

## Northeastern University Australia Alumni Association

### Summary Report of the First Membership Meeting

Once, we sat at the same desk, breathed the same air, and shed the same youth and passion between Black Mountain and white water. Now, these alumni who have studied and worked at Northeastern University have gathered again in Australia, a place full of opportunities and dreams. Many alumni hope to reminisce about the old times together, unite and help each other, and plan for the future.

At the request of the Northeastern University Alumni Association, Jie Sun and Shangzhe Cui began planning to create the Northeastern University Australia Alumni Association. In 2018, Jie Sun entrusted Yong Duan to draft the constitution, but it did not progress due to the lack of conditions. Before the establishment of the alumni association in 2021, Guozhi Xu modified our first constitution based on the template of the non-profit organization charter in New South Wales, after discussion among everyone.

In 2018, Shangzhe Cui established a temporary alumni group, and since then, Australian alumni have had a platform for communication. Many alumni have discovered that their old friends are now in Australia and around them. Various alumni gatherings have begun to take place. In 2018 and 2019, Jie Tian organized several family gatherings to discuss the establishment of the alumni association. Jie Sun even made a flag for the alumni association. However, the Covid pandemic delayed the process of establishing the alumni association.

On May 21, 2021, 11 alumni gathered in Eastwood at the invitation of Shangzhe Cui. At the same time, many alumni gathered in Melbourne and interacted through video to discuss the establishment of the alumni association. The preparatory committee for the formal establishment of the alumni association was established, with Shangzhe Cui as the team leader.







On June 18th, 2021, nine alumni gathered again in EASTWOOD to discuss the establishment of the alumni association, its articles of association, and alumni clothing. They entrusted Guozhi Xu to handle the registration procedures. With the cooperation of the alumni federation, the alumni association was officially established soon after. Guozhi Xu created a website and Qing Zhou assisted in its management.



On November 28th, 2021, the organizing committee held a formal meeting in WATERLOO. They confirmed that Guoli Yu would serve as the treasurer and open a bank account to collect membership fees and make school uniforms. Shangzhe Cui was officially confirmed as the first president, Jie Sun as the honorary president, Jie Tian as the honorary advisor, Shixue Dou as the honorary president, and Aibing Yu as the honorary president.

During this meeting, President Cui donated 1000 Australian dollars directly to the alumni association, including his own membership fee. This was the first donation received by the alumni association. The alumni association also confirmed the adoption of low membership fees while welcoming capable alumni to donate and support the association financially.



After its official establishment, with the efforts of Ping Li, Shangzhe Cui , and Guozhi Xu, the alumni association established contact with the University Alliance, laying the foundation for future membership in the alliance.

In early 2022, with the mediation of President Shangzhe Cui, the alumni clothing was produced and purchased at a very low price.

Due to the pandemic from 2021 to 2022, no other large-scale alumni gathering events were organized. Jie Tian organized two farm trips in April 2022, and Guozhi Xu proposed to organize an alumni hundred-day walking event to coincide with the university's centenary celebration in 2023. A trial of 50 days was conducted in 2022, and many alumni actively participated, increasing the visibility of the alumni association and developing a group of alumni.





In July 2022, according to the arrangement of the Alumni Association, the council organized and coordinated the centennial school flag relay activity at the same time in Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane. After the school flag relay, some alumni had a meal together. This event deepened the emotional connection between the alumni and the alma mater, and more people joined the Alumni Association.





During the event, Jie Sun provided logistical support by donating drinking water and food and delivering them to each supply station, which made a significant contribution to the success of the event. Through the introduction of President Cui and Lei Jing, we learned of another alumni organization in Melbourne. We contacted them in an attempt to integrate, but the timing was not right, and no progress was made for the time being.

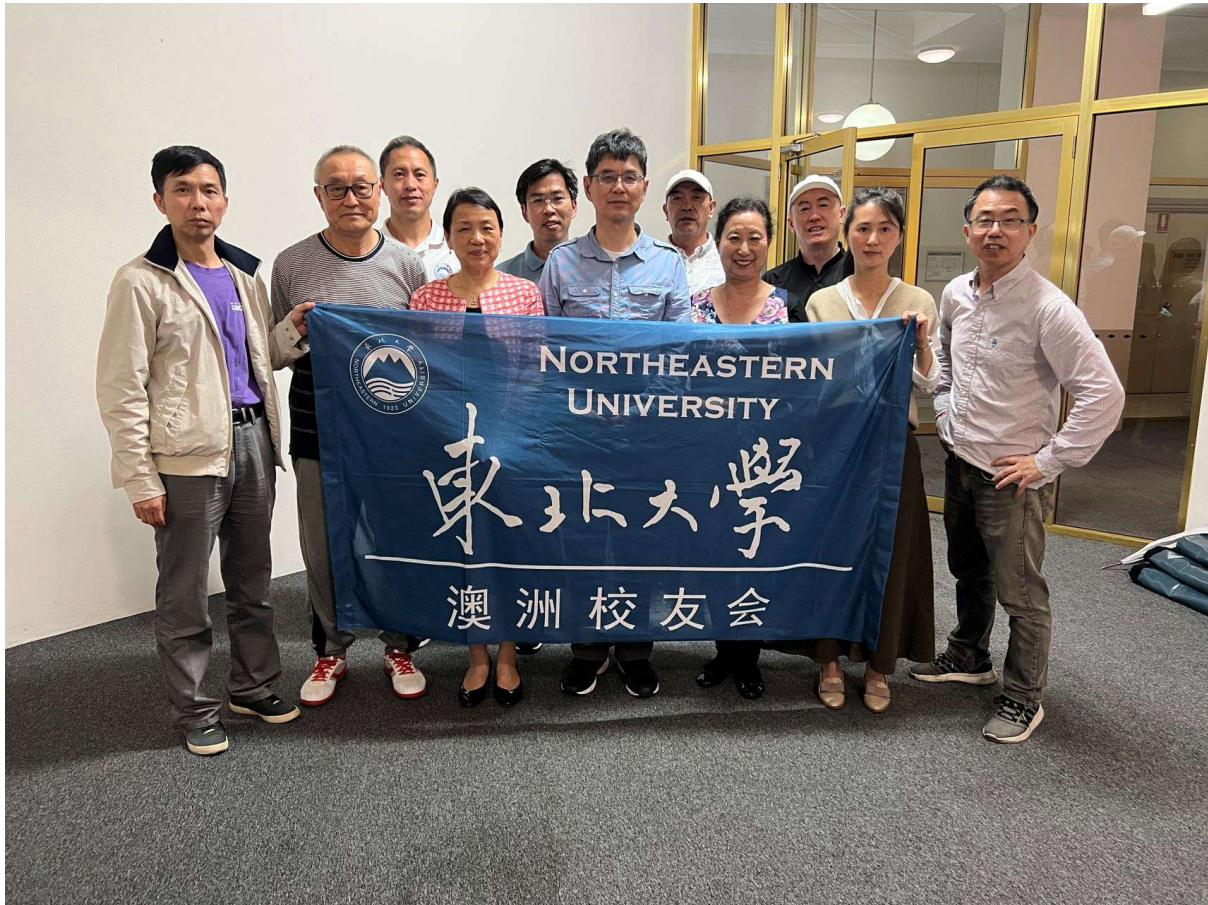
In July 2022, the board planned to visit Honorary President Shixue Dou in Wollongong and contact alumni there for development. However, due to heavy rain, the event was cancelled, and the plan to develop new alumni in that direction was postponed.

In August 2022, President Cui donated AUD 500 again, and Jie Sun donated AUD 500 (which was passed on by President Cui), making up for the arrears in the production of alumni clothing. The generous donations of President Cui and Jie Sun provided financial security for the development of the alumni association.

In September 2022, in order to enhance cohesion among alumni and spend a happy Mid-Autumn Festival together, President Cui gave all alumni mooncakes. Yong Duan was responsible for distributing the mooncakes to all alumni, making all alumni, whether in Sydney or not, feel the warmth of the alumni association.



On November 27, 2022, the first alumni conference was successfully held, completing the election of the new council, and the alumni association opened a new chapter.



The Northeast Australia Alumni Association has gone through an unusual journey from its inception, to its establishment, to its development. Especially for Shangzhe Cui and Jie Sun, they have dedicated their hearts and souls to the Alumni Association, donating money and materials. Now the Alumni Association has finally developed into a rudimentary form. Due to the pandemic, opportunities for everyone to gather and participate in activities are still limited. As the pandemic passes and more alumni become involved, this big family will become warmer and more welcoming.

Appendix: First Council List:

Shangzhe Cui, Jie Sun, Jie Tian, Guozhi Xu, Guoli Yu, Qing Zhou, Duan Yong, Ping Li, Lei Jing

President: Shangzhe Cui

Secretary: Guozhi Xu

Finance: Guoli Yu

Membership Management: Qing Zhou

Honorary Chairman: Shixue Dou, Aibing Yu, Jie Sun

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