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Guangdong University of Technology Delegation Visits the University of Crete

The University of Crete welcomed a delegation from **Guangdong University of Technology (GDUT)**, China, on **27 August 2026** at Gallos Campus in Rethymno. The visit focused on the exchange of academic and educational perspectives, dialogue between Greece and China, and the exploration of opportunities for future cooperation. The meeting was organized with the support of the **University of Crete Welcome Office**.

The delegation was led by **Professor Hu Qintai**, University Leader and National High-level Talent Scholar, and also included **Professor Feng Guang**, Director of the Network Information and Modern Education Technology Center; **Professor Huang Rong**, Dean of the International Cooperation and Exchange Office; **Professor Zhu Jian**, Vice Dean of the School of Computer Science; and **Lecturer Wu Wenyan** from the School of Art and Design. **Sen Su, PhD**, from Guangdong University of Technology also participated in the meeting.

During the meeting, the University of Crete presented its international activities, its links with China, and its English-taught and international educational programs. The GDUT delegation, in turn, presented the University's academic and research profile and its international activities.

The program also featured academic presentations by members of the University of Crete community. **Associate Professor Athina Kavoulaki** from the Department of Philology – Division of Classical Studies discussed classical traditions and the dialogue between Greece and China, highlighting the importance of cultural heritage as a bridge for intercultural communication. **Assistant Professor Antonis Angelakis** from the Department of Political Science presented the role of science, technology, and China within the Department's curriculum, while **Associate Professor Nikos Litinas** presented contemporary directions in Classical Studies at the University of Crete.

A particularly valuable contribution came from **Eleni Tsotsi**, a student in the Department of Political Science, who shared her experience of participating in the **YES Program**. Having visited China during the past two summers and preparing to return for an internship, she offered a valuable personal perspective on academic and cultural exchange.



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The meeting included a productive discussion on **Artificial Intelligence and Higher Education**, with a focus on emerging technologies and the applications of AI in education, as well as its role in cultural exchange and mutual learning. The two universities also explored potential areas and opportunities for future cooperation.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity for the exchange of knowledge and experiences, strengthening academic dialogue and opening new possibilities for the further development of relations between the **University of Crete and Guangdong University of Technology**.

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