**Press Release of “Greek Educational Drama Summer School 2019”**

The Greek Educational Drama Summer School is now active in Nafplio from 27th July to 4th August, co-organized by Study in Greece, the Theatre Studies Department of the University of the Peloponnese and Muse Academy and attended by the students from China. This is the first time that such a summer school is organized for Chinese students in Greece.

The Greek Educational Drama Summer School focuses on educational drama and theatre, including the educational drama workshops in Nafplio, on-site learning in Epidaurus, Mycenae and Argos and lectures about Greek history, mythology, music, ancient theatre etc. Besides the workshops, the lectures and the on-site learning, the students of the summer school will give a 15 minute presentation at the Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus, and also a final presentation at Trianon Theatre in Nafplio.

The teaching staff include the following: Anna Tsichli, theatre director and Member of the special teaching staff at the Department of Theatre Studies, University of the Peloponnese; Maria Mikedaki, archeologist and Assistant Professor at the Department of Theatre Studies, University of the Peloponnese; Miao Bin, Founder of Muse Academy and Meet Culture; Eley Yuan, musician and Education Director at Muse Academy.

In China, educational drama is still a new concept but has increased high interest. The Greek Educational Drama Summer School aims to bring Chinese students to Greece, the birth place of drama and theatre, to experience and study Greek theatre and bring it back to China.

The Greek Educational Drama Summer School has received the support of DOPPAT of the municipality of Nafplio and the Ephorate of Antiquities of Argolida.

**Organizers:**

Study in Greece is the official initiative of Greece for the promotion of international studies in Greece and the implementation of educational programs for international students. The organization is under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Tourism.

The Theatre Studies Department of the University of the Peloponnese aims, since its foundation in 2003, to educate its students in the art of theatre. Combining theatre practice with academic methodology, it provides students with the necessary skills and qualifications for an artistic or scholarly career in theatre arts.

Muse Academy is the first educational institution in China providing Greek music and theatre education, in order for the enlightenment of art for Chinese children. Besides regular classes, Muse Academy also organize master classes, lectures, sharing events, concerts, etc., as well as summer school and winter school in Greece. The teachers consist of both Chinese and Greek educators and artists, teaching both in China and Greece.