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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.

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A. Threshold Level for Adults: starting 11/10/2020 Schedule: Sunday - Tuesday from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

B. Threshold Level for Kids : starting $10\10\2020$ Schedule: Sat - 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.

Abu-Ghazaleh: The US has Two Options in Light of Economic Crisis and Rise of China



AMMAN - Well-known Arab economist and prominent businessman, Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, founder and chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global), talked about the current United States options, especially in light of the economic crisis it is now facing as well as the rise of China as a competitive challenge.

In a new episode of his weekly program (The World to Where?) on Russia Today (RT), Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh explained that the US has several options to respond to the Greatest Economic Depression. They include acceptance of the status quo, defeat, or fighting and destroying the capabilities and resources of its opponents to maintain its status as the strongest global power.

However, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh did not expect the US to accept the American decline as an option, since it is used to remain as the most powerful economy in the world. President Donald Trump would not accept a 'failing economy', but rather would resort to different options to prevent long-term damage to his country's economy, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh said.

Concerning America's option to resort to military action to spark a war, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh cited the statement of a former US official who said: 'If we have to use force, it is because we are America; we are the indispensable nation.' He also revealed that American leaders believe in the philosophy that the importance of their military force lies in its use.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stated that the US is invincible military, and that only two countries can stand up to a US military move: China and Russia.

Additionally, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stressed that the winner will be the state that owns the economic power, noting that China currently accounts for 35% of global economic growth, whereas America constitutes only 18%. He added that China has invested around \$27 trillion in the 'Belt and the Road' project, while the US squanders its resources on unnecessary wars, and that makes China the greatest threat to the United States.

He indicated that the expected future US-China war aims at preventing the fall of the US economy, preventing the rise of the Chinese economy, and at the same time preventing the rise of a new bipolar world.

During the program, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh warned that the American war against China might be ignited by an accident in the South China Sea, although the Chinese Navy issued orders to all its forces not to be the first to fire at the American forces.

Proposing a way out of its crisis, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh suggested that the US should either sit with China and discuss future prospects without preconditions or use its military force against China, describing the possibility of using nuclear weapons in a war between America and China to be 'remote'. He explained that the war between the two super powers would be untraditional. For example, the US may seize Chinese deposits and investments at the US money market and stock exchange, or may opt to close the South China Sea to prevent oil from reaching China and disrupt commercial exchange with it.

In conclusion, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh said that: 'with the firing of the first shot, I expect the United Nations would intervene to mediate between America and China and to seek a better future for the world.'

Abu-Ghazaleh: Prepare for Several More COVID-19 Waves, the Pandemic Will Remain with us for Years



AMMAN – Prominent Arab economist and well-known businessman, HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, chairman and founder of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global), said the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is still in its early stages, with the potential 4 to 5 more waves to follow. He affirmed that the virus will remain as part of our life for years, and all the talk about a possible vaccine is just a profit-motivated purpose that should not be allowed to deceive us. Nor should the sought vaccine be considered the effective solution for such a major world problem.

During an interview, through Skype free video call app, with anchor Ahmed Magdy in 'Akher El Esbo3' program aired on Egypt-based Sada El Balad TV, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stated that coronavirus crisis would not end unless and until all the seven billion people on this Earth are vaccinated with the right vaccine all at the same time.

He pointed out that we are heading towards an uncertain future due to the economic crisis caused by the corona pandemic, underling the necessity of paying more attention to this particular economic aspect of the crisis while at the same time we need to coexist with the virus until it finally disappears, which means we have to find ways to adjust to the abnormal situation and manage to live normally while fighting the pandemic.

However, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh believes that the world is standing before a historic opportunity to turn into the inevitable digital learning and e-government, calling on all countries to prepare

the necessary digital infrastructure and Internet access to all people as a means to protect against, prevent and control the spread of COVID-19.

Tackling the economic crisis that hit institutions and individuals, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh expressed his rejection of the shutdown of borders, schools and government offices, which resulted in severe implications on people's livelihoods, such as job losses and rising unemployment that are estimated at hundreds of millions of dollars due to the lockdowns. Accordingly, he called for rearranging our lives to adjust to the new situation and reformulate our lives on this basis.

Concerning his previously published expectations that Egypt's economy will become the sixth strongest economy in the world by 2030, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh reiterated his complete confidence in Egypt's economy on the basis of international economic organizations' reports. "It is expected, according to research centers' studies, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reports, that Egypt's positive response to the economic crisis relies on the country's policies in confronting the corona pandemic and the economy simultaneously." Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh concluded.

It's worth mentioning that the interview discussed various other topics, you can watch the full interview via the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVbJdX1Jw24

TAG-Confucius Institute Wins the Excellent Work Prize in Online Story Club for Children around the World "Fighting COVID-19—My Story"



On September 18, the award ceremony of Online Story Club for Children around the world "Fighting COVID-19—My Story" sponsored by China Soong Ching Ling Foundation (CSCLF) was held online. Wang Jiarui, Chairman of CSCLF, Zhang Xu, Vice Minister of Culture and Tourism, Hang Yuanxiang, Executive Vice Chairman of CSCLF, and Yu Qun, Vice Chairman of CSCLF, attended the award ceremony.

Tian Wei, member of CSCLF and famous CCTV presenter, presided over the event. More than 200 representatives around the world participated in the award ceremony, such as heads of overseas China Culture Centers, representatives of educational institutions and children in more than 30 countries including Jordan, Russia, France, Belgium, Nepal, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Egypt and New Zealand, etc. and 8 provinces and cities in Chinese mainland and Hong Kong. Yang Songfang, Chinese Director of TAG-Confucius Institute, was invited to attend the award ceremony.

Yu Qun said in his speech that we have experienced a global war against COVID-19 pandemic over the past eight months. China's President Xi Jinping pointed out that we should build a community of shared future for mankind to meet the common challenges of mankind and build a more prosperous and beautiful world. CSCLF practices the tenet of "peace, unity and future", adheres to the concept of "one world, one family" and sticks to the principle of "giving the most precious things to children".

As the pandemic spreads across the world, CSCLF organizes Online Story Club for children around the world so that they can express their common aspiration to overcome the pandemic as soon as possible, which forms a children's chorus of the community of shared future for mankind and is the beautiful scenery in the global public health security war.

Zhang Xu said that nearly 200 stories around the world were received in this event, and the children interpreted their experience and perception of life and disaster with their dreams, emotions and hearts, their admiration and gratitude to the frontline heroes fighting the pandemic, and their yearning and expectation for overcoming the pandemic.

With the theme of "Fighting COVID-19—My Story", collecting stories of "fraternity, solidarity and cooperation in combating coronavirus", the event received responses from 35 countries and regions on five continents. Clips of excellent stories of children around the world were broadcast at the award ceremony. With the picture of Petra clearly appearing on the big screen, Aqsa from TAG-Confucius Institute is telling the story of how Jordanian government and people make concerted efforts to fight coronavirus and get friendly assistance from other countries including China. He said passionately, "The world is a big family. Solidarity and cooperation are the most reliable ways to defeat any global disease. Cooperation, not confrontation, friendship, not hospitality, can overcome COVID-19 and build a peaceful and prosperous world. I hope the day will come soon when everyone will bloom a happy smile and breathe freely in the sun."

Aqsa from TAG-Confucius Institute Wins the Excellent Work Prize in Online Story Club for Children around the World "Fighting COVID-19—My Story" and he won the precious certificate of honor and prize which will be mailed to him by the sponsor.

Different languages tell the same story and different skin colors express the same wish. Online Story Club guides children from many countries to conduct in-depth exchanges on the same theme, innovate and explore new models of international exchanges under the pandemic situation, promote children around the world to help each other and communicate with each other.

It shows the vivid practice of children participating in the construction of community of shared human health and plays the main melody of fraternity, solidarity and global fight against pandemic.

Shenzhen



Shenzhen is a major sub-provincial city on the east bank of the Pearl River estuary on the central coast of southern Guangdong province, People's Republic of China.

It forms part of the Pearl River Delta megalopolis, bordering Hong Kong to the south, Huizhou to the northeast and Dongguan to the northwest, and shares maritime boundaries with Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Zhuhai to the west and southwest across the estuary.

Shenzhen's cityscape results from its vibrant economy—made possible by rapid foreign direct investment (FDI) following the institution of the policy of «reform and opening-up» in 1979.

The city is a leading global technology hub, dubbed by media China's Silicon Valley.

It was one of the fastest-growing cities in the world in the 1990s and the 2000s and has been ranked second on the list «top 10 cities to visit in 2019» by Lonely Planet.

Shenzhen is ranked as an Alpha- (global first tier) city together with Guangzhou (China), Melbourne (Australia) and San Francisco (the U.S).

Shenzhen, which roughly follows the administrative boundaries of Bao>an County, officially became a city in 1979, taking its name from the former county town, whose train station was the last stop on the Mainland Chinese section of the railway between Canton and Kowloon.

In 1980, Shenzhen was established as China's first special economic zone.

Shenzhen's registered population as of 2017 was estimated at 12,905,000, but local police and authorities estimate the population at about 20 million, due to large populations of short-term residents, unregistered floating migrants, part-time residents, commuters, visitors, as well as other temporary residents.

Shenzhen hosts the Shenzhen Stock Exchange as well as the headquarters of numerous multinational companies such as JXD, Vanke, Hytera, CIMC, SF Express, Shenzhen Airlines, Nepstar, Hasee, Ping An Bank, Ping An Insurance, China Merchants Bank, Ever Grande Group, Tencent, ZTE, OnePlus, Huawei, DJI and BYD.

Shenzhen ranks 9th in the 2019 Global Financial Centres Index. It has the third busiest container port in the world.

Shenzhen is located within the Pearl River Delta, bordering Hong Kong to the south, Huizhou to the north and northeast, Dongguan to the north and northwest.

Lingdingyang and Pearl River to the west and Mirs Bay to the east and roughly 100 kilometers (62 mi) southeast of the provincial capital of Guangzhou.

As of the end of 2017, the resident population of Shenzhen was 12,528,300, of which the registered population was 4,472,200, the actual administrative population was over 20 million.

It makes up part of the Pearl River Delta built-up area with 44,738,513 inhabitants, spread over 9 municipalities (including Macau). The city is elongated measuring 81.4 kilometers from east to west while the shortest section from north to south is 10.8 kilometers.

Over 160 rivers or channels flow through Shenzhen. There are 24 reservoirs within the city limits with a total capacity of 525 million tonnes.

Notable rivers in Shenzhen include the Shenzhen River, Maozhou River and Longgang River.

Shenzhen is surrounded by many islands. Most of them fall under the territory of neighbouring areas such as Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Huiyang District, Huizhou. But there are several islands under Shenzhen's jurisdiction, such as Nei Lingding Island, Dachan Island (Tai Shan Island), Xiaochan Island, Mazhou, Laishizhou, Zhouzai and Zhouzaitou.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shenzhen#History

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