Staff Profile: Kiwon Kang, Ph.D.

1. Your college education history
   B.A. Economics, Sogang University, Korea, 1989
   M.A. Economics, Sogang University, Korea, 1991
   Ph.D. Economics, Michigan State University, 2002

2. How long at MSU?
   17 years

3. How long have you been at VIPP?
   9 and 1/2 years

4. If you had $1,000 to spend at one store, where would you spend it?
   Toys"R"Us for my children Michelle and Ryan

5. Favorite dessert
   Strawberry flavored milk tea with tapioca bubble at Bubble Island

6. If you could have dinner with anyone, who and why?
   I would like to have dinner with Rory McIlroy to hear about how to come back from a final-day collapse at Augusta last April to win the 2011 U.S. Open.

MSU-DUT Workshop

From March 23rd to April 13th, 2011, the Visiting International Professional Program (VIPP) conducted a Higher Education Administration workshop for 19 senior administrators from Dalian University of Technology (DUT) of China. DUT is one of the top research universities in China and is especially strong in the areas of science and engineering. MSU HALE program professor Dr. Roger Baldwin presented to the workshop an “Overview of American Higher Education.” Various seminars were hosted by MSU senior administrators, including Mr. Fred Poston, Vice President of Finance; Mr. David Gift, Director of Computing and Technology; Mr. Ron Flinn, Assistant Vice President of Campus

MSU-CSC Student Affairs Program

On May 21st, 2011, the second four-week Student Affairs Workshop for 22 administrators from 13 universities across China started at MSU. The program was sponsored by the China Scholarship Council and hosted by the Visiting International Professional Program (VIPP). All workshop participants work in student affairs in their respective universities. The program focused on MSU student services. Various seminars were hosted by MSU administrators. The MSU Campus Living team, led by Ms. Karen Corley, continued on page 2

▲ MSU-DUT program graduates pictured together with instructors and VIPP staff.

▲ MSU-CSC program graduates pictured together with VIPP staff.
Planning and Development; Dr. Denise Maybank, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Deborah DeZure, Associate Provost of Faculty Development; and Dr. Julius Jackson, Associate Dean of the Graduate school. The workshop participants also visited and learned about the MSU Registrar’s Office, career services, research labs, the Honors College, MSU logistics services, and Campus Living. The DUT visitors and MSU administrators were able to interact and learned from each other. The workshop was very successful and MSU impressed their Chinese counterparts in many ways. More communication and possible collaboration are expected in the future.

hosted a wonderful presentation covering food service, housing, and overall student life-related issues. Staff Psychologist Christine Zhou discussed dealing with psychological problems among students. Dr. Patty Croom, Associate Director of Admissions, introduced recruiting and admissions in the U.S. The participants paid special attention to Dr. Linda Gross, Associate Director of Career Services, when they visited and learned about MSU’s career service network. Dr. Pat Eno, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, introduced the Department of Student Life. Mr. Dan Di-Maggio of MSU Alumni Association discussed how to engage undergraduate students for MSU’s future alumni. The group also met with MSU registrar Dr. Nicole Rovig and OISS Assistant Director Chris Bargerstock. Ms. Karen Casey, Director of Service Learning and Civic Engagement, an award-winning program in the U.S., presented MSU practices. The workshop participants held several group discussion sessions to assess what they learned during the seminars. Again, it was a very successful program, and the China Scholarship Council will be sending another workshop delegation to MSU in September 2011. MSU has been a role model in higher education to many Chinese universities.

Fourteen junior energy experts from the Turkish government’s Energy Market Regulatory Authority (EMRA) are winding down their program at Michigan State University (MSU). The visiting professionals have come to better understand global energy issues and U.S. energy regulations since their program began last May. They have visited the U.S. Department of Energy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, as well as local and state energy regulatory agencies. These days the group is attending a series of lectures, related to energy regulation and issues, including renewable and alternative energy, conducted by VIPP in cooperation with the Institute of Public Utilities (IPU). As soon as the EMRA participants complete their participation in the 2011 IPU Conference in early August, they will go back to Turkey in order to apply what they have learned here. These professionals will leave on August 6th.

Upcoming Event:

GIPCC Registration for the fall begins August 22nd — sign up quickly, or your favorite class may be full!

▲ EMRA participants at Jackson CMS Energy