

# **GLOBAL CHINA ACADEMY**

Registered Charity No.: 1154640

## **ANNUAL RETURN REPORTS**

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ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

Charity number:	1154640
Business Address	32 Hankins Lane London NW73AG
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN
Accountants	Ackley Ma Lee & Co Ltd 22 Watford Road Wembley HA0 3EP



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 4	Year 2019		Day 31	Month 3	Year 2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Global China Academy

**Other names charity is known by** Global China Institute; CCPN Global

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1154640

**Charity's principal address**

32 Hankins Lane	
London	
UK	
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>NW7 3AG</b>

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Charles Grant	Centre for European Reform	Since Nov 2013	
2	Thomas Clarke	Imperial College London	Since Nov 2013	
3	Ning Tang	Sheffield Hallam University	Since Nov 2013	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Xiangqun Chang, President of Global China Academy

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Selected by invitation and appointment when the Charity was founded

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li><li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li><li>• relationship with any related parties;</li><li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li></ul>	<p>We are applying to convert the existing charity into a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The decision was taken because CIO status provides legal protection to trustees, offers reputational advantage and enhanced ability to source funding from other charities and simplifies reporting and accounting. The constitution has already been drafted. Pandemic restrictions, illness among individuals involved, pressing issues that have taken precedence and continuing discussions about internal structures have delayed our application, which we hope to pursue actively early in 2021.</p>
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## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the education of the public in general and social scientists in particular on the subject of social sciences and knowledge from China and Chinese perspectives and to promote research for the public benefit in all aspects of that subject, specifically the promotion of Chinese research ideas in the West. To publish the useful results on topics comparing China with other countries and regions within its Asian and global contexts in a historical and contemporary matrix. To compare Chinese people, their thoughts and ways of life methodologically and theoretically within the context of human knowledge. To study how Western ideas in the social sciences and ways of life are perceived and

received in China in order to promote better understanding between Chinese and non-Chinese people. Hence, to work bidirectionally as a bridge between China and the world.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

[Global China Academy \(GCA\)](#) consists of [CCPN Global](#); academic journals, including [Journal of China in Global and Comparative Perspectives](#) (JCGCP, in English and Chinese editions), [Journal of Chinese for Social Science](#) (JCSS, in Chinese) and [Journal of Corpus Approaches to Chinese Social Science](#) (JCACSS, in Chinese); [Global China Thinktank](#), [Global China Dialogue](#), [Global Century Press](#) and [Global China Ecommerce Platform](#), in the advancement of its academic and social mission. Details of main activities can be seen in the “main achievements” in Section D.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

The charity has no paid staff but has some 20 volunteers, who provide services such as translation, editing, event organisation, filming and recording, PR and promotion.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

GCA is effectively a virtual academic community, as its operations are mainly internet-based, although its offices in London and Shanghai are shared with our partners. After upgrading our back-end system we have built new comprehensive websites in English, Chinese and English-Chinese. We are continuing to update them in PC and mobile versions.

Through its English and Chinese bilingual websites, the only ones of their kind in the English-speaking world, and a global network of experts and professionals, we coordinate mainly five strands of work, described below.

**1. [CCPN Global](#)** mainly promotes 'China and the Chinese in comparative perspective', via a global network and a peer-reviewed journal (see point 2 below). The CCPN Global website provides resources related to China and the Chinese in comparative perspective. We constantly update the resources and also add related work from China in order to continue providing this service.

**2. [Journal of China in Global and Comparative Perspectives](#).** After some years of development, we expanded the notion of 'China in comparative perspective' to encompass a global vision, and changed the name of the peer-reviewed *Journal of China in Comparative Perspective* (JCCP) to *Journal of China in Global and Comparative Perspectives* (JCGCP) in both English (annual) and Chinese (biennial) editions. Their new ISSNs are, respectively, ISSN 2633-9544 (print), ISSN 2633-9552 (online) in English; ISSN 2633-9560 (print), ISSN 2633-9579 (online) in Chinese. In addition to social scientific studies of China, we include studies of the humanities relating to China, Chinese people, civilisation, culture, language and Chinese ways of thinking. We also include articles that draw contrasts between China and non-China, Chinese people and non-Chinese people, or academic debates and dialogues between Chinese and non-Chinese. We are reorganising our editor board and will apply for both journals to be SSCI listed.

**3. As a knowledge-based thinktank for social consultancy** in a global society, [Global China Thinktank](#) (GCT). 1) Based on previous research projects and related work, we have launched two new journals. They are [Journal of Chinese for Social Sciences](#) (JCSS, in Chinese, ISSN 2633-9501 print; ISSN 2633-9633 online) and [Journal of Corpus Approaches to Chinese Social Sciences](#) (CACSS; ISSN 2633-9617 print; ISSN 2633-9625 online, in Chinese). 2) In order to promote the new corpus approaches to social science, Professor Xiangqun Chang, President of GCA, gave a series of lectures on 'Textual Analysis in the Era of Big Data – Based on Two Corpora of Ding Kequan's Selected Works (three volumes) and Fei Xiaotong's Complete Works (20 volumes)', at the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China, Peking University, Tsinghua University, Nankai University, Renmin University of China, Jilin University, Northeast Normal University, Changchun University of Science and Technology, from 14 to 24 December 2019. 3) Operating under time and funding constraints, we nevertheless set up the 'Global China Symposia', a new series of events at different venues, which gives us flexibility in connecting with related organisations. The first such was entitled 'China's Development Path in the New Era from Multiple Perspectives', at Pembroke College, University of Cambridge, on 14 January 2020.

**4. On 6 December 2019, [the sixth Global China Dialogue – 'Governance for World Peace'](#) – was held successfully at the British Academy.** It was the last of the series to take place in the UK. It brought together about 30 speakers, including academics, professionals, practitioners and officials, and more than 100 participants from China, Jordan, Nigeria, France, Germany, Denmark, the UK and elsewhere. It highlighted crucial settings for the international cooperation that is required for reform, based on the resolution of long-standing conflicts. The GCD VI panels included: Mediation and peace-making in civil conflicts; The Belt and Road and tension reduction between countries and cultures; China's role in multilateral peacekeeping;

and Civilizational values and the promotion of peace.

However, the proposed pre- and post-Dialogue events on the topic of the globalisation of Chinese social sciences were cancelled after we had almost completed all the arrangements and bookings. The events were initiated by the “disciples” of Professor Fei Xiaotong (Fei Hsiao-Tung), a pioneering Chinese anthropologist and sociologist, funded by the Hengyuanxiang Group of China, and scheduled as a rolling programme from 1 to 9 December at the Universities of Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Cambridge and Oxford and LSE. The events were cancelled when the Chinese group was subjected to travel restrictions. The cancellation of these events led to the absence of the large delegation at the GCD VI and cost us a huge amount of work, as well as a reduction of some £30,000 of income and expenses in our annual account. The theme of the seventh GCD (GCD VII) is Reforming Global Governance and is set to be co-organised with the Institute of Global Common Development, Tsinghua University. It was due to take place in Beijing in October 2020, but pandemic restrictions forced its postponement.

**5. Global Century Press.** The London Book Fair (LBF) was cancelled on 4 March because of pandemic restrictions. We made alternative arrangements. 1) [China and global society are fighting COVID-19 together – book launch and display, online and offline assessments of the crisis from within and outside China](#). The day after this event, Professor Martin Albrow FAcSS, Honorary President of GCA, gave a joint interview to Xinhua News Agency, China Central Television, China International Radio and other media. He said: ‘When it comes to the virus, the boundaries don't exist, races don't matter, we are all of one human family..... the diversity of the world responds to the virus, but it is a very big challenge and it does remind us that we are one people, one world with a shared future.’ On 6 March, XIE Xiaocheng, the General Manager of Cypress Books Company (UK) Ltd, presented some books and magazines to be displayed on a stand together with other books that were to have been launched at the LBF. They included *China's Battle against the Coronavirus*, *Wuhan in Coronavirus Lockdown* and the magazine *China Pictorial* in English and Chinese editions. They were published by the Foreign Languages Press of the China International Publishing Group. 2) Republishing jointly three books commemorating the 110th anniversary of Professor Fei Xiaotong's birth (1910-2005). At this “mini joint preview”, other related books were displayed, along with three classics by Professor Fei Xiaotong, the famous Chinese sociologist and anthropologist. The books republished jointly by Global Century Press and New World Press were *Chinese Village Close-up*, *Small Towns in China* and *Towards People's Anthropology*. Speakers who were unable to attend the event in person recorded some small contributions on video.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Hitherto, the charity's income has been so low that it has not been able to set aside reserves. The policy is to maintain reserves sufficient to sustain operations for six months in the absence of further income, but this policy will only be fulfilled when the charity's income is increased, for which plans exist (see next section).

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our principal sources of funds are participation fees for the Global China Dialogues (hitherto held annually) and other events such as seminars; supplemented by voluntary/philanthropic donations from friends and family. In future, it is hoped that sales of goods, such as books and journals, and the provision of services will make a profit.

## Section F

## Other optional information

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## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Thomas Clarke	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	21 December 2020	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Global China Academy

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

01/04/2019-31/03/2020

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1154640

**Set out on pages**

1-7

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 /03 / 2020**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

**Date:**

15 January 2021

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**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

Ackley Ma Lee & Co

**Address:**

22 Watford Road

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

It is my responsibility to:

(i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Charities Act (the Act);

(ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the Act; and

(iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements;

(i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act;  
and

(ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act;

have not been met; or

(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

# GLOBAL CHINA ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	SOFA	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
			£		£	
<b>INCOME</b>						
	Individual giving		8,280	-	8,280	8,000
	Corporate donations		9,300	-	9,300	15,373
	Events		5,071	-	5,071	15,417
	Challenges		1,096	-	1,096	2,868
	Trading Income		444	-	444	3,746
	Other Income		670	-	670	19
	<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR CHARITABLE APPLICATION</b>		24,861	-	24,861	45,423
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE</b>						
	<b>Activities:</b>					
	Editing/graphic		4,394	-	4,394	10,565
	Accounting and Bookkeeping		153	-	153	158
	Printing		2,763	-	2,763	1,130
	Website E-mails		3,628	-	3,628	3,070
	Events		16,613	-	16,613	25,630
	Postage		71	-	71	35
	Office Expenses		1,259	-	1,259	469
	PR		518	-	518	1,435
	<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURE</b>		29,399	-	29,399	42,492
	<b>OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>					
	Governance	3	300	-	300	200
	<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>		300	-	300	200
	<b><u>TOTAL RESOURCES USED</u></b>		29,699	-	29,699	29,699
<b>CHANGES IN RESOURCES</b>						
	Balance B/F at 1 April 2019		-4,838	-	-4,838	2,731
			5,268	-	5,268	2,537
	<b><u>Balance C/F at 31st March 2020</u></b>		430	-	430	5,268
<b><u>REPRESENTED BY:</u></b>						
	Cash at bank & in hand	5	730	-	730	5,468
	<b>Total current assets</b>		730	-	730	5,468
	LESS creditors due within 1 year	4	300	-	300	200
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES</b>		430	-	430	5,268

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT  
31 MARCH 2020**

	Notes	General Fund	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
		£		£	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		-		-	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank & in hand	5	730	-	730	5,468
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>730</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>5,468</b>
Less					
Creditors due within 1 year	4	300	-	300	200
<b>Current assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>430</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>5,268</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>430</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>5,268</b>
Represented by :					
General Funds		430	-	430	5,268
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>430</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>5,268</b>

We acknowledge our responsibilities for keeping accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Charities Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with accounting requirements of the Act.

Approved by the trustees

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Trustee

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Dated

## GLOBAL CHINA ACADEMY

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020.

#### 1 Accounting Policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting By Charities.
- b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- c) Grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities on the earlier date of receipt or when receivable, unless they relate to a specified future period, in which case they are deferred.
- d) Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair apportionment of support and management and administration costs. Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are initially charged against the fund then transferred to the fixed asset fund.
- e) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the charitable purposes.
- f) Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Management Committee for particular purposes.

#### 2 Staff Costs and Numbers

There were no paid employees as at 31 March 2020

Time spent by the Trustees have not been brought into the accounts as they do not wish to be paid.

	2020	2019
	£	£
3 Governance		
Amount payable to the Independent Examiner	300	200
4 Creditors		
Independent Examiner	300	300
5 Current Assets		
Cash at Bank		5,468