

**The University of Hong Kong x Hong Kong Pei Hua Education Foundation:
"Belt and Road Initiative · New Silk Road Journey" Study Tour Programme
(June 8 - 18, 2026)**

- 1. Location:** Beijing (China), Astana & Almaty (Kazakhstan)
- 2. Eligibility:** All HKU students are welcome to apply. (Participants must possess valid travel documents/visas for entry to the Chinese Mainland and Kazakhstan).

3. Programme Introduction:

This immersive, cross-border experiential learning programme invites students to explore international cooperation, economic development, and cultural integration along the modern Silk Road. Through engaging lectures at top-tier universities and visits to national research centers, participants will gain firsthand insights into global trade, cross-border e-commerce, and sustainable development.

The curriculum blends academic inquiry with real-world industry applications, including field trips to international logistics hubs and tech innovation labs. Working in teams, students will develop global perspectives and cross-cultural communication skills. **The journey concludes with a team-based project where students produce a 5-minute video and a PowerPoint presentation to synthesize their learning on the Belt and Road Initiative.**

4. Fee:

With the generous support of the Hong Kong Pei Hua Education Foundation, the programme fee is **HK\$27,000 per student**, which covers **all five flights, twin-shared hotel accommodation, daily meals, local transportation and all official programme activities.**

Participants are responsible for the other expenses, including but not limited to Visa fees to Chinese Mainland and Kazakhstan, travel insurance, souvenirs and personal meals.

5. Application Procedures:

Interested students must submit their applications through the online system by the specified deadline. Following a review period of five working days, successful applicants will receive an email containing an official offer and comprehensive payment instructions.

To confirm their participation, students are required to settle the **HK\$27,000 programme fee within two business days of receiving the notification.** Please be advised that failure to meet this payment deadline will result in the automatic forfeiture of the offer.

6. Programme Itinerary (Tentative)

*** The final itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the organizer***

Date	Time	Activity	Location
May (TBC)		Pre-departure Briefing	HKU Main Campus
Jun 8 (Day 1)	Morning	Flight: Hong Kong to Beijing	HKG-PEK
	Afternoon	Opening Ceremony & Orientation - Programme briefing and assignment allocation - Ice-breaking activities & Welcome Dinner	HKU Beijing Centre
	Evening	- Briefing for Kazakhstan: Overview of local culture and travel guidelines - Group work: Set up research project frameworks	Hotel
Jun 9 (Day 2)	Morning	Core Lecture 1: "High-Quality Belt and Road Construction" - Speaker: Assistant Director, Tsinghua University Belt and Road Strategy Institute Campus tour at Tsinghua University	Tsinghua University
	Afternoon	Core Lecture 2: The Belt and Road in My Eyes - Speaker: Senior Consultant for Natural Sciences, UNESCO Regional Office for East Asia; Former Director General, Bureau of International Co-operation, CAS; Former Exec. Director of ANSO.	Tsinghua University
Jun 10 (Day 3)	Morning	Core Visit 3: Belt and Road Initiative International Green Development Coalition (BRIGC) - Theme: Understanding the significance of the BRI and exploring new regional development and integration opportunities for students.	BRIGC
	Afternoon	Cultural Exploration - Visit the National Museum of China ("Ancient China" Exhibition) to explore the historical context of the Silk Road.	The National Museum of China
	Evening	Flight: Beijing to Astana, Kazakhstan	PEK - NQZ
Jun 11 (Day 4)	Morning	Core Visit 4: Diplomatic Insights - Policy lecture delivered by the Ambassador on "The Strategic Synergy between Kazakhstan's 'Nurly Zhol' (Bright Path) and China's Belt and Road Initiative."	Embassy of China in Kazakhstan
	Afternoon	Core Visits 5: Academic Exchange - Discussion and exchange at Beijing Language and Culture University (Kazakhstan Branch)	Beijing Language and Culture University (Kazakhstan Branch)
		Core Visits 6: Academic Exchange - Visit Nazarbayev University (Directly under the President of Kazakhstan, a top-tier university in Central Asia)	Nazarbayev University

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Jun 12 (Day 5)	Morning	Cultural Exploration: Astana - Visit Astana landmarks: Baiterek Tower ("Tree of Life"), Grand Mosque, and Independence Square.	Astana
	Midday	Domestic Flight: Astana to Almaty	NQZ - ALA
	Afternoon	Core Visits 7: International Logistics - Visit the Belt and Road Logistics Hub: China-Kazakhstan (Xi'an) Trade Logistics Terminal.	Kazakhstan Xi'an Terminal
Jun 13 (Day 6)	Morning	Cultural Exploration: Almaty - Visit Khan Shatyr Entertainment Center (The world's first indoor city and largest tent structure).	Khan Shatyr Entertainment Center
	Afternoon	Field Trip: - Investigate consumer trends and supply chains at Central Asia's largest wholesale bazaar	Barakholka Wholesale Market
	Evening	Group Work: - Project preparation	Hotel
Jun 14 (Day 7)	Morning	Cultural Exploration: - Visit a Kazakh Ethno-village (traditional equestrian skills, yurt building, local cuisine)	Kazakh Ethno-village
	Afternoon	Cultural Exploration: - Visit the National Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan	The National Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan
	Evening	Field Trip: - Visit local commercial streets with high concentrations of Chinese merchants to investigate market integration and their current business operations.	TBC
Jun 15 (Day 8)	Morning	Core Lecture & Visits 8: - Visit Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (Kazakhstan's Top Comprehensive University): University Museum, Farabi Library, Farabi Hub, and joint Kuka-Huibo Robotics Centre - Lecture Theme: "Opportunities for China-Kazakhstan Sci-Tech Cooperation."	Al-Farabi Kazakh National University
	Afternoon	Core Visits 9: Cross-Border E-Commerce - Visit Almaty E-commerce Industrial Park to understand the digital trade processes in Central Asia	Almaty E-commerce Industrial Park
	Evening	Flight: Almaty to Beijing	ALA - PEK
Jun 16 (Day 9)	Morning	Arrival in Beijing	/
	Afternoon	Group Work - Finalizing presentation slides & short video	Hotel

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Jun 17 (Day 10)	Morning / Afternoon	Closing Ceremony - Group presentations	TBC
	Evening	Farewell Dinner	TBC
Jun 18 (Day 11)	Morning	Flight: Beijing to Hong Kong	PEK - HKG