

Office of China Programs Newsletter



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Director's Message



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

First of all, thank you for your continued engagement and support of the programs and activities related to China at Michigan State University. Over more than a decade ago, the Office of China Programs (OCP) was established with missions to promote collaborations in research, education, and technology transfer with China. As a result, MSU has seen a steady surge in Chinese student enrollments, a significant increase in collaborative research projects, various education programs, and faculty exchanges, leading to the current state

of a much broader and diversified collaboration portfolio with many institutions and agencies in China.

While MSU enjoys enhanced collaborations with China, by the end of 2015 the former founding Director of OCP, Wei Jun Zhao, decided to retire after years of service to MSU and particularly to the programs related to China. I resumed the directorship of the OCP in early 2016, yet with primary responsibilities still as the Director of the Center for Global Change. Since then, I have been working with deans, directors and staff in ISP, particularly ISP Dean Hanson, VIPP Director Xinyu Wu and Asian Studies Director Siddharth Chandra to continue the OCP's function while assessing challenges and opportunities ahead of the OCP. Given the complexity and changes in geopolitics, research, and education landscape in China, as well as the limited resources, the OCP has to focus on a fewer, but long-term collaborative initiatives with China. This decision and subsequent effort led to the campus wide Asia Hub Initiative, a new, innovative partnership to strengthen multilateral international collaborations, the Joint Institute with Nanjing Agricultural University, and One Health initiative with Shanghai Traditional Chinese Medicine University. At the same time, the OCP maintains its collaborative efforts to assist other units on campus to promote collaborations with China, thanks to the great effort by its staff, especially by the Senior Assistant Director,

Qing Xia.

Looking ahead are challenges and opportunities. The challenges are to continue growing and sustaining successful programs within a changing landscape of economy, education reform, and political environment in China. However, opportunities exist as well, as our MSU alumni numbers continue growing, funding opportunities continue rising, collaborative research portfolios continue diversifying and expanding, and the university's administrative support remains strong. What is needed is a clear strategy to move forward to seize these opportunities and create an environment for all to enjoy innovative international partnerships and collaborations. With the support from MSU, faculty, staff and friends like you, the OCP is dedicated to promote, facilitate, assist and sometimes lead the next level of true partnerships with China and its surrounding countries. I welcome any new ideas and provoking thoughts on how to better serve the MSU community and synergize OCP's efforts with yours to achieve its long-term goals.

In this issue of the OCP newsletter, we have included as many China related programs and events happened across the campus. It only gives us a glimpse of how deeply MSU campus is connected with China. We hope we can share information and experience more often through the OCP platform. We hope to reach out more to our communities and stakeholders.

I look forward to the opportunities to serve better and more programs, and initiatives with China and other international partners.

Jianguo Qi

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Around MSU Campus

International Corporate Tour: Career Service to International Chinese Students and All

Each May, two staff members, Eric Doer and Maya Craft of MSU Career Service Network lead students to visit Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou or other big cities China. The ICT to China is a two-week trek that exposes students to more than 10 well-known organizations, and help students network with their employees, understand organizational cultures, identify talents, develop their professional skills, and understand the recruitment process. This program is designed for all undergraduate students of all majors, and the application is open to all students with GPA of 3.0 or higher. Chinese international students are encouraged to participate, as one of the goals of this course is to explore various professions, to network with employers, and to lay foundations for a successful career in the future.



International Corporate Tour to China (ICT) is a 3 credit study abroad program.

Past Year Program

The ICP to China has successfully occurred twice. However, it was not an official study abroad experience, so no course credit was offered. According to the feedback from students, this program helped them understand company culture, and improve their professional skills. More importantly, they were able to clarify their interests, identify their talents, and made many new friends during the course. The outcome of ICP was exciting. 5 out of 10 students who participated in ICP in 2015 got their internships in China during that

summer.

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OISS Pre-Departure Program in Beijing and Shanghai

Starting from 2010, each summer, in collaboration with Project Explore and OISS' Chinese undergraduate student advisory group, OISS offers a pre-departure program in Beijing and Shanghai. The program is meant to spread Spartan spirit and to prepare students and parents for studying at MSU. Chinese student groups also held resource fairs and introduced their organizations to parents and new students. On average, around 200 new students and parents attended the Pre-Departure in each city every year.

Topics included:

- Academic Life
- Communication
- Helpful Support Services
- Arrival Planning
- Financial Concerns
- Housing Issues

Dr. James Dorsett, the Director of OISS, Ms. Erica Fiasky, Academic Advising Director of North Neighborhood, and Mr. Michael Allensworth gave opening remarks of the program, and introduced their respective offices.

Current students also introduced different resources to incoming students and their parents. For example, explaining how students and parents can contact the MSU Admissions Office (<https://admissions.msu.edu/contact.asp>) for more information about the math placement test, the language test, and other to-do things before going to MSU.

OISS' goal is to provide support to MSU's international students, scholars and families. Before students come to MSU, OISS would email them information about their passport, visa, I-20 form, driver license, Social Security Number (SSN), health insurance and so forth.

If a student has problems with his/her roommate or has a culture problem, please contact Residential Assistant (RA), Intercultural Aide (ICA) or the Community Director. They are always willing to help.

MSU Career Services support students as they explore and refine their post-college goals and purposes. If you are looking for career resources, want mock interview training, or talk to a career advisor, MSU Career Services is the right place to go!

The MSU Pre-Departure Program gets incoming students together to share resources at MSU ahead and give tips on how to succeed college. It also offers a good opportunity for incoming students get to know each other and make friends with each other.

(Contributed by Xiaoyu Yin and Ran Yu)



China Summer School – Study Away in Chengdu

The China Summer School Program is an innovative and unique study away opportunity for many Chinese international students offered by the College of Social Science. Students will be required to take two general education courses (IAH and ISS) in an intensive three-week program. The program is based in Chengdu, a city that many Chinese international students have never visited, which will offer an experience different to the other major cities in China, led by Prof. Mark Wilson of MSU School of Planning, Design and Construction. In 2017, the program offered courses on food and culture, and on cities in Asia that used Chengdu as a case study. In addition to classes, students in the past have taken field trips to the panda reserve, Bamboo Sea, and local historic sites. The program is open to Chinese international students and it will offer ISS and IAH starting late June to early July 2018.



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Chinese Program in Harbin 2018



The undergraduate program in Chinese offers a major, minor, teaching major, and teaching minor. The program emphasizes the obtainment of language competence and knowledge of Chinese culture and society through a combined approach of proficiency-oriented, communicative, situational, and study-abroad activities. The diversity of courses offered prepares students, both majors and non-majors, for their future career advancement and personal growth. The curriculum is enriched by various extra-

curricular activities such as weekly Language Tables, Conversation Hours, film showings, lectures, and festivals. The program also strives to connect learners of Chinese with the big Chinese community on and off campus. All the courses are taught by faculty members who have received training in Chinese linguistics, Chinese language teaching, and Chinese cultural and literary studies.

In summer 2018, first-year Chinese (CHS101, CHS102) will be offered on campus. All the students and community members are welcome to attend. For students who are not local, synchronic online participation option is available.

The study abroad program gives students different options in terms of length: summer, semester, and year long. The host university in China is the Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT) in Harbin, China. HIT is one of the top nine institutions in China, with experienced faculty and staff who have considerable experience working with international students. The city of Harbin is the tenth largest city in China, with a population close to 10 million, and is the political, economic, scientific, cultural, and communications center of Northeastern China. Harbin is one of the most beautiful cities in China and is well-known for its unique European and Russian-influenced architecture. The program provides students with a good opportunity to familiarize themselves with Chinese society and culture, and immerse themselves in a Chinese-speaking environment through intensive language training, living with a Chinese roommate, weekend home stays, experiential learning, cultural workshops, cultural events, as well as field trips. This program will run in summer 2018.

Graduates of the Chinese program are able to succeed in various work places such as government departments, companies in China, teachers of Chinese in the U.S., English teachers in China, U.S. company branches in China, and so on. Some start their own businesses in China or the United States.

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Students at Harbin Institute of Technology



Students at Jihong Elementary School



Students visited the Great Wall Beijing

Chinese Consul General Hong Lei Visited MSU



abroad safety” to all Chinese international students.

Invited by the MSU Confucius Institute, Consul General Hong Lei, along with Education Counselor Chen Yinghui, Consul Chen Hao and Consul Jin Lei visited MSU on October 5 and 6. Their primary purpose was to promote stronger roles of hosting universities in

In fall 2017, the Chinese international student number at MSU is 4,157. It is the largest international student population at MSU. Our peer big-ten institutions also share the similar situation on their campuses. With such a large Chinese student population in the mid-west higher education institutions, the Chinese Consulate General in Chicago has increasingly received reports of various incidents across the board. The Consulate has taken a road trip to the major campuses to promote “academic success and study

Chinese students' health and safety. On October 6, Mr. Hong Lei met the leaders of the Office of China Programs, Confucius Institute, Office of International Students and Scholars, Education Abroad and Associate Provost and International Studies and Programs Dean Steven Hanson. He also met with President Simon and Provost June Youatt. The Consul General and his team gave a safety and security seminar to the Chinese international students in the Kiva of Erickson Hall. Mr. Hong also delivered a public speech to MSU students and faculty in the College of Business, titled "China's New Development and China-US Relations in the New Era."

Consul General Hong began his day by going to the Office of China Programs (OCP) and meeting with Director Qi Jiaguo and Senior Assistant Director Qing Xia. Dr. Qi introduced the current functions and future vision of OCP, emphasizing Asia Hub and strategic priorities in working with China. Director Qi also discussed the challenges that MSU has been facing, primarily with finding ways to help Chinese undergraduate students in their transitions to MSU during their freshman year. Mr. Hong agreed and expressed appreciation of all of the efforts and dedication that OCP has put into promoting cooperation and communication between China and MSU. He hoped OCP would continue taking the responsibility and leadership to provide better services to Chinese students, and to protect their safety. He recommended increasing the number of advisors with Chinese background, as it will better serve the Chinese student population. He believed that the foundation of cooperation between China and the U.S. is solid and promising.

Consul General Hong then visited the Confucius Institute (CI) and exchanged opinions with the Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Robert Floden, the Director of Confucius Institute, Dr. Lynn Paine, and also greeted the CI staff. Dr. Floden introduced recent collaborations in education research and future strategies to expand the dialogue with Chinese universities. Dr. Paine introduced CI's current functions and partnerships with China in both academic training and cultural understanding. Hong spoke highly of the achievements of MSU's CI and the College of Education. He believes that CI is the engine for enhancing the cultural communication between China and the U.S. He wishes that with extensive and intensive cooperation with China, CI could play an increasingly significant role in deepening the international world's understanding of Chinese culture.

Hong then met with Steven Hanson, Associate Provost and Dean of International Studies and Programs (ISP), Siddharth Chandra, the director of Asian Studies Center, James Dorsett, the director of Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) and Inge Steglitz, the director of Office of Education Abroad. Hong listened to the introduction of various Chinese related programs hosted by MSU, including services to Chinese students, education abroad programs in China, and collaborative programs between MSU and Chinese universities. Hong expressed his appreciation in MSU's active role in helping Chinese students adjust to life in the U.S., and pointed out that nothing is more important than the students' safety, both physically and psychologically. The group also shared their opinions on the challenges MSU is facing in providing academic and health services for international students. Hong gave examples of good practices by our peer university (Missouri State University) in setting up special advising teams for Chinese undergraduate students. Dr. Hanson said that MSU has taken the issues and challenges seriously, with safety as the top priority. Future actions include strengthening the orientation program for international students, providing more training, and new safety initiatives from OISS and other offices. He said MSU welcomes advice and help from the Chinese Consulate.

Regarding education abroad, Hong agreed that it is equally important to increase the number of American students going to study in China as well as Chinese students coming to the U.S. Only mutual relationships and understanding can promote communication and interaction, and break down the barriers.

In addition to meeting with MSU departments, Mr. Hong's team met with representatives from the Chinese Students and Scholar's Association (CSSA) and the Chinese Faculty Club (CFC).

(Contributed by Chunyu Guo)



Mr. Hong talked about safety to students



Mr. Hong visited CI

Nanjing Agriculture University Faculty Visited to MSU

Michigan State University and the Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU), a top agricultural university in China, have entered an agreement of establishing a joint college in Nanjing, China. The leading college at MSU is the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The MSU-NAU partnership will be the first to offer an international program focusing on agriculture in China. The colleges will offer joint degrees at both undergraduate and graduate levels. The joint colleges are planning to start recruiting students in China in 2019. Meanwhile, they will provide a broad research platform for MSU and NAU scholars, which is the cornerstone of this collaboration.



To prepare for the new venture, 8 NAU faculty members arrived at MSU in August 2017 to participate in a faculty development program in the Office of China Programs and the Visiting International Professional Program (VIPP). During the four-month visit to MSU, they participated in workshops on teaching and learning, conducting class observations in different MSU colleges and taking VIPP language and culture courses.



Academic Experience at MSU

The faculty development program started with a well-designed workshop by Dr. Deborah DeZure, an expert in faculty training that focused on teaching and learning in higher education. The workshop covered active learning, curriculum design, student assessment, documenting and evaluating teaching, leadership in higher education and faculty mentoring.

“We are delighted to host NAU faculty for a productive development program which will support our two institutions for a long-term collaboration on teaching and research,” said Dr. Steven Hanson, Associate Provost and Dean of International Studies and Programs, welcoming the eight NAU faculty at the first workshop.

“It is a precious opportunity for our faculty to communicate with the faculty here in MSU,” said Xiaolei Ding in response, Associate Dean of NAU faculty development center. “We can share, spread ideas and learn from each other, and look forward to a deeper collaboration in the long run.”

All NAU faculty members said that they have benefited a lot from the workshop, not only from the lectures and discussions but also from the craftsmanship of an educator, shown by Dr. DeZure.

Since the beginning of the fall semester, NAU faculty members have attended classes and conducted class observations in horticulture, food science, plant nutrition, agro-economics,

entomology, environmental science, TESOL and faculty development. They are having a close look at American higher education through MSU undergraduate and graduate courses. In the meanwhile, some of them are seeking and conducting research collaborations with faculty in MSU.

The purpose of the class observations for NAU faculty is to get familiar with pedagogy. They may utilize some of the best practices in their teaching at the future MSU-NAU joint college.

Cultural Experience in Michigan

The VIPP program also brought the NAU faculty to an exciting cultural experience in Michigan. Various on-campus and off-campus activities have presented the Michigan lifestyle and culture to the new comers.

“The most impressive is the tailgating and football game. They let us experience the American culture in person and have revived our passion back into our college time as well,” said one of the NAU members.

(Contributed by Jufang Wang and Qing Xia)

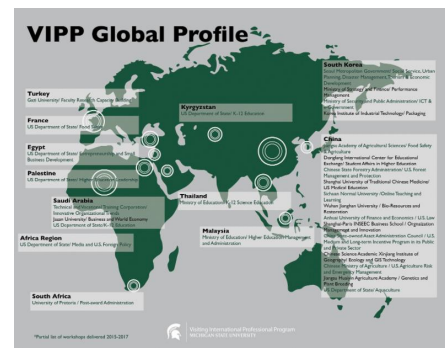
The Nursing Exchange Program

The Nursing Exchange Program was the first student training program from the Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine (SHUTCM) under the One Health Initiative between MSU and SHUTCM. 16 students and 1 faculty member from the School of Nursing of SHUTCM visited MSU from June 10-30, 2017. The students went through a rigorous training course hosted by the College of Nursing and the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Students had opportunities to meet with MSU faculty members of nursing and other departments, visit the Children’s Hospital in Detroit, and the Metro Health Hospital in the Grand Rapids area. One of the biggest impressions on the visiting Chinese students was the high recognition and honor of being a nurse in the U.S. Nurses in the U.S. have more opportunities to advance to various positions in hospital, including management positions. Nurses are regarded as equally important as doctors. In China, nursing professionals are regarded as subordinate to doctors, and are not equal. Within Chinese society, nursing professionals are not as respected as doctors are.

In addition to learning about the history of Nursing, Advanced Nursing Practice, and Nursing Theory, students learned from topics of One Health such as Nutrition, Health and Environmental Health. They also learned about Insurance Law in the U.S., Tele Medicine, Complementary Nursing Practice, Molecular BioGenetics, and Manipulative Medicine. The students were grateful to meet and listen to Professor Emeritus James Trosko talk about the environment and human development. Students enjoyed their cultural experiences and wished the program could have been longer. Even if the café food was not their favorite, the Spartan ice cream did win their hearts.



The Visiting International Professional Program at MSU provides executive education and professional development programs for international scholars and professionals. We are proud of our diverse client base and wide range of programs we offer. But among others, VIPP has enjoyed a longstanding relationship with China for many years. VIPP has been honored to host Chinese scholars and professionals from a wide variety of fields for professional training workshops in the past, and looks forward to continuing to do so in the future.



Since this summer until now, VIPP has implemented more than six workshops from China and plans to host more than five groups for the rest of the year. From delegation from the Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography, to young entrepreneurs from Shanghai, to college advisors and counselors from Chinese universities, VIPP has connected China to the MSU's expertise and contributed to MSU's new vision as a world-grant university.

Here we can only list a few examples what VIPP has achieved for the past few months.

Workshop on Student Services: VIPP provided a professional development workshop for 14 college advisors and counselors from four universities in China - Northwestern Polytechnical University, Shanxi Normal University, North Sichuan Medical College and Guizhou University of Engineering Science. They learned about student affairs practices in U.S. higher education system and MSU's comprehensive services for students including housing, college admission, academic support, counseling, and career service. The workshop consisted of lectures by MSU faculty, visits to various campus units (such as the MSU library, Counseling Center, and HATCH), a day trip to Wayne State University, and cultural excursions in Lansing areas.

Workshop for Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography: During the ecology workshop, the Chinese delegates visited Kellogg Biological Station, the Institute of Water Research, the Anaerobic Digestion Research and Education (ADREC), and the Center for Global Change and Earth Observations at MSU. They were able to attend a research conference, keynote lectures and presentations, and more importantly, connect with many faculty members and researchers at MSU to discuss global challenges in modern ecology research.

Workshop for the DBA students on organization management, innovation, and entrepreneurship: VIPP hosted young Shanghai entrepreneurs who are studying towards their DBA degrees with the Paris Business School (INSEEC). The workshop consisted of a number of organized visits and professional meetings, which provided the group with great opportunities to link theory, practice, and their own experience in the area of organizational change and innovation. One of the highlights of the workshop was a visit to Google, Ann Arbor. The workshop used Google for a number of case studies on organizational structure, culture, management, incentives, and innovation. Being onsite, seeing Google in action, and talking to the staff (by the way, the average age in Google, Ann Arbor is 26), was an exciting and rewarding experience for everybody.

VIPP is committed to providing high-value professional development opportunities for international visitors by connecting them to MSU's expertise. We believe in the value of international exchange and our goal is to bring the best of the world to MSU, Michigan and the US. While we strive to be global every and each day we will continue working closely with China, one of our long-lasting partners in the world.



14 college advisors and counsellors from four universities in China received the certificates for their hard work and study during 17 day-long journey at MSU.

Dr. Steven Hamilton, MSU professor of Ecology & Biogeochemistry at the College of Natural Science provided a guided tour to Chinese scholars at Kellogg Biological Station.

Visit to Google, Ann Arbor. The workshop used Google for a number of case studies on organizational structure, culture, management, incentives, and innovation.

Asia WEF Nexus Workshop at the Nakhon Phanom University in Thailand

The water, energy and food (WEF) systems in Asia have been disrupted by frequent floods and droughts, rapid urbanization, land use and land cover changes, and proliferation of hydropower dams construction. The inhabitants of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) are facing creeping and inescapable challenges related to the natural and human induced changes that have disrupted flows of ecosystem services. The interrelated issues of water security, energy security, and food security challenge regional development and sustainability of the rural communities. Assessing tradeoffs and synergies WEF nexus will be key to socially and ecologically appropriate livelihood improvements for these communities.

On July 11-16, 2017, Michigan State University, Nanjing Agricultural University and Nakhon Phanom University (NPU), Kasetsart University, with partners from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam, as well as the MAIRS (Monsoon Asia Integrated Research for Sustainability) and GLP (Global Land Program) - North America Nodal Office, joined efforts to establish an Asia Hub that is dedicated for innovative international partnership to address emerging issues related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a focus on the WEF Nexus issues in Asia. (<http://rdi.npu.ac.th/web/workshopwef>).

The workshop was sponsored by many partners, including:

- Michigan State University Center for Global Change & Earth Observations (CGCEO)
- Michigan State University Center for Advanced Studies and International Development (CASID)
- Michigan State University Office of China Programs (OCP)
- Nanjing Agricultural University
- Nakhon Phanom University (NPU) Research & Development Institute (RDI)
- Kasetsart University (KU)
- Mahidol University (MU)
- Monsoon Asia Integrated Research for Sustainability (MAIRS)
- Global Land Program (GLP) - North America Nodal Office
- Zhejiang University Institute of Islands and Coastal Ecosystems
- Zhejiang University Academy of Water Science and Environmental Engineering

Dr. Jiaguo Qi, the Director of CGCEO and OCP of MSU said that the challenges we have been facing are not limited to one country and one region anymore. We must work and put our effort together to tackle the emerging issues with efficiency and effectiveness. The WEF Nexus research model will lead to high impact actions in south Asia, which will set an example for other areas in the world.



Events in China

During the past few months of 2017, the OCP Beijing Office has been reaching out to peer universities' offices in China, conferences that promote information sharing and collaborations among the offices, and organizations that provide various services to graduates from western

universities.

In June, the Beijing Office has reached an agreement on strategic cooperation with Plug&Play, the largest incubator & investment organization in Silicon Valley in America. P&P will provide capital and business consultancy, and coaching for MSU alumni entrepreneurs. At the same time, the OCP will recommend alumni entrepreneurs to P&P. In the future, Beijing Office will hold innovative entrepreneur forums and other activities together with other university offices and P&P in China. Beijing Office will be involved in integrating the resources of colleges and universities within China along with our peer U.S. higher education institutions. All the parties will cooperate with P&P in the future to open up college/university entrepreneur innovative programs.



In July 2017, OCP Beijing Office managing director Mr. He Shan participated in the yearly AUCA (American Universities' China Association Conference) Forum held at the University of Pennsylvania China Center. More than thirty colleges and universities attended this forum, and many other universities participated in this forum online. Leaders of the US Embassy and leaders of Education USA also attended this forum. The following topics were discussed at the forum: 1) recruitment; 2) fundraising; 3) career fairs & career development; 4) innovation and entrepreneurship: how to partner with higher education institutions; 5) international partnerships.



In May 2017, OCP Beijing Office achieved strategic cooperation with Lockin China, which is a platform that helps the international students find jobs in their home country and also assists the local Chinese companies searching for their ideal candidates. Lockin China teams will be invited to future activities organized by MSU China Programs to provide students with career advice and to help them find jobs in China.

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International Alumni Reunion

Global Spartans Meet in Hong Kong

May 2017 was a month full of action and energy from Spartans around the world. On May 19-21, President Simon and an MSU leadership team visited Hong Kong for the bi-annual international alumni reunion. Spartans from the U.S., mainland China, Hong Kong, Thailand, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, and Germany attended the event. The theme of this year's reunion was 'Engage.' "Engage brings together Spartan alumni, friends, researchers, and thought leadership from around the world for networking and high-level engagement, with plenty of Spartan fellowship," said President Simon for the opening remarks. The reunion activities were centered on sustainability and conservation, connecting the dots between the work Spartans are doing to combat climate change and pollution, protect the environment, and create sustainable business practices. The last activity of the reunion was beach cleaning, which showed that each of us could contribute to sustainability and conservation, even from small scales at the community level.

During the reunion, our alumni Spartans discussed with MSU leadership team about university development and many other important issues. President Simon encouraged Spartans to engage with their alma mater more, to be innovative and collaborative together to tackle the challenges our world is facing.



Spartan Scholars Research Engagement in Beijing

Beijing was the second location of the international reunion event. MSU has many visiting scholar alumni there. The Visiting International Professional Program (VIPP) has been one of the major hosts at MSU for the scholars. Over seventy VIPP scholars came to the reception on the night of May 22, 2017. It was a night full of excitement with the spirit of re-engagement. Our Spartan scholars were excited to meet and chat with the MSU leadership team members, to learn about new development at the university, and strategies for future. Coupled with Beijing reunion, the Spartan scholars of MSU Center for Global Change and Earth Observation (CGCEO) gathered for a workshop at the Capital Normal University. CGCEO has built up close research relationships with many of the China scholars it has hosted over the years. Dr. Jiaguo Qi, Director of CGCEO presided the workshop. Scholars and researchers from Beijing, Nanjing, Inner Mongolia, and Gansu province came together, shared and discussed their work related to climate change and agriculture. They decided to meet more often and collaborate more in future.



New Faculty and Staff

Welcome Dr. Jiming Jiang, MSU Foundation Professor

Dr. Jiang arrived at the department of Plant Biology and Horticulture in September 2017. Before moving to MSU, Dr. Jiang worked at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for more than two decades, from an assistant professor to the university Campbell-Bascom Professorship. Dr. Jiang's research focuses on plant gene expression and regulation induced by environmental stresses, including heat, cold, and drought; epigenetic mechanisms associated with plant centromere function; genetics, genomics, and epigenomics of potato and other crop species. Dr. Jiang has research collaborations with a number of universities in China, mostly with his former students/postdocs who have returned to China, including China Agricultural University, Nanjing Agricultural University, Inner Mongolia University, and Northeast Normal University. Dr. Jiang also served as a 'Ministry of Education of China Changjiang Visiting Professor' from 2009-2011. The Changjiang Visiting Professor title is a



prestigious scholarship for international scholars.

Dr. Jiang has been published prolifically. With Dr. Jiang's leadership, we look forward to hear more achievement from his team in future.

Welcome He Shan (Jimmy) to the MSU Beijing Office



In April 2017, Mr. He Shan (Jimmy) became the new Managing Director of the MSU Beijing Office. Mr. He is an alumnus of the College of Law, graduated in 2013 with a Masters of Jurisprudence (IP & Communication law). He received his Bachelor of Arts from the Minzu University of China in Beijing.

The work of the Office of China Programs will align with MSU's Global Grant University key strategies. The Beijing Office has focused more on providing intelligence and information for the university and our key stakeholders. Mr. He will play an important role in this priority shifting. However, the Beijing Office will continue to provide necessary service and support to our faculty, staff, alumni, students, parents and partners. With Mr. He on board, we look forward to years of productive collaborations between MSU and China.

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