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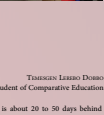
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RED ENVELOPES

I am forever grateful for the visit of the Vice President of BNU, Professor Zhou Zaoyu and Ms. Ai Xin, the Director of International Students Office and above all to Mr. Masiao who have been there for us in all time. Within that short time, I was touched by the unique qualities of the vice president Professor Zhou Zaoyu as he showed a concern about us missing our families and encouraged us to communicate with them. So I find kindness in him as he was not more administrative in his interaction but rather fatherly and friendly.

I am also thankful to MOFCOM and the International students office for their constant support in making our lives in BNU very friendly through exposure to many activities and places especially during big Chinese holidays and this is broadening my understanding of Chinese Culture than before. All I will say is 'Wai!' My heart is still smiling and I will never forget the experience of celebrating Chinese holidays particularly Chinese New Year. I will treasure it forever. Thanks so much.

I am Lesang Mathew Lino Lodon, from South Sudan. 1st year student of Masters in Comparative Education with a major in International Education Leadership and Policy, under MOFCOM scholarship



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I would like to express my great and sincere gratitude to International Student Office staff members who involved in students in this wonderful activity. In particular, many thanks to H.E Vice president of BNU, Professor Zhou Zaoyu and Ms. Ai Xin, the Director of International Students Office for their attention and the gift we received from them. I also thank MOFCOM program team and the Chinese Government for caring us foreign Nationals.

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