

# Nanjing Audit University (NAU) grants the title *honoris causa* to minister Aroldo Cedraz

In June, during a working visit to China, the president of the Brazilian Federal Court of Accounts (TCU), minister Aroldo Cedraz, was granted an honorary professor (h.c.) title from Nanjing Audit University (NAU). Founded in 1983, the university is considered one of the most prestigious in the auditing of public resources. NAU has granted only 23 honorary titles before that to people that excelled in specific areas. The list of people that were conferred this honorary academic title includes two Nobel laureates in Economics and the Comptroller General of the US Government Accountability Office, the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) of the United States of America.



**Figure 1:**

The stone placed at the gardens of NAU means determination and perseverance, which are qualities that the University seeks to instill in its students academic and professional lives.



## Chinese Ambassador underscores the importance of this title

Nanjing Audit University (NAU) is the only financial and economical institute of higher education in China that carries “Audit” in its name. NAU was founded in 1983 and it is one of the birthplaces of Chinese higher educations featuring Audit. Currently, NAU has a total student population of around 15,000 and a strong teaching faculty of 881 teachers. In the past five years, NAU has undertaken 82 natural science fund and national social science fund projects and 156 provincial scientific research projects. The institution has also participated in major audit policy and regulation review and advisory projects of National Audit Office of PRC.

Honorary professor is an honorary academic title offered by NAU to world-renowned experts and scholars. Mr. Reinhard Selten, Nobel Prize Laureate for Economics, Mr. Margit Kraker, secretary-general of International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (Intosai) and president of the Austrian Court of Audit, Mr. Gene Dodaro, comptroller-general of the United States, Mr. Didier Migand, president of the Court of Audit of France, Mr. Richard F. Chambers, president and CEO of The Global Institute of Internal Auditors, etc. All of them have visited NAU and were conferred an honorary professor title. They have played an important role in promoting international cooperation and internationalization of auditing education by doing so.

NAU has established extensive cooperation and exchange contacts with international organizations such as International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (Intosai), Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (Asosai), Institute Of Internal Auditors (IIA), supreme audit institutions of ten-odd countries including the U.S., UK, and France, as well as colleges and universities of Europe, America, Australia, and Africa. NAU has been recognized as the only Partner University of IAEP (the Internal Auditing Education Partnership) program in China and one of the 39 universities globally recognized by IIA. We believe that cooperation between Tribunal de Contas da União (TCU) and NAU will facilitate mutual academic exchanges, research cooperation and mutual visits of experts, thus becoming an important component of China-Brazil multifaceted cooperation.

*“An h.c. title is granted to persons who played an important role in promoting international cooperation and internationalization of auditing education.”*

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### **What is honoris causa?**

It is a Latin expression used as an honorary title, which literally means “for honor’s sake”.