

2023 Chinese Language Day: Chinese Wisdom for a Green World 中国智慧，绿色发展

2023 is a critical year for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Midway to the deadline set out in the Agenda, we are unfortunately far off track for many SDGs. As Secretary-General Guterres pointed out, it is high time to turn words into action and redouble our efforts to regain the lost ground for sustainable development.

In this context, this year's Chinese Language Day will be held under the theme of "Chinese Wisdom for a Green World" to provide Chinese wisdom and solutions for green and sustainable development, thus echoing the Water Conference, the SDG Summit, and other important SDG-related meetings held or to be held by the UN this year.

The opening ceremony will be held on the evening of April 20 at the UN Headquarters.

Signature Events:

(April 20) Hybrid Symposium: Sustainable Future through a Sci-Fi Lens 科幻文学与可持续未来

World-renowned sci-fi writer and Hugo Award winner Mr. Liu Cixin will join UN officials via video link and share views on sustainable development and the protection of mother earth. The symposium will be held in Conference Room 7 of the UN Headquarters from 09:00 to 10:30 and be broadcast live on UN Web TV.

(April 17-21) Chinese Calligraphy Lecture and Exhibition: All Things Governed by the Laws of Nature 古今书法，道法自然

Calligrapher and educator Mr. Cui Xuelu will give an interactive lecture on the history of Chinese characters and calligraphy, elaborating on the concept of harmony between humanity and nature in Chinese calligraphy. The lecture will take place in Conference Room 7 from 11:15 to 12:15, April 20, and be broadcast live on UN Web TV. In addition, an exhibition of Cui's works will be held at the Curved Wall area.

(April 17-28) Chinese Painting and Calligraphy Exhibition: The Highest Virtue Resembles Water 上善若水

According to Chinese lunar calendar, 2023 is the "Year of Water Rabbit". An exhibition of traditional Chinese paintings and calligraphy, under the theme of water and rabbit, will be held at the South Wall area. With all the works made by professional artists, the exhibition is aimed to celebrate the concept of water in traditional Chinese culture and highlight the important role water plays in sustainable development.