

at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies of Jinan University, visited the Philippines in April and June, respectively. Roundtable discussions and forums about Philippine-China relations, South China Sea disputes, regional integration and the Chinese Dream were attended by analysts and members of the academe.

The CIIS delegates headed by Ruan, together with deputy director of the Department for American Studies Liu Feitao, assistant research fellow Cui Lei and research assistant Du Lan, joined professors and researchers of University of the Philippines Asian Center, U.P. College of Law, and U.P. Department of Political Science in a roundtable discussion on April 1 and then attended a discussion organized by the Ateneo Center for Chinese Studies and the PACS at the Ateneo de Manila University the next day. While the participants were aware of the challenges in the region, they also acknowledged that there is room for cooperation, especially in terms of economic development.

Ju Hailong, on the other hand, spoke at forums at the U.P. Asian Center and Philippine Institute for Peace, Violence and Terrorism Research on June 5 and 6, respectively, a few days before the anniversary of the establishment of Philippines-China diplomatic relations on June 9. During the forum at the Asian Center, Ju presented, among others, the elements of the Chinese Dream based on his analysis of articles written on the subject. As explained by Ju, the Chinese Dream includes the development of Chinese society and its focus is on the domestic but the government will respond to challenges from the outside. Ju also touched on improving relations between China and the Philippines. These exchanges between Philippine and Chinese scholars are just the beginning of such talks.

According to the PACS delegates, "There is interest in continuing dialogue on both sides" and that some of those they met on their April visit have expressed interest in visiting the Philippines for a dialogue with their counterparts.

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