

国家主席习近平在担任浙江省委书记期间于 2003 年 11 月 19 日访问都柏林城市大学。王小军一人带习近平代表团参观 DCU 图书馆和校园，最后代表团与 DCU 常务副校长，Prof Albert Pratt 举行会谈。习近平对 DCU 与杭州电子科技大学的合作表示肯定，支持两校加强合作。

2012 年 2 月 18-20 习近平在担任国家副主席时再次访问爱尔兰，在回答 Irish Times 记者提问时提到他 2003 年首次访问爱尔兰，并且“was deeply impressed by the country’s natural beauty and achievements in its development.”

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/the-chinese-people-cherish-friendly-sentiments-towards-this-country-1.465576>

“Q: What is the main purpose of your visit to Ireland? What outcomes can be expected from the visit?”

A: Ireland, also known as “the Emerald Isle”, is well known in China, and the Chinese people cherish friendly sentiments towards this country. Riverdance has many Chinese fans. Theatres are packed every time the show comes to China.

The institutional innovation and economic miracles in Ireland have offered China much food for thought in conducting reform and opening up.

The sons and daughters of Irish descent enjoy the great admiration of the Chinese people with their enterprising spirit and enormous contribution to development around the world.

I visited Ireland in 2003 and was deeply impressed by the country’s natural beauty and achievements in its development. At the invitation of Taoiseach Enda Kenny, I am coming to Ireland on an official visit for an in-depth exchange of views with Irish leaders on China-Ireland relations, looking for ways to further our friendship and practical co-operation and to bring our relationship to a new high. We also hope that Ireland will play a greater role in the EU in promoting China-EU relations.

During the visit, the relevant authorities of the two countries will sign a series of co-operation documents in addition to holding the China-Ireland Trade and Investment Forum. I hope that our business communities will take the opportunity to reach some co-operation agreements and advance the solid implementation of our mutually beneficial co-operative projects.”

DCU is the only Irish University Xi Jinping visited.