

Deeper Learning China



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Deeper Learning China Conference Guide

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**We are all one world, especially when
it comes to children.**

—— Larry Rosenstock
Founder of High Tech High



Deeper Learning China
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*Advancing Deeper Learning
Transforming Education Together*



HIGH TECH HIGH

About High Tech High

A World Known Innovative School

High Tech High (HTH) is an internationally recognized network of public charter schools based in San Diego, California. Founded in 2000, HTH is widely known for pioneering Project-Based Learning (PBL) and creating innovative learning environments where students engage in authentic, interdisciplinary projects connected to the real world.

The school's educational philosophy emphasizes equity, personalization, collaboration, and deeper learning. Through rigorous academics, hands-on experiences, and public exhibitions of student work, HTH prepares students to become creative thinkers, effective communicators, and lifelong learners.

Beyond its K–12 schools, High Tech High has become a global leader in educational innovation through the High Tech High Graduate School of Education (HTH GSE), which supports educators worldwide through professional learning, research, publications, and international partnerships. Today, HTH continues to inspire schools across the globe with its commitment to meaningful learning, innovation, and educational excellence.

Larry's Letter

Larry Rosenstock

Founder of High Tech High

A Letter to Participants of the Deeper Learning China Conference



Hello Deeper Learning China!

The 19th Century British writer named Charles Colton once said "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery" – when educators from across the globe come to me and ask 'How can I build an educational system like you have at High Tech High'? I am deeply flattered and feel personally honored.

I receive thousands of visitors from across the globe visiting High Tech High every year. Not only do we have 16 schools for them to visit, we have a Graduate School of Education and an annual conference designed to educate Educators – this is called Deeper Learning. Deeper Learning is designed for Educators by Educators. Deeper Learning held its 7th conference. So, for many years we have been striving and growing to reach and teach and learn with and from educators who come from all parts of the world and all levels of education.

When I was approach and asked if there could be a Deeper Learning China, I was, once again flattered and honored. I immediately said "Yes. How can we help?" So, the international committee, established under the guidance of Dr. Houbin Fang began working with the Deeper Learning team at High Tech High in San Diego, to design and create this Deeper Learning China program for you.

I know, the future belongs to the children of today and since the world is changing, the way we educate needs to evolve as well. Deeper Learning was established to do just that: to bring awareness, experience and education to brave educators, like you, now and for the future.

We anticipate this conference will go on all possibilities of project based learning with their own innovation to create more

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Larry Rosenstock
CEO & Co-Founder of High Tech High
San Diego, California,
USA

亲爱的中国深度学习同行们!

19世纪英国著名作家查尔斯·科尔顿说过“模仿是最高形式的恭维”，所以当来自全球的教育者都来问我“怎样才能办一所像美高科高（HTH）一样的学校”时，我感到大家对我的推崇，荣幸之至。

美高科高（HTH）每年吸引几千名来自全球各地的参观者，这不仅仅因为我们拥有16所分校，还因为我们拥有自己的教育研究生院，以及用来提升教育者的年度创新会议，即美高科高（HTH）深度学习年会。这是一个由教育者设计，并用来提升教育者创新能力的年会。

今年我们刚刚举办了第七届深度学习全球年会，七年以来，我们用激情连结、培养、和帮助来自全球各个学段的教育者，并且互相学习，我们从未停止成长。

当我被问到是不是可以把深度学习带到中国的时候，我，再一次的，感到十分荣幸，我决定这样做“是的，我们怎么来帮助（在中国开展深度学习）？”在这样的想法中，由方厚彬博士牵头的中国深度学习委员会在圣地亚哥的美高科高（HTH）校园成立并开始运作，我们的目的就是要将美高科高（HTH）深度学习年会带到中国。

我深深的懂得未来属于今天的孩子们，因为我们的世界在不停的变化着，所以我们的教育方式也应该跟着变化，这就是我们推动深度学习的主要目的。推广深度学习，交流教育经验，连接像大家一样有革新精神的教育者们，(让我们一起)去深度学习，去改革现有的和未来的教育方法(永不停息)。

我们期望深度学习年会能够超越学校的围墙和我们的想象，像阳光一样照亮我们的项目式学习，合作式学习等创新学习的方法。同时，也能帮助我们的下一代去探索更多未来空间，帮助他们用自己的思维创造令人难忘的学习经历和项目，从而促进他们的大脑发展，贡献于他们的社区和他们的未来世界。

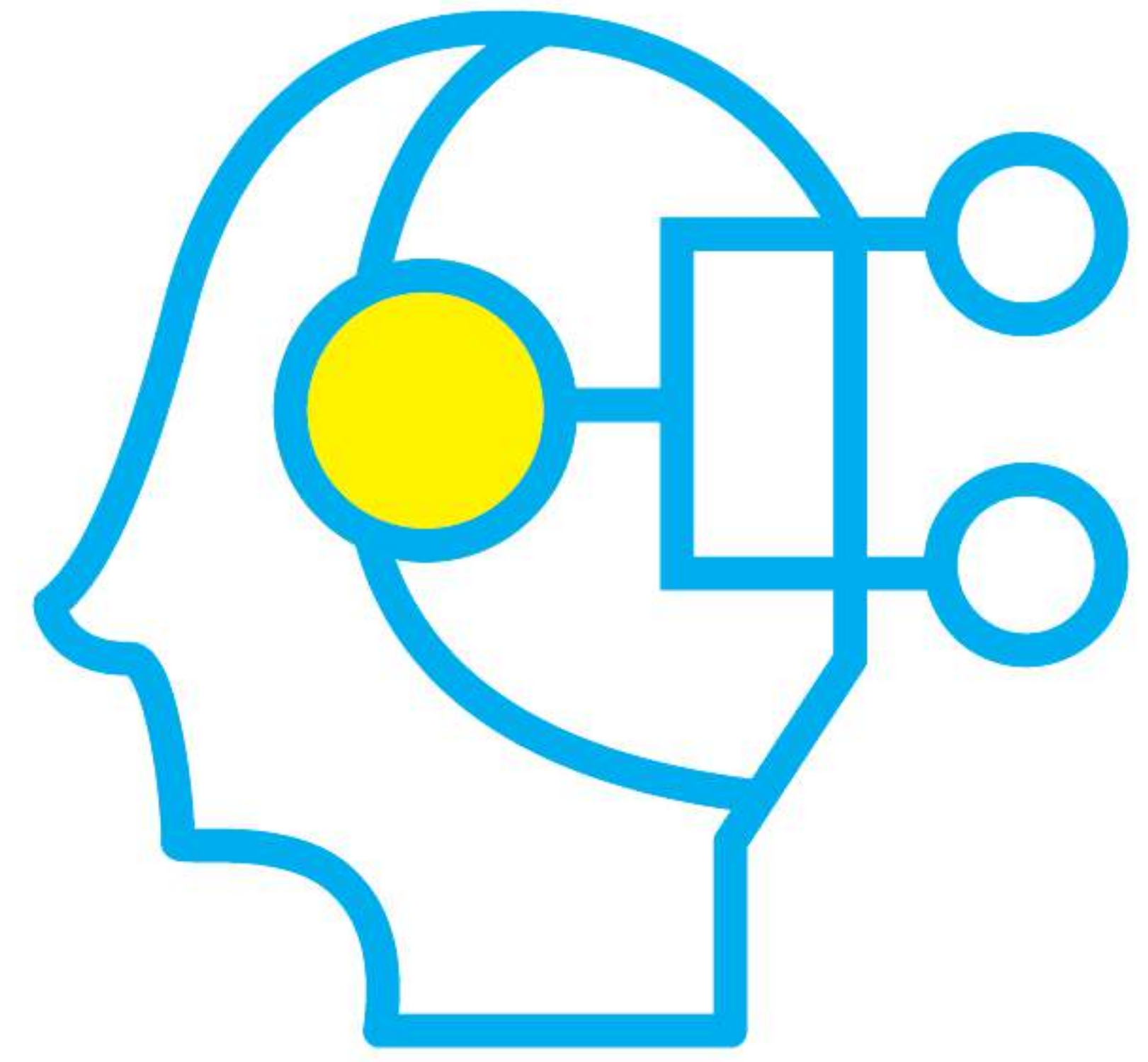
致以崇高的敬意和温暖的问候，

拉里·罗森斯托克

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美高科高（HTH）创始人
于美国圣地亚哥

WHAT IS DEEPER LEARNING ?



Introduced by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation in 2010, the Deeper Learning framework builds on decades of educational innovation in the United States. It brings together key advances in teaching and learning into a coherent vision for education, identifying six core competencies that students need to thrive in school, work, and life.

Deeper Learning Competencies



Content Mastery

Learning requires applying the knowledge from books to real life.



Critical Thinking & Problem-solving

Emphasize diverse approaches to solve problems creatively.



Collaboration

Students need strong teamwork skills and opportunities to develop leadership, conflict-resolution, and project-management abilities.



Effective Communication

Students need to develop the ability to listen actively, think critically, express themselves clearly in writing, and speak persuasively in presentations.



Self-Directed Learning

Students use teacher feedback to take ownership of their learning by managing both the pace and focus of their learning in and beyond the classroom.



Academic Mindset

Students develop an academic mindset while cultivating a sense of belonging in the academic community and the motivation to pursue scholarly inquiry.



About Deeper Learning China

Deeper Learning China (DLC) is a nonprofit educational initiative dedicated to advancing deeper learning and educational innovation in China. Through conferences, professional learning programs, international partnerships, and collaborative projects, DLC connects educators from China and around the world to explore meaningful approaches to teaching and learning.

Founded in 2019 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of John Dewey's visit to China, DLC has grown into one of China's leading communities for educational innovation. Since its inception, the annual Deeper Learning China Conference has brought together internationally recognized educators, researchers, and school leaders to share innovative practices, strengthen professional collaboration, and promote deeper learning in classrooms across China.

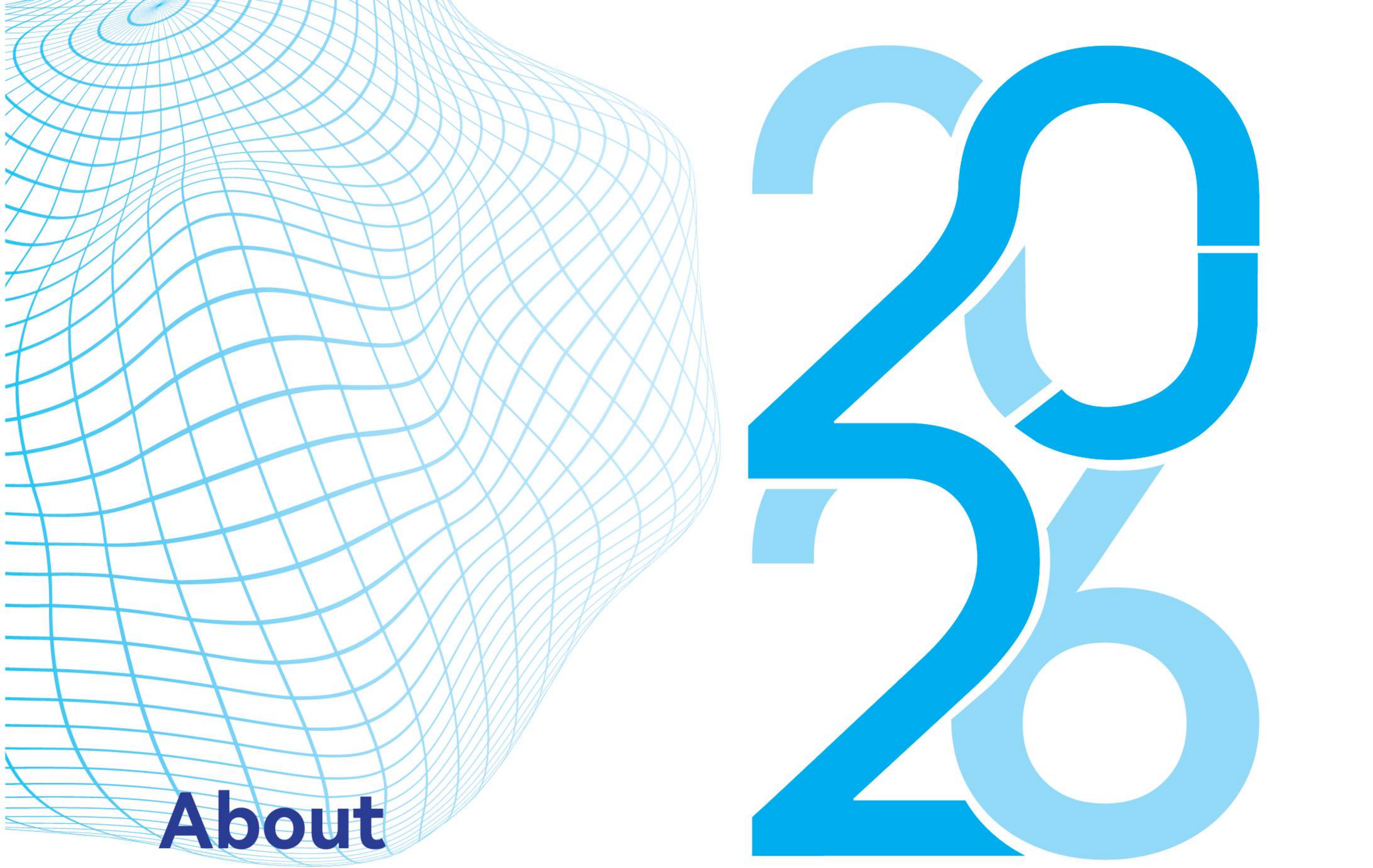
Over the years, the conference has welcomed distinguished speakers and partners, including Larry Rosenstock, Nicholas B. Dirks, Zhu Yongxin, together with leading scholars and practitioners from around the world. Today, DLC continues to serve as a bridge connecting global educational innovation with the future of education in China.



Highlights from Previous Deeper Learning China Conferences







About

Overview of the Deeper Learning China Conference

The **Deeper Learning China Conference (DLC)** is an annual international education conference jointly initiated by **Deeper Learning China**, **High Tech High**, the **New York Academy of Sciences**, and the **China New Education Experiment**, together with other leading educational institutions in China and abroad. The conference is dedicated to fostering international dialogue and advancing innovative educational practices, with the shared goal of shaping the future of education.

Centered on the theme of **Deeper Learning**, the conference explores emerging topics including artificial intelligence, project-based learning, teacher professional development, and student competencies. It brings together internationally recognized scholars, educational leaders, researchers, and classroom practitioners to examine the future of teaching and learning.

As **China's first national conference dedicated to Deeper Learning**, the Deeper Learning China Conference aims to:

- **Promote the understanding and implementation of Deeper Learning in Chinese education.**
- **Foster collaboration and professional dialogue among educators from China and around the world.**
- **Showcase innovative classroom practices and successful educational case studies.**
- **Explore effective approaches to cultivating creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills in the age of artificial intelligence.**

Since its launch in 2019, the Deeper Learning China Conference has grown into one of China's leading platforms for educational innovation. Grounded in classroom practice and driven by international collaboration, the conference continues to support educators in deepening their understanding and implementation of Deeper Learning.



About the Host School 2026

Beijing International Bilingual Academy

BIBA is an international school rooted in Chinese culture and based on modern educational concepts. It is a school that advocates "love and fulfillment," lively, free-spirited, democratic, and harmonious.

BIBA's educational philosophy is grounded in great love, cultivating global citizens with a Chinese heritage. We are a community rooted in China, with the world in mind and focused on our shared future.

BIBA is a school that educates with a conscience at its foundation, deeply rooted in love. With a sincere and kind-hearted conscience, we promote vision based education, returning to the essence of humanity, warming hearts with hearts, accompanying life with life, awakening souls with souls, and allowing teachers to experience the joy of teaching, and students to experience the joy of learning. In this fast-paced era, BIBA is a guardian of "unhurried education," where every child is important, every life is magnificent, and child-centered education is filled with beauty. We see the vividness and beauty of life, embrace the beauty of collaboration in the educational process, and look forward to the excitement of lives blossoming over time.

The relationship between teachers and students is a two-way journey in education and at BIBA, we have many beliefs about love. We believe that education is about learning lessons, attitudes and behaviours that will guide our lives, and the essence of life is the pursuit of love and fulfillment. The essence of education is to improve the quality and value of life. At BIBA, we are committed to creating an educational ecosystem of "love and fulfillment," building the school in to a spiritual home and a haven for the soul.

A community based on love and fulfillment is vibrant, and this vitality is the fundamental driving force for children's growth. Love is the root of compassion, love is the answer to everything. Here, we create more space for love, care, and forgiveness. At BIBA, not only students but also staff aim to support the spiritual and professional growth of every member of the community.

We want BIBA to not just be a school; it is an attitude, a path, a return to the original intention of education's essence.



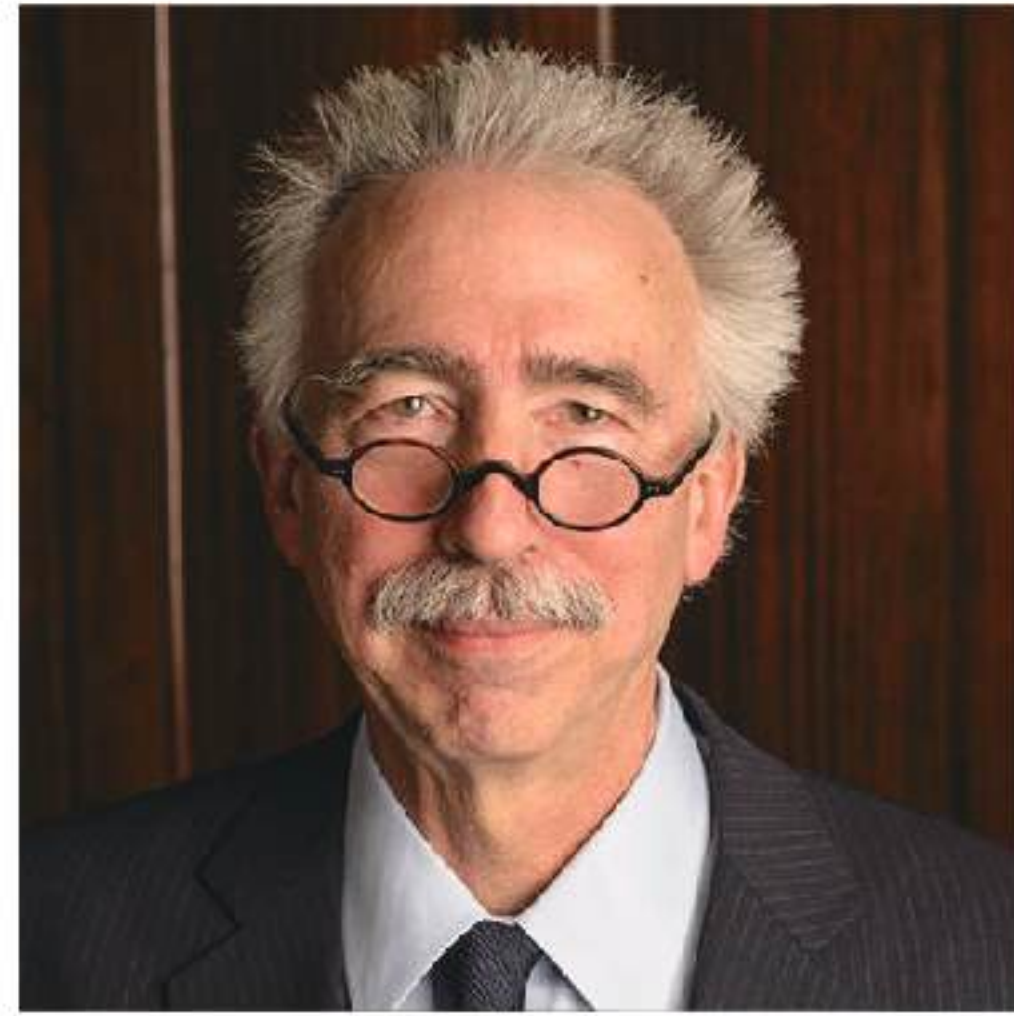


Previous Conference Guests (Selected)



Professor Zhu Yongxin

Founder of the New
Education Experiment



Professor Nicholas Dirks

President of the New York
Academy of Sciences



Larry Rosenstock

Founder of the high tech high



Lacy Szuwalski

PBL Coach, San Diego
School District



Don Berg

Famous U.S. Deeper
Learning Expert



Ben Daley

Dean of the Graduate School
at High Tech High



Tim Hall

Curriculum Innovation Specialist,
North Carolina State Board of Education



Rachel Giannini

Actress in the Educational
Documentary No Small Matter



Michelle Pleger

Director of the
High Tech High DL Center

Previous Conference Guests (Selected)



Mari Jones

Director of the
High Tech High DL Center



Randy Scherer

Director of the High Tech High
Unboxed Center



Jean Cluver

Former Principal of the Elementary
Division at High Tech High



Nuvia Ruland

Trainer at High Tech High GSE
Teacher Training Center



Lena Jensby Lange

Designer at the Danish
National Learning Center



Patricia Lim

Elementary Teacher
at High Tech High



Tina Schuster

Trainer at High Tech High GSE
Teacher Training Center



Tony Simmons

Principal of the American High School
Program in Recording Arts



Sun Xiaolei

Director of Strategic Partnerships
Ambassador for DLC



Tao Qian

DLC International Advisory
Board Member Ambassador for DLC



Nick Pattison

University of South Australia
STEM Education Specialist



Professor Fang Houbin

Professor at Columbus
State University

Conference Highlights

Full-Day & Half-Day Workshops

Dozens of concurrent workshops offer immersive, practice-based professional learning experiences. Participants will engage in systematic exploration of diverse teaching approaches and instructional practices. Led by the High Tech High (HTH) professional learning team, these workshops serve as the cornerstone of the conference experience.

Stage X – Future Education Innovation Talks

A platform where visionary educators and innovators share bold ideas, innovative practices, and emerging perspectives that are shaping the future of education.

Inside Out – A Space for Conversation & Connection

An open, interactive space where participants can connect freely, exchange ideas, and build meaningful collaborations.

Shark Tank – Pitching Ideas That Matter

A platform for sharing innovative educational ideas, classroom projects, and new concepts, fostering inspiration, collaboration, and meaningful connections.

PBL in Action – Classroom Stories

Showcasing authentic classroom projects and case studies from practicing educators, this session highlights real-world experiences and practical insights into implementing Project-Based Learning (PBL) in the classroom.

Deep Dive Dialogues: Conversations on the Future of Education

Bringing together education experts and practitioners to engage in thought-provoking discussions and in-depth exchanges on the most pressing issues shaping education today.

Book Launches & New Initiatives

Discover DLC's latest contributions to education, from the launch and signing of newly published and translated books to other landmark initiatives that highlighting new ideas and collaborations shaping the future of education.

Education Documentary Forum

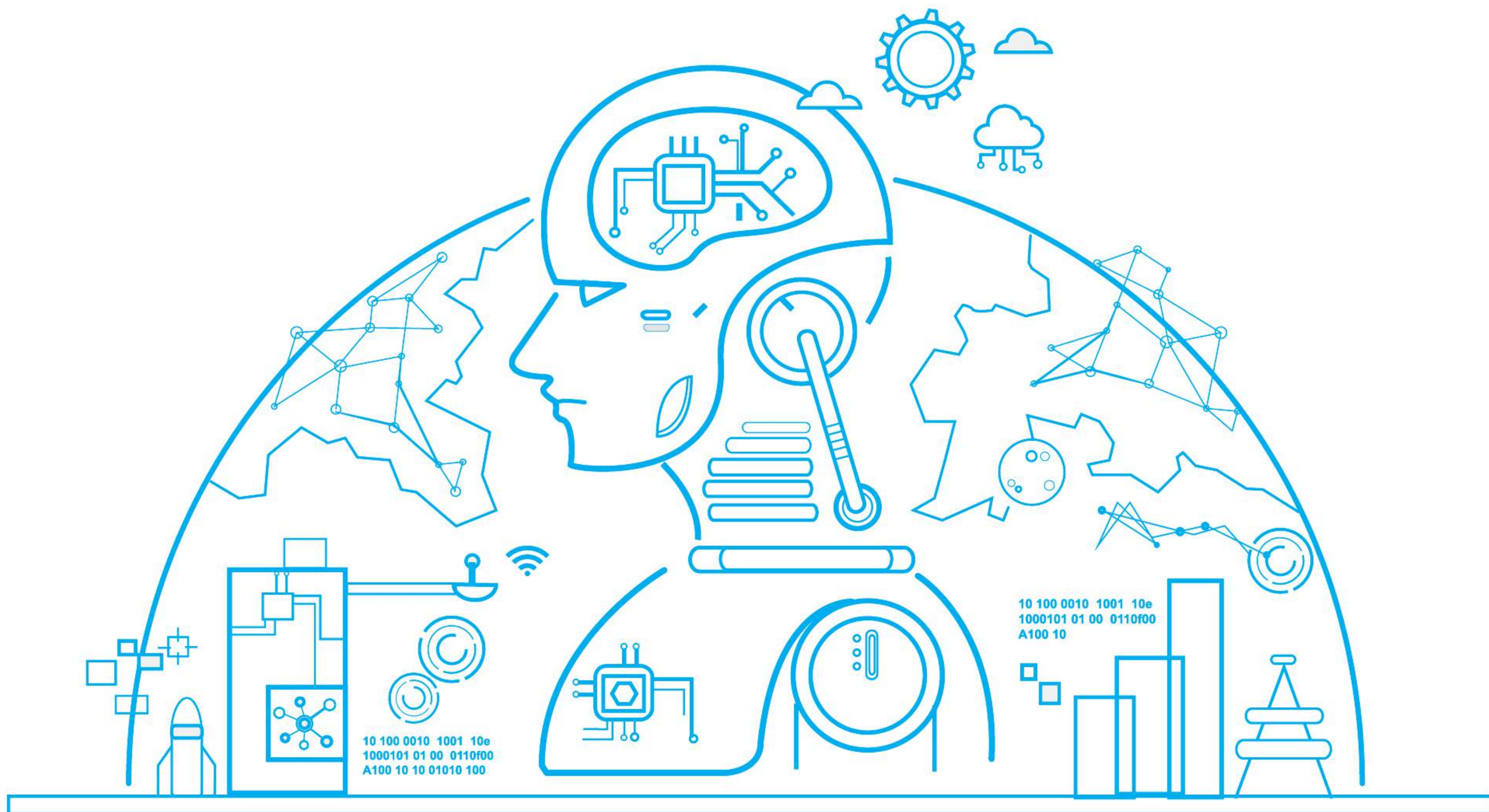
Featuring documentary filmmakers and education storytellers from China and around the world, this session explores authentic stories of educational innovation and the ideas behind them.

Networking & Community

Morning Coffee • Welcome Reception • Networking • Informal Meetups

Schedule

Time		Content
DAY 1	10 : 00 - 19 : 00	Registration
	14 : 00 - 15 : 00	Education Documentary Forum (Parallel)
	15 : 00 - 16 : 00	DLC Talks
	16 : 00 - 19 : 00	Half-Day Deeper Learning workshop
	17 : 30 - 19 : 30	Innovation Expo (Project & Maker Exhibition, Campus Tours, and Book Signings)
	18 : 30 - 21 : 00	Welcome Dinner
DAY 2	09 : 00 - 12 : 00	Opening Ceremony • Keynote Address • New Initiative Launch • Roundtable Discussion
	12 : 30 - 13 : 30	Lunch
	13 : 30 - 16 : 30	Deep Dive Part 1
	16 : 30 - 17 : 30	Shark Tank Stage X
	17 : 30 - 19 : 00	Inside Out Networking Space
DAY 3	08 : 00 - 09 : 00	PBL Flash Presentations
	09 : 00 - 12 : 00	Deep Dive Part 2
	12 : 00 - 13 : 00	Lunch
	13 : 00 - 14 : 00	Gallery Walk
	14 : 00 - 14 : 30	Closing



Become a Host School

Host Next Deeper Learning China Conference

Hosting the **Deeper Learning China Conference** means more than providing a venue—it is an opportunity to become a national leader in educational innovation.

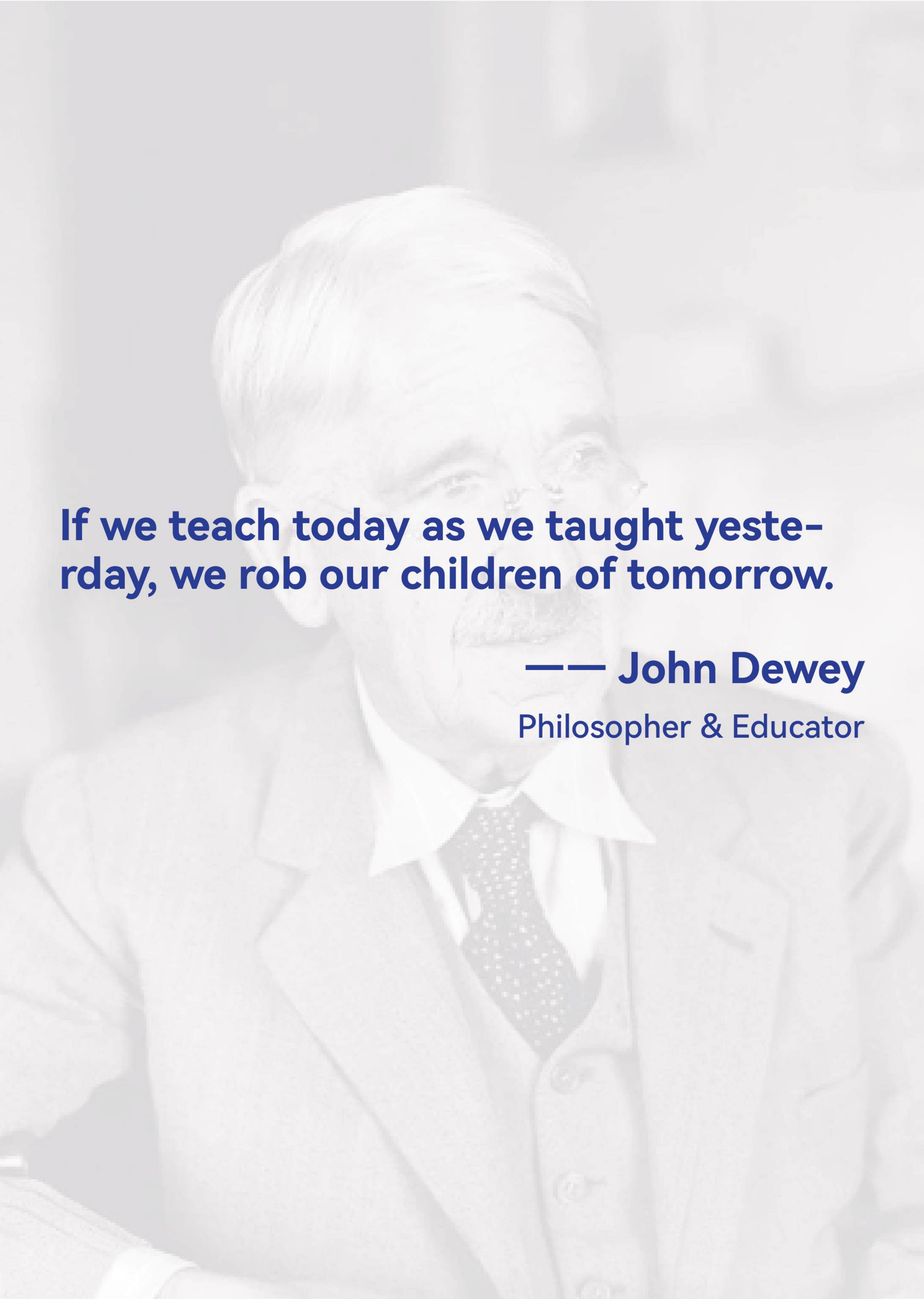
Since its launch in 2019, the Deeper Learning China Conference has grown into one of China's leading platforms for educational innovation. Hosted each year by a different K–12 school, the conference supports schools in advancing the practice of Deeper Learning and integrating it into everyday teaching and learning. Bringing together teachers, school leaders, researchers, and internationally recognized experts from across China and around the world, the conference fosters meaningful dialogue, professional collaboration, and innovative approaches to education in the age of AI.

As the host school, your institution will gain national visibility while strengthening its capacity for educational innovation and professional learning. Hosting the conference also provides a unique opportunity to showcase your school's culture, engage with leading educators, and contribute to shaping the future of education.

By becoming a host school, you will have the opportunity to:

- Showcase your school's educational achievements, innovative practices, and learning culture.
- Build meaningful partnerships with leading schools, educational organizations, and international experts.
 - Strengthen teacher professional learning and foster a culture of continuous innovation.
- Inspire educators nationwide by sharing your school's successful experiences and educational vision.
 - Position your school as a leader in advancing Deeper Learning in China.

We warmly invite schools that are committed to educational innovation and meaningful learning to become future host schools for the Deeper Learning China Conference. Together, we can build a stronger community of educators and inspire lasting improvements in teaching and learning across China.



If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow.

—— John Dewey
Philosopher & Educator

See You in Beijing

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