

# Varsity inaugurates institute named after Chinese philosopher

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**MUMBAI:** On Mumbai University's Foundation day, the varsity welcomed dignitaries from China's Tianjin University of Technology for the inauguration of the Confucius Institute, a non-profit public institution aligned with the government of the People's Republic of China, which aims to promote Chinese language and culture. The institute is named after a famous Chinese philosopher and polymath.

Eight students from Mumbai University have received scholarships to study in China and learn their culture, as part of this initiative.

"The Confucius Institute will offer Chinese martial arts as one

of the subjects to study and we will get teachers from China appointed especially for this purpose," said Dr. Rajpal Hande director, Board of College and University Development.

Rajesh Tope, minister for Higher and Technical education along with Padmakar Valvi, minister for Sports and Youth Welfare were also present at the ceremony and congratulated the university to be the first one in the country to host a Confucius institute. The programme included a vivid display of Chinese culture via Wushu, a Chinese martial arts performance which left the audience enthralled.

"An MoU was signed between the two universities for the massive cultural, teacher and student exchange program," said Tope.