotao CHEN Jaimurzina Azhar, Run XU, Ying JIN	investment in Latin	Division of International Commerce and Integration, ECLAC	2020 (114)	Academic paper
3	Taotao CHEN, Min WU, Run XU	the Investment Environment and Opportunities of	Journal of International Economic	2020 (1)	Academic paper

		Chinese Enterprises in Argentina	Cooperation		
4	Taotao CHEN, Min WU, Ying JIN, Run XU	Investing in Latin America: a multi case study of Chinese enterprises	Journal of International Economic Cooperation	2020 (5)	Academic paper
5	Chen CHEN, Taotao CHEN	Experience accumulation and dynamic feedback of enterprises' foreign direct investment Empirical test on Chinese mining enterprises	Journal of Jingji Jingwei Economic Survey	2020 (2)	Academic paper
6	Taotao CHEN, Ying JIN, Lufang XIE, Qiaolin MA, Tianci ZHANG	Analyzing attitudes towards China during the epidemic, and discussing future cooperation paths - taking Argentina, Chile, and Peru as examples	_	2020	Think Tank report

7	Taotao CHEN, Ying JIN, Lufang XIE, Qiaolin MA, Tianci ZHANG	Status of Covid-19 transmission and prevention in Latin American countries and relevant recommendations Based on the analysis of media coverage in Chile, Peru and Argentina	-	2020	Think Tank report
8	Taotao CHEN and Ying JIN	Logics of Sino-Chilean Relationship and Strategic Cooperation in Future	-	2020	Working paper
9	Taotao CHEN, Ying JIN, Yixuan GE, Siqinbilige, Xinyu GONG, Min WU, Binhan HONG	Covid-19: promoting reflections on China and the World	_	2020	Working paper
10	Taotao CHEN, Run XU, Ying JIN,	SGCC's UHV technology Going	-	2019	Business Consulting

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	Operation in Brazil		

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