



**Talal Abu-Ghazaleh – Confucius Institute**

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Chinese Visa Section  TAG-Visa

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### **Talal Abu Ghazaleh-Confucius Institute:**

The Institute was established in September 2008 to introduce the Chinese language and culture, as well as achieving a greater mutual understanding between the Arab and Chinese cultures. This unique initiative is based on the cooperation agreement between TAG-Org and Confucius Institute in China. The Institute has been named after the great intellectual, mentor and philosopher, Confucius, whose ideas had influenced China and other regions around the world for over 2,000 years.

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**TAG-Confucius Institute is the first institute accredited by the Chinese Government to teach Chinese language in Jordan.**

**TAG-Confucius Institute is holding a new course to teach the basics of the Chinese language for beginners:**

- A. Threshold Level for Adults: starting 16/11/2020**  
Schedule: Monday - Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- B. Threshold Level for Kids : starting 14/11/2020**  
Schedule: Saturday - Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:30 pm

**\*All Chinese language teachers are from China specialized in teaching Chinese language for foreigners and accredited by the Confucius Institute in China.**



**TAG-Confucius Institute holds a celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival and National Day**



TAG-Confucius Institute (TAG-CI) held a celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival and National Day with Xinhua News Agency reporters as guests.

The Mid-Autumn Festival coincided with National Day on October 1 this year.

The celebration consisted of three parts: festival culture class, handmade lanterns, videos-shooting and interviews by Xinhua News Agency reporters.

First of all, the teachers played wonderful videos and PowerPoint in class to introduce Chinese festivals to the students so that they could understand the festival customs and experience the rich festival atmosphere.

The Mid-Autumn Festival is the second largest traditional festival in China and falls on the 15th day of the eighth month of the lunar calendar. There are many myths and legends on the Mid-Autumn Festival, among which the story of “Chang’e flying to the moon” is the most widely spread.

Since ancient times, there have been the customs of admiring the full moon on the night of the Mid-Autumn Festival, watching lanterns, eating mooncakes and enjoying osmanthus blossoms, etc. The students followed the teacher's explanation and video, listening to the moving story, enjoying the food and beautiful scenery, experiencing the missing affection with the full moon, and praying for the harvest and happiness.

The National Day falls on October 1 of solar calendar. This year marks the 71st birthday of the People's Republic of China. The students watched the magnificent National Day military parade video, artistic performance and pictures showing the great achievements of China's economic development.

The teacher and students jointly wished China prosperity and Chinese people happiness and health.

Next was to make small lanterns by hand. The lanterns symbolize family reunion, business prosperity, brightness, happiness, vitality, wealth, and can create a festive and joyful atmosphere. Lanterns are hung up all over China on major festivals and happy days, indicating peace and happiness. The teacher distributed materials such as ribbons, paper rolls, scissors and double-faced tape to the students. Under the teacher's demonstration and guidance, the students carefully cut and stuck. In a short while, the cute little lanterns bloomed in the hands of the students. The colorful lanterns not only added the festive atmosphere, but also brought people spiritual joy and hope for a better life in the future.

Xinhua News Agency reporters shot videos of the wonderful activities and interviewed Chinese Director, the teacher, students and parent as well. In the interview, Chinese Director Dr. Yang Songfang introduced the general situation of TAG-CI, Chinese language teaching and cultural events, the implementation of key projects, and the successful online teaching on the basis of preventing COVID-19 to ensure "no suspension of Chinese class". Dr. Yang also said that Chinese language is currently attracting attention from all over the world. There are many contributing factors behind it and the most important ones are that China's economic development has attracted the attention of all countries in the world, and China's long history, culture and philosophy have long-term attraction and influence on the world. Especially the younger generation see that mastering Chinese will play a very important role in enhancing their international competitiveness, their future academic development and employment in the future, so they look to China.

Ms. Guan Xia talked about her personal experience in teaching Chinese and how to use teaching skills and means to effectively improve Chinese teaching.

The children told the reporters that Chinese is a very unique language and they like Chinese language and culture. Their school offers Arabic and English, and they are willing to come to TAG-CI to learn the third language Chinese. They plan to go to China to study in the future. The adult student said that he has been to many cities in China, has some Chinese friends, and can speak some Chinese. He wants to learn Chinese systematically at TAG-CI, especially to improve his writing ability.

The parent said that the beautiful Chinese culture attracts her children to learn Chinese. Besides, China has made great economic and social achievements in various fields, so she wants her children to know more about China and Chinese culture. Learning Chinese can help her children to understand the real China. The teachers, students and parents jointly expressed their best wishes to China and Chinese people.

The Mid-Autumn Festival and National Day celebration not only allowed the students to experience Chinese festival culture in a relaxed and happy atmosphere, understand the connotation of Chinese festival culture, but also inspired their love for Chinese language and culture.

*During an online Session of the Arab Business Forum in China*

## **Abu-Ghazaleh: TAG.Global turned Coronavirus Crisis into Massive Investment Opportunities in Technology**



**AMMAN** - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, founder and chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global), affirmed that the Organization took advantage of Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis in creating huge investment opportunities in technology by producing six series of technical devices by Talal Abu-Ghazaleh for Technologies (TAGTech).

During the online dialogue session organized by the Arab Business Forum (ABF) in China entitled ‘Economic Coexistence with and Post-COVID-19’, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh said that TAGTech technological devices including tablets and laptops are designed and manufactured with high quality specifications and distinctive designs at competitive and affordable prices.

The meeting held in the presence of the Jordanian Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China, HE Mr. Hussam Al Hussein, and ABF Chairman Mr. Arafat Al-Harabsheh, in addition to a host of businesspersons in China. Al-Harabsheh opened by welcoming and thanking Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh for accepting the Forum’s invitation.

He also stated that the session aims to enable Arab businessmen in China to benefit from Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh’s long years of experience in the fields of business, economy and information technology (IT), noting that everyone faces one of the world’s most devastating economic crises.

Regarding the COVID-19, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh said that the pandemic is still in its early stages and will remain as part of our life for years, calling for taking advantage of this crisis to find and create investment opportunities. He also pointed out that the world is standing at the doorstep of a historic opportunity to turn to the inevitable digital learning, which became a necessity, in addition to implementing decisions relevant to transformation to digital government.

Furthermore, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh announced that TAG.Global is in the process of establishing the ‘Chinese-Jordanian Technical University’, in partnership between Talal Abu-Ghazaleh University College for Innovation (TAGUCI) and one of the Chinese universities that is specialized in teaching Artificial Intelligence (AI), IT and Cybersecurity.

Commenting on cooperation with China, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stated that TAG.Global is always willing to cooperate with the Arab businessmen in China in all fields including the provision of economic consulting, trademark registration, in addition to cooperating in establishing factories to supply the Arab market with its needs, especially in industries that help fight COVID-19 pandemic.

During his participation, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stressed the importance of partnership between TAG.Global and the ABF in China in implementing the ‘Belt and Road’ initiative launched by the Chinese government in 201. He declared that a permanent headquarters for ABF will be soon inaugurated at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global- Chinese Visa Section (TAG-Visa) in Amman to provide consulting to businessmen, economists and students who wish to do business or study in China.

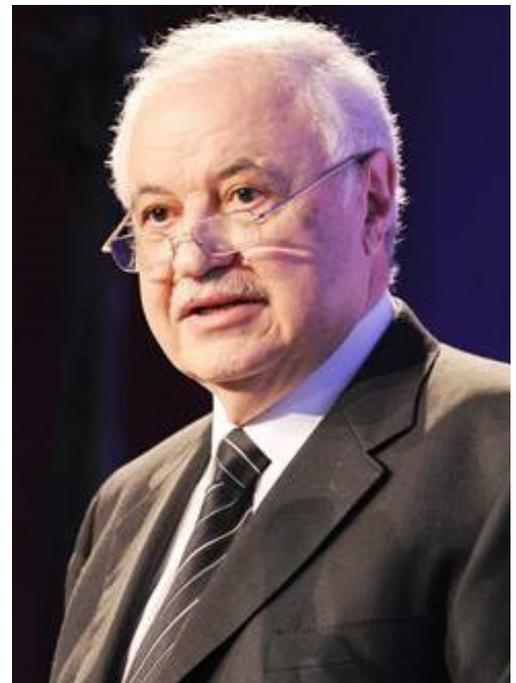
In conclusion it has been agreed to establish a committee that includes members from ABF; namely Mr. Laith Al-Khateeb and Mr. Nader Shahrouri, and members from TAG.Global; Mr. Mamoun Abu Al Sebaa and Mr. Ramez Quneibi, to implement the terms of the agreement signed between both parties.



*IMF Latest Report Reveals Superiority of Chinese Economic over American*

### **Abu-Ghazaleh: China Dethrones the US from Global Economic Dominance**

**AMMAN** - Arab economist and prominent businessman, Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, founder and chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global), talked about a recent report issued by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) indicating the superiority of China’s economy over its rival the ‘American economy’, questioning the timing of issuing such a report at this sensitive period.



In a new episode of his weekly program (The World to Where?) on Russia Today (RT), Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh said that, according to IMF Report, China has become the largest economy in the world especially after becoming the World’s Top Trader in the last few years.

According to the report, China’s economy is measured at \$24.2 trillion, in comparison to the USA’s \$20.8 trillion; if the figures were calculated using the Purchasing Power Parity (PPP).

However, if the comparison between the two economies were based according to the Market Exchange Rates (MER), the US economy would exceed its Chinese counterpart by \$6 trillion; where the US economy would be estimated at \$20 trillion and China’s at \$14 trillion.

The IMF stated that the PPP standard is more accurate for comparison as it eliminates any differences in price levels between economies, since it compares different countries’ currencies through a «basket of goods» approach.

Based on Abu-Ghazaleh’s own vision and readings of different studies, he referred to China’s superiority over the US in other areas, stating that Beijing spends more on scientific research than Washington, adding that China is the only country whose economy is expected to grow in 2020, contrary to other world’s countries which would experience decline due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh warned against the repercussions of the IMF Report as it might motivate the US Administration to consider taking actions against China to prevent its economic rise, noting that the Report was issued at a time where relations between the two countries are at their lowest point in decades.

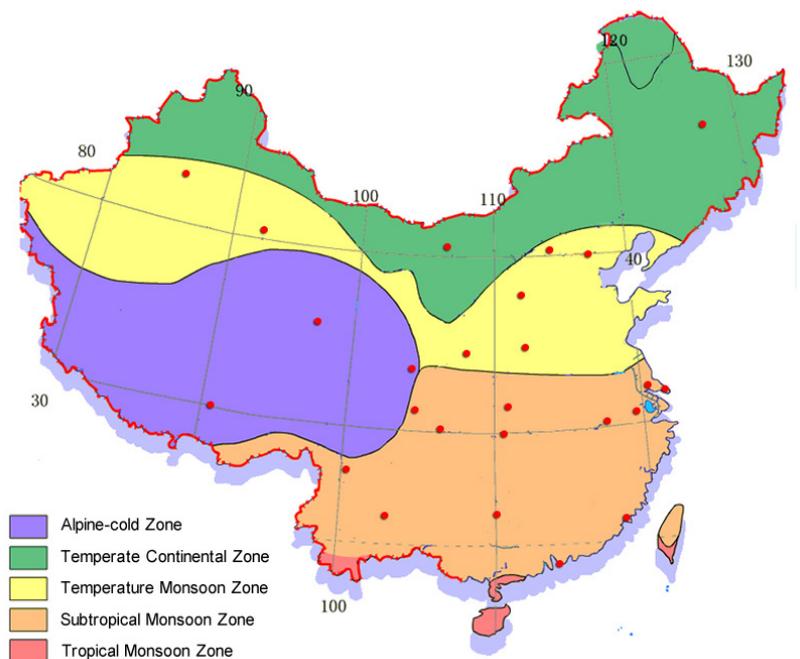
In addition, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh wondered whether the Report has been issued deliberately to give the US an excuse to take action against China. “These reports are simply difficult to be comprehended by the American mentality who will never accept to come in second place globally mainly in terms of economy,” Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh concluded. (RT)



### Ten Facts to Familiarize Yourself with China’s Weather Ahead of Your Trip

#### 1. China has the largest climate differences for a single country.

Before you travel, we suggest you check this page detailing weather conditions throughout the country and throughout the year. This is especially important if you are traveling to multiple destinations as climate can vary considerably, so you may need to pack a variety of clothes.



#### 2. North China’s winters are cold and dry; summers are hot and humid.

Northern China experiences temperatures well below freezing in winter, with winds coming in from Siberia. In the summer, winds from the south can carry in steamy hot weather.

Destinations such as Beijing, but especially destinations further north such as Harbin (which is famous for the Harbin Ice and Snow Festival that only takes place in winter as the ice statues are best kept under these conditions), January is the coldest month of the year. January in Harbin has an average high temperature at -13°C (8°F) and an average low at -25°C (-13°F). They require lots of extra preparation in terms of clothing to bring.

#### 3. Southern China has a monsoon season.

China’s southern cities experience monsoon rainfall during summer (generally April through to September), with the amount of rainfall depending on the city you’re visiting. Guangzhou, for example, has an average of 276 mm of rainfall in June and 233 mm of rainfall in July. Hong Kong and Guilin both have more. For city specific information, check out this page with weather conditions throughout China. If you are traveling during this time, make sure you pack rain gear!

#### **4. Southern China is also prone to typhoons during the typhoon season.**

The south is prone to typhoons from May to December, but especially July to September. Worst hit areas include the islands of Hong Kong and Taiwan, but also coastal Guangdong and Fujian provinces. Categories of typhoons put wind speeds at up to 194 km/h. Find more information about traveling during China's typhoon season [here](#).

While weather conditions are dependant on the severity of the storm, typhoons generally lead to severe rainfall and strong winds in a short amount of time.

#### **5. Beijing's biggest climate issue is not the weather, but its air pollution.**

Perhaps not surprising if you've ever watched the news, Beijing's biggest 'weather' issue is actually its pollution. Since 2008, the PM2.5 particles in the air in Beijing can be six times above what the US's Environmental Protection Agency deems safe at an average of 100 micrograms per cubic meter.

Now we might be biased, but Beijing is still incredible. If you've got preexisting health conditions or you are traveling with the very young or the elderly, it might be worth checking out our article to see when Beijing's air pollution is the least problematic. If you are in Beijing on a poor air quality day, we've listed some ways to cope with a polluted Beijing day (and alternative activities).

#### **6. Beijing is not the only city where smog is an issue.**

If you are sensitive to pollution, we also recommend being careful in cities such as Tianjin, Chongqing, Xi'an (home to the world-famous Terracotta Army), Datong, Luoyang (where the Longmen Grottoes are located), and Urumqi (the capital of Xinjiang, often a starting point to journeys through Northwest China).

These places and many more large cities in China can also experience high air pollution levels (but still have sights worth visiting!). Once outside the city center, air quality can improve considerably.

#### **7. Most of China is very hot in July and August.**

China's summers are nothing like temperature summers found through much of Northern America and Europe, they can actually be really, really hot depending on where you go.

In Beijing, for example, July can see temperatures as high as 40°C (104°F), while in Shanghai temperatures during the day frequently hit 37°C (98°F) and 26°C (79°F) during the night. It's more humid the further south and east you go.

If you're not sure you can cope with hot summers, or want to make sure that you're not melting during your trip, make sure you're avoiding July and August through most of the country, and prepare with light clothing made of natural fibres, lots of water to drink, sunscreen, and taking plenty of breaks in the shade.

#### **8. Tropical Hainan is a great island escape for sun-chasers all year long.**

Hainan Province, an island province located in the extreme south of China (not far from Hong Kong) is a great escape for those seeking the sun all year around.

Many Northern Chinese people actually spend their winters on the tropical island, mostly around Sanya, and you'll find there are lots of comfortable and luxurious resorts to enjoy. Sanya boasts beautiful beaches, tropical sun and scenery, and a cooling sea breeze to keep you comfortable.

### **9. West China has the most extreme summer to winter temperature differences.**

Western China, where the most popular tourist destinations include Xinjiang, which is largely desert, and Tibet, which consists of extremely high and vast plateaus, experiences some of the biggest temperature differences between summer and winter. In Kashgar, for example, the average minimum temperature in January is  $-11^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $12^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) in Kashgar, and average highs of  $33^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $91^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) in July.

Tibetan mountains are best seen and snapped in October, when it's less rainy, and not too cold to feel your fingers.

Much of Xinjiang and Tibet is really not recommendable between December and March (if not November–April), and Xinjiang especially experiences uncomfortably hot summers (as it is the desert) from June to August.

### **10. October is the best month in China for weather.**

Overall, October in China is the best month for the weather. The north and northeast are cool and dry. Beijing has an average low temperature of  $7^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $45^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and an average high temperature of  $19^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $66^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). The east is a little warmer. Shanghai averages at  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $59^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and  $22^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $72^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) low and high respectively. And cities in the south like Guilin, Guangzhou, Hong Kong, and Kunming are less rainy. Guilin for example has 10 rainy days in October when compared to 15 in August. Even in Western China (Xi'an, Tibet, Xinjiang, and Dunhuang) you can expect cooler temperatures, but not too cold to be a deterrent.

This makes October, all factors considered, the best time to travel to China. But one thing to keep in mind about traveling then is to avoid the National Day holiday, also known as Golden Week (October 1–7), because a lot of China's population will be traveling during this time too. However, even during this period, we can still recommend some great places to go to escape the October National Day Crowds.

<https://www.chinahighlights.com/weather/china-weather-facts.htm>

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