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Announcement of a Gift to Education at Churchill College

Ms Xiaotian Fu completed an MPhil degree in Education from Churchill College, Cambridge in 2007. She has built a successful media career in China encouraging international cooperation and engagement as host of the Phoenix Television programme “Talk with World Leaders,” which has an audience of 200 million people.

While developing her media career Xiaotian Fu is also increasing her presence in Chinese schools, as a lecturer or an adviser, representing a growing number of women who are making a name for themselves and achieving success and recognition at home and abroad.

She is being recognised by Churchill College for her work in encouraging young people to engage in the life of their communities and their nation as well as encouraging excellence in education through her voluntary work and philanthropic major gift support. Today, Churchill College will be honouring her by naming the Xiaotian Fu Garden.

Having achieved great success as a journalist, including her role as host of the programme “Talk with World Leaders,” Xiaotian Fu is giving back to Churchill College to help future generations of students with the gift of this garden environment and financial support for students. It is very rare for a former student to make a major gift so soon after his or her graduation and from so far away; we are grateful to Xiaotian Fu for her gift to the College and investment in education and excellence.

The College will be hosting an event on Friday 10 June 2016 for selected media and also inviting Chinese Business Delegates who are taking part in the UK-China Summit.

Note to editors:

Churchill College in the University of Cambridge is the national and Commonwealth memorial to Sir Winston Churchill and received its royal charter in 1960. It is the embodiment of his vision of how higher education can benefit society in the modern age.
Open, friendly, progressive and outward-looking, Churchill strives to build bridges from academe to business and the professions. It pioneered the entry of women to all-male colleges. It seeks and welcomes able students who might not otherwise aspire to come to Cambridge and draws a rich variety of international scholars. It engages with politicians, political commentators, historians and the media through the work of the Churchill Archives Centre and it collaborates with the business world through its conference and executive education programmes at the Møller Centre.

Churchill College has some 485 undergraduates, 330 postgraduates, 216 Fellows and 140 staff. We are committed to outstanding academic achievement and thirty of our members have won a Nobel Prize.

Our foundation specifies a focus in mathematics, science and technology, with 70% of our students and Fellows studying and researching subjects in these fields. We also have many students and Fellows in the arts and humanities. Academic teaching and performance is outstanding across the board.

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