



Application Instructions for Self-financed International Students (Chinese Language Training Program) - Shandong University, Spring Semester 2026

I. Program Overview

This program aims to develop international students' proficiency in Chinese listening, speaking, reading, writing, and professional translation. Upon completion, students will not only improve their Chinese language skills but also gain a deeper understanding of the development of Chinese culture and society, while acquiring strong cross-cultural communication capabilities.

Students will be divided into elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels based on their current Chinese proficiency. To ensure high-quality teaching, all classes will be small-sized with a maximum of 20 students per class.

II. Eligibility

1. General Requirements

Applicants must be in good physical and mental health, hold a friendly attitude toward China, have no criminal record, and be non-Chinese citizens with a valid ordinary foreign passport.

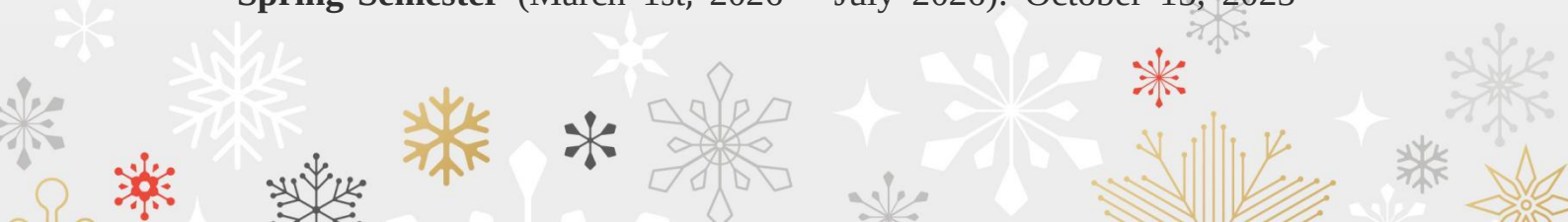
Applicants must possess a high school diploma or an equivalent qualification.

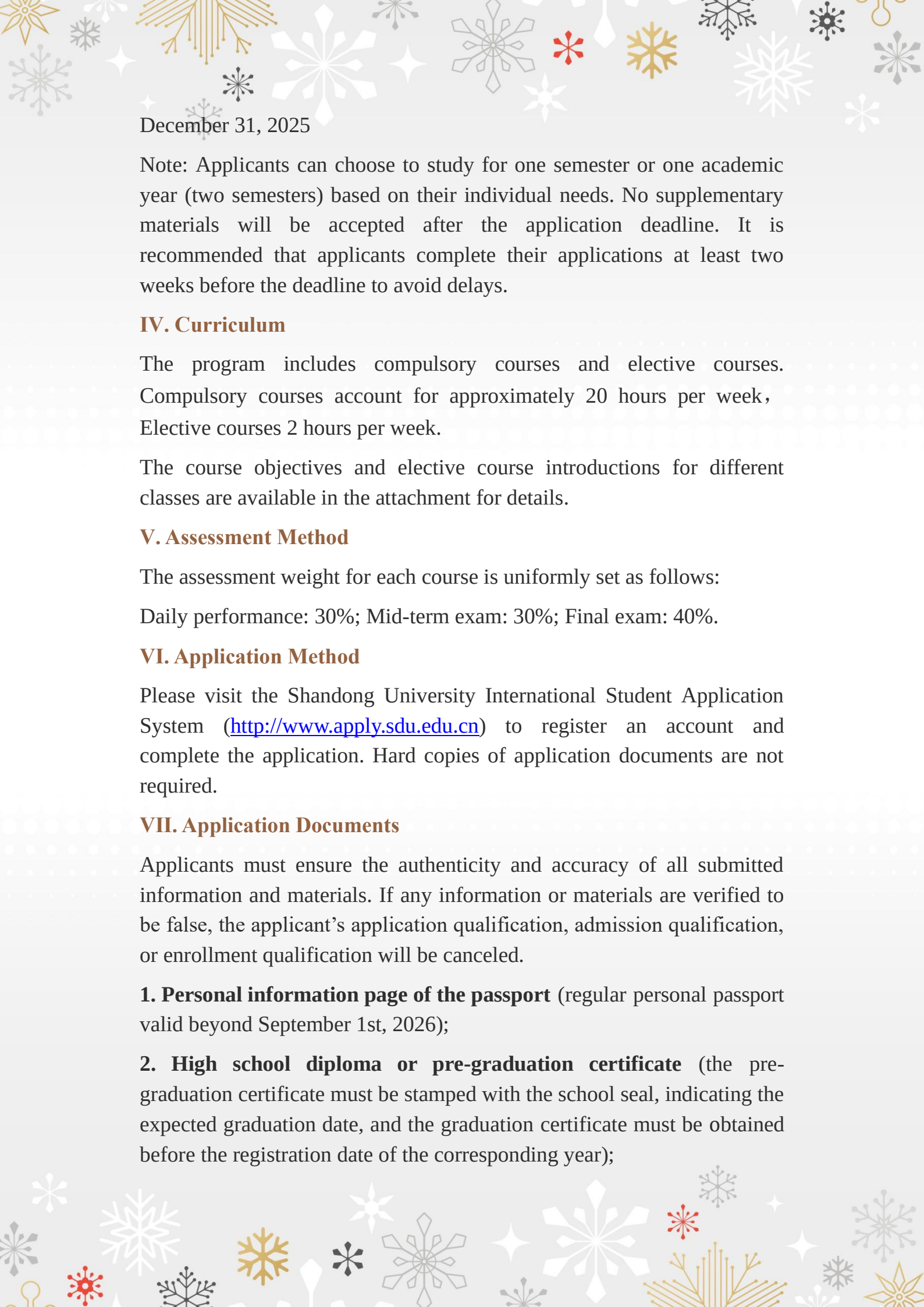
2. Special Requirement

Applicants must comply with the criteria specified in the Notice of the Ministry of Education on Regulating the Admission of International Students to Higher Education Institutions in China (Letter No. 12 [2020] of the Ministry of Education).

III. Application Period

Spring Semester (March 1st, 2026 – July 2026): October 15, 2025 –





December 31, 2025

Note: Applicants can choose to study for one semester or one academic year (two semesters) based on their individual needs. No supplementary materials will be accepted after the application deadline. It is recommended that applicants complete their applications at least two weeks before the deadline to avoid delays.

IV. Curriculum

The program includes compulsory courses and elective courses. Compulsory courses account for approximately 20 hours per week, Elective courses 2 hours per week.

The course objectives and elective course introductions for different classes are available in the attachment for details.

V. Assessment Method

The assessment weight for each course is uniformly set as follows:

Daily performance: 30%; Mid-term exam: 30%; Final exam: 40%.

VI. Application Method

Please visit the Shandong University International Student Application System (<http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn>) to register an account and complete the application. Hard copies of application documents are not required.

VII. Application Documents

Applicants must ensure the authenticity and accuracy of all submitted information and materials. If any information or materials are verified to be false, the applicant's application qualification, admission qualification, or enrollment qualification will be canceled.

1. Personal information page of the passport (regular personal passport valid beyond September 1st, 2026);

2. High school diploma or pre-graduation certificate (the pre-graduation certificate must be stamped with the school seal, indicating the expected graduation date, and the graduation certificate must be obtained before the registration date of the corresponding year);

3. Transcript of all high school courses (stamped with the school seal);

4. Letter of motivation in Chinese or English;

Applicants should follow the template provided by our university (please download the template from:

[https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm-\"Download\"](https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm-\)).

5. Foreigner Physical Examination Form.

Applicants should undergo the examination strictly according to the required items stated in the Foreigner Physical Examination Form (please download the template from:

[https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm-\"Download\"](https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm-\)). Forms

will be deemed invalid if they are incomplete, lack attached photos, do not have a cross-page seal on the photo, lack a signature of the attending physician, or are without an official hospital stamp. Please ensure the physical examination remains valid during the application as the result is valid for only 6 months.

6. Certificate of No Criminal Record;

Applicants must submit the Certificate of No Criminal Record issued by local public security management department. It should be valid within 6 months prior to the application date.

7. Scanned copies of the guarantee materials, including: (1) Scanned copies of passport or identification document of the financial guarantor (limited to the applicant or immediate family member); (2) Proof of financial support, with deposits of no less than 30,000 RMB or an equivalent amount in foreign currency.

8. If you are studying at another university in Mainland China, please submit a recommendation letter issued by the International Students Office or the school of your host university with their contact information.

9. Applicants under the age of 18 must submit scanned copies of the following documents:

(1) Guardian statement (please download the template from: <https://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn/English/Home.htm-Download>). The



guardian must be an adult living in Shandong Province, China;

(2) A notarized paper to prove that the applicant's parents have entrusted guardianship to the guardian;

(3) The guardian's ID or passport.

10. Additional supplementary documents required by Shandong University.

Note: All application documents must be in Chinese or English. If the documents are in other languages, the original document and a certified translation in English or Chinese must be uploaded together. Please use a scanner to scan the relevant documents in color, as documents taken with mobile phones or cameras, as well as photocopies, will not be accepted. Except for the "Foreigner Physical Examination Form" and personal signatures, handwritten documents will not be accepted.

VIII. Selection and Admission

Shandong University will select applicants based on merit. Video interviews may be required for some applicants.

Admission Result Inquiry: Through the Shandong University International Student Online Application System.

Result Announcement Time:

For spring semester enrollment: Before January 30, 2026.

For fall semester enrollment: Before July 30, 2026.

Admitted students will receive an electronic admission letter and either the Confirmation Form for Study in China (JW202) or the Short-Term International Student Information Form (DQ).

IX. Registration

Admitted students must register at Shandong University strictly in accordance with the time specified in the admission letter. During registration, the original graduation certificate, Foreigner Physical Examination Form, and other required documents will be verified. Applicants who fail to submit the required original documents will be disqualified from enrollment.



X. Fees

Application Fee: 400 RMB per person (payable after receiving the pre-admission email; non-refundable once paid).

Tuition Fee: 9,000 RMB per semester; 18,000 RMB per academic year.

Medical Insurance Fee: 400 RMB per person per semester; 800 RMB per person per academic year.

Note: International students must purchase the required medical insurance for studying in China; otherwise, they will not be able to complete the registration process.

Accommodation Fee: Varies by room type, generally ranging from 25 to 45 RMB per person per day.

XI. Visa Application

Admitted students must apply for a student visa at the Chinese Embassy or Consulate abroad using the electronic admission letter and either the Confirmation Form for Study in China (JW202) or the Short-Term International Student Information Form (DQ).

For studies of 6 months or less: Apply for an X2 visa.

For studies of more than 6 months: Apply for an X1 visa and apply for a residence permit within 30 days of arriving in China.

XII. Contact Information

Address: Room C304, Mingde Building, Shandong University (Central Campus), No. 27 Shanda Nanlu, Jinan, Shandong Province, China

Postal Code: 250100

Telephone: +86-(0)531-88365586

Email: [intl admission@email.sdu.edu.cn](mailto:intladmission@email.sdu.edu.cn) cie@sdu.edu.cn

Official Website: <http://www.istudy.sdu.edu.cn>

College Website: <https://www.cie.sdu.edu.cn/index.htm>

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1. Compulsory Courses

The program offers courses at different levels, with specific objectives as follows:

Course Level	Course Objectives	Course Setup	Weekly Hours
Elementary 1	After completing Elementary 1, students' Chinese proficiency will reach Level 1 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to use simple communication strategies to assist in daily expression and gain a small amount of knowledge about Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions.	Intensive Chinese	8
		Chinese Listening & Speaking	8
		Pinyin & Chinese Characters	4
Elementary 2	After completing Elementary 2, students' Chinese proficiency will basically reach Level 2 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to use basic communication strategies to assist in daily expression and initially acquire some knowledge about Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions.	Intensive Chinese	8
		Chinese oral Communication	8
		Chinese Listening Comprehension	4
Intermediate 1	After completing Intermediate 1, students' Chinese proficiency will basically reach Level 3 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to conduct short conversations on basic daily life, study, and work topics and complete most daily social communications. They will initially understand Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions.	Intensive Chinese	6
		Chinese Oral Communication	6
		Chinese Listening Comprehension	4
		Chinese Reading & Writing	4
Intermediate 2	After completing Intermediate 2, students' Chinese proficiency will reach Level 3 of the International Standards for Chinese Language	Intensive Chinese	6
		Chinese Oral Communication	6

	Education. They will be able to conduct basic and effective social communications on daily life, study, work, and other topics and basically understand Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions.	Chinese Listening Comprehension	4
		Chinese Reading & Writing	4
Intermediate 3	After completing Intermediate 3, students' Chinese proficiency will basically reach Level 4 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to conduct complete and effective social communications and understand Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions.	Intensive Chinese	6
		Chinese Oral Communication	6
		Chinese Listening Comprehension	4
		Chinese Reading & Writing	4
Advanced 1	After completing Advanced 1, students' Chinese proficiency will basically reach Level 5 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to conduct relatively complete, smooth, and effective social communications on complex daily life, study, work, and other topics and understand Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions.	Intensive Chinese	8
		Chinese Audio-Visual & Speaking	6
		Chinese Reading & Writing	6
Advanced 2	After completing Advanced 2, students' Chinese proficiency will basically reach Level 6 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to conduct relatively rich, fluent, and appropriate social communications on learning and work topics in some professional fields, understand Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese national conditions, and possess certain cross-cultural communication capabilities.	Advanced Chinese Vocabulary	6
		Advanced Chinese Audio-Visual & Speaking	6
		Advanced Chinese Grammar	4
		Advanced Chinese Reading & Writing	4
Advanced 3	After completing Advanced 3, students' Chinese proficiency will reach Levels 7-9 of the International Standards for Chinese Language Education. They will be able to	Advanced Chinese Vocabulary	6
		Advanced Chinese Audio-Visual & Speaking	6

	conduct standardized and appropriate social communications on complex topics in social life, academic research, and other fields, flexibly use various communication strategies, deeply understand Chinese culture, and possess an international perspective and cross-cultural communication capabilities.	Advanced Chinese Grammar	4
		Advanced Chinese Reading & Writing	4

2. Elective Courses

In addition to language courses, a variety of cultural experience courses are offered to help students deepen their understanding of China and its rich culture. The specific courses are arranged based on student interests and enrollment numbers each semester.

Elective Course	Enrollment Requirements	Course Objectives
Mandarin Pronunciation	Open to all students	On the basis of reviewing knowledge of the Chinese phonetic system, focus on practicing difficult points in Chinese, Through intensive training, consolidate learned vocabulary and basic Chinese grammar, become familiar with question types of all HSK levels, and master certain test-taking strategies.
HSK Counselling	HSK Level 3	- Consolidate vocabulary and basic Chinese grammar through intensive training.- Familiarize with HSK test questions at all levels and master practical test-taking strategies.
	HSK Level 4	
	HSK Level 5	
Business Chinese	HSK Level 4	-Based on the actual development of Chinese and foreign economic and trade exchanges, this course selects real business scenarios. Students will learn common Chinese expressions in the business field and understand the similarities and differences between Chinese and foreign workplace cultures. It helps students experience the identity of workplace professionals and the relationship between job roles, broaden their business horizons, and enhance their business Chinese communication skills.

Elective Course	Enrollment Requirements	Course Objectives
All-Media Chinese	HSK Level 4	- Read Chinese news and master journalistic terminology in Chinese.- Enhance understanding of contemporary Chinese society.
Advanced Written Chinese	HSK Level 4	- Master vocabulary, syntax, and text structure of standard written Chinese.- Improve the accuracy and appropriateness of Chinese writing.
Chinese Culture in Life: Food, Clothing, Housing, Transportation	HSK Level 3	- Understand basic needs and characteristics of contemporary Chinese daily life.- Gain in-depth insight into the context of Chinese cultural development and form a general understanding of Chinese culture.
The Beauty of Tai Chi: Chinese Martial Arts and Practice	Open to all students	- Learn basic routines and techniques of the "24-Form Tai Chi".- Understand the spirit of Chinese martial arts, Tai Chi culture, and related fitness methods.
The Speed of China: Contemporary Transportation	HSK Level 4	- Learn about transportation methods in Chinese daily life.- Understand the rapid development of contemporary transportation in China and explore the conditions and reasons behind this development.
Chinese Wushu Culture & Experience	Open to all students	- Learn the basic routines and movements of "24-Style Tai Chi", and understand the spirit of Chinese Wushu and Tai Chi culture through learning and practice.
Green China: Documentary on Environmental Protection in China	HSK Level 4	- Conduct audio-visual learning and speaking practice in Chinese (focusing on vocabulary and expressions) around four themes: "Chinese Geography", "Beautiful China", "Climate Change and Environmental Protection", and "Environmental Protection in Action".