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VIPP Celebrates 20th Anniversary

This past October, the Visiting International Professional Program celebrated its 20th anniversary. To commemorate the event, VIPP hosted a “Green & White Gathering” from October 11th-14th, 2012, which was also Michigan State University’s Homecoming weekend. The gathering took place around Michigan State University’s campus, and included an Innovative Global Leadership workshop at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, and a Homecoming Tailgate outside the International Center prior to the Homecoming football game at Spartan Stadium.



All of VIPP’s current participants were invited to attend the day-long workshop and Homecoming Tailgate. Several VIPP alumni also attended the event as special guests, and spoke at the Innovative Global Leadership workshop. Dr. Baikchul Lee, president of MSU Alumni Association in Korea, gave a speech entitled “We Are Already Global Leaders”; Mr. Chi Xu of the New Power School in China spoke on the topic of Leadership and Innovation; Dr. Kyu Chang Ko, director of the Organizational Bureau in the Ministry of Public Administration in Korea, discussed the leadership of successful government officials in Korea. In addition to the speeches given by VIPP’s special guests, workshop participants also heard from Dr. Dennis Hart, Director of VIPP, who spoke about the current state of the VIPP program; Ms. April Callis, president of Springboard Consulting in Michigan, who presented on Communicating Professionalism; Mr. Frank Fear, Senior Associate Dean and MSU

Emeritus of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, who covered the topic “Finding A Way to Master the Leadership Challenge”; and Mr. Don Power—President of The Power Group, Inc.—whose presentation topic was on “Warp Speed and Its Affects on Global Leadership.”

Mr. Chi Xu, one of the special guests and alumni of VIPP, was happy to be present for the event. “I am really enjoying this weekend,” he said. In addition there are words that will go here but I am not sure what they are. “It’s great to be back.”

Despite the cold and rainy weather on Saturday, spirits were high at the Homecoming Tailgate. There was singing, cooking, and good conversation all around. Staff, faculty, special guests, and participants had Korean barbeque, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and a variety of other refreshments. Although the

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Spartans had a tough time on the field, the afternoon was a great success. MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon stopped by during the tailgate as well, which allowed attendees to take a few pictures.

Over the past 20 years, VIPP has grown and has seen

so many participants come and go. Thanks to the Green and White Gathering, some of those participants-turned-alumni could return and celebrate the time they had at VIPP with current participants, faculty, and staff. Here's to the first 20 years at VIPP, and to the next 20 years.

Green & White Special Guests

Dr. Kyu Chang Ko

Director, Organizational Bureau, Ministry of Public Administration and Security, South Korea



Dr. Kyu Chang Ko has served as the Director of Organizational Bureau in the Ministry of Public Administration and Security, Korea. Now he is a visiting scholar in the Visiting International Professional Program (VIPP) at Michigan State University. Before joining VIPP, he served as Director-General of Planning & Management Office in ChungCheongBuk-Do Province Government. Prior to this, he served as the President of Knowledge Economy Officials Training Institute (KEOTI) under Ministry of Public Administration & Security. Dr. Ko worked as Protocol Secretary in the Presidential Office, CheongWadae, during 2006-2007.

Dr. Ko started to work as a government official after passing the High Public Service Examination in 1989. He received his BA from Seoul National University and MPA from KDI School of Public Policy and Management. He also attended VIPP as part of a two-year degree program in KDI School during 2002-2003. Dr. Ko received his Ph.D. from Kyunghee University. He received the Prime Minister Citation in 1995 and Red Stripes Medal of the Order of Service Merit from the President of Korea Government in 2011.

Dr. Baikchul Lee

President, MSU Alumni Association in Korea



Dr. Baikchul Lee has been a professor in the Department of Correction, Kyonggi University, Korea, since 1991. He has served as Chairman of the Asian Forum for Corrections, Korea, since 2007. Dr. Lee was recently elected as the President of MSU Alumni Association in Korea (MAAK). Under his leadership, the MAAK has been keeping alumni connected to the University and to each other. In Kyonggi University, he served as Dean of the Office of International Studies and Programs (ISP) during 1999-2001, and Dean of the Office of Academic Affairs during 2003-2004. While he was working as Dean of Office of ISP, a student exchange program between MSU and Kyonggi University had been developed.

Dr. Lee received his BA from Korea University and MA from National Chengchi University, Taiwan. He received his MS and Ph.D. in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. Among his publications are "Group Self-criticism Rituals and Deviance Deterrence in the Peoples Republic of China" in the Journal of Intergroup Relations, 1998, and "2005 Criminal Corrections in Korea: Present and Future" in the Proceedings of 2005 International Conference on Criminal Corrections, 2005.

Green & White Special Guests, Continued

Mr. Chi Xu

President, Beijing New Power School



Mr. Chi Xu holds a master degree of Economics. He founded the Beijing New Power School in 2001 and has been president of the school ever since. He also founded the Beijing Modern Boyu Translation Center, of which he is the general manager. From 2005-2009, Mr. Xu was the recipient of numerous educational awards granted by Beijing municipal government. He was honored for his contribution to continuing education and excellent management of private education institution. In 2010, he was awarded to be one of the Ten Innovative People of Education. Beijing New Power School is one the ten most well-known and successful foreign language teaching institutions in China.

VIPP Arrivals & Departures

Since September 2012, there have been a few changes within VIPP's staff. Below are the new arrivals to VIPP as well as the departures from VIPP.

Arrivals



Ms. Peggy Gallandt
Operations Coordinator



Ms. Emelia Hammond
*Asst. Coordinator,
Middle East Programs*



Dr. Mina Shin
Program Coordinator

Departures

Ms. Tracy Rich
Secretary

Mr. Sung Soo Chung
*Senior Coordinator,
Korea Programs*

VIPP wishes all the best to
Mr. Chung and Ms. Rich in
their future endeavors.

Participant Voices

My Life at MSU

written by Yan Ma, GPEP Participant 2012-2013



I came to America January 2nd at the beginning of 2012, and now it is nearly the end of 2012. I cannot imagine that I have been in America and studied at MSU for almost a whole year. This year has really meant a lot to me. I cannot help saying that I have had a very good time living here and studying in our VIPP program at MSU. I still remember my first Idiom class; our instructor Charlotte Poston said: “VIPP means Very Interesting Professional People.” It’s true. We are people from different countries who speak different languages, and we all came here to learn authentic American English and real American culture.

I learned a lot at MSU.

I registered for many

VIPP classes: Pronunciation, Conversation, American Culture, and Idioms. I studied Pronunciation twice, and some of our Korean classmates studied this course three times. Charlotte really is a fantastic teacher who has many years of teaching experience, and she really knows how to teach effectively. In her Pronunciation class, she shed a whole new light to us about using rhythm, stress, and intonation when speaking English. Besides our VIPP English classes, I also took some academic classes and attended professional workshops, conferences, and seminars. I went to churches; I watched American football games; I joined the tailgate party; I dressed up for Halloween and took part in all

sorts of other activities. All these experiences enriched my life, broadened my understanding of American culture, and benefited me very much.

When I first came here, I chose to apply for an apartment off campus rather than living in Spartan Village because I wanted to live with American students. However, I had only lived at The Village at Chandler Crossings for three months and then I moved to live with an American woman, Jo Pammerent, who is a professional ESL teacher. I felt that I was lucky to live with her, and it turned out to be more than true. We have had a great time living together, and she helped me not only with my English, but also with many aspects of my life. She is a best friend and teacher for me. I appreciate all she did so much and I don’t know how I can pay her back. I will never ever forget her kindness and generosity. I also made some other American friends here, as well as Korean and Chinese friends. We would hang out and have great fun together, which gave me many unforgettable memories.

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Now, I’m leaving soon. I’m reluctant to say goodbye to all of our VIPP people. I hope that even though we will be thousands of miles apart, our good memories will be kept in our minds for the rest of our lives.

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Enjoy the Goodwill

written by Sanjun Wu, GPEP Participant 2012-2013

When I saw the first sign of East Lansing, I fell in love. It's not only because Lansing sounds like a Chinese girl's name, but also the friendship and goodwill I always feel. Regardless of class, profession, or ethnicity, everybody seems relaxed and calm, and this really affects me. Because of this, a smile is the most commonly seen facial expression when talking with someone whether he or she is a stranger or an acquaintance. While walking around MSU's campus, I am often asked, "Where are you going? Can I help you?" by warm-hearted American students just because I have a map in my hand. Passing through the intersection, I never worry about the traffic because drivers always yield to pedestrians. That's not just an individual case. The longer I stay here, the more I believe it is true. The Chinese idiom "To be glad to help others" is reflected in everyone's behavior.

Americans' kindness is also embraced in volunteer workers. They are determined to bear various kinds of social works without considering payments. The one we are most familiar with involves the Bible class tutors in various churches. Usually they volunteer to spend the whole night talking with foreigners about bibles and other religious issues. In addition to that, they offer free meals and give rides to those in need. Thanks to their efforts, we really benefited from their class, both in practicing English and religious cultural studies.

During the Vietnam War, US troops used Agent Orange, a chemical defoliant to demolish jungles to find where the Viet Cong were hidden. It has caused everlasting effects on local people generation after generation. The toxic material it contains contaminated the soil and water. Many children were born sick or even disabled. Today, there are a lot of volunteers from America who are working in Vietnam to give aid to local people through education or medical care. The universal humanitarianism goes beyond political and racial boundaries and has deeply touched my heart. Living in the US, you may find that donation is almost everywhere. The donated money goes not only to the poor, but also to museums, churches, schools, public media such as PBS, even to presidential campaigns. No matter where it goes, donations greatly reflect

the typical feature of a civil society and embodies the strong awareness of public interests.

I once visited a store in Pennsylvania. It was nothing special in appearance, but the goods it sold were quite cheap. After asking the storekeeper, I found out it was more than a store. Everything in the store comes from donations by local people. A charity organization collects these second-hand items such as clothes, books, and electrical appliances and sells them. The profits it makes are used as a fund to train and help local people find jobs. This is why this store is called "Goodwill Store."

I appreciate each moment when we are surrounded with goodwill. What is the origin of the goodwill? I am seeking the answer. Religion background should be one of the key reasons. With belief in Christianity and others, most people follow the moral value of righteousness, forgiveness and honesty. Education also plays an important role in creating the goodwill. Unlike the test-oriented education idea in many other countries, many schools in the US focus on educating children in community service and awareness of volunteer work.

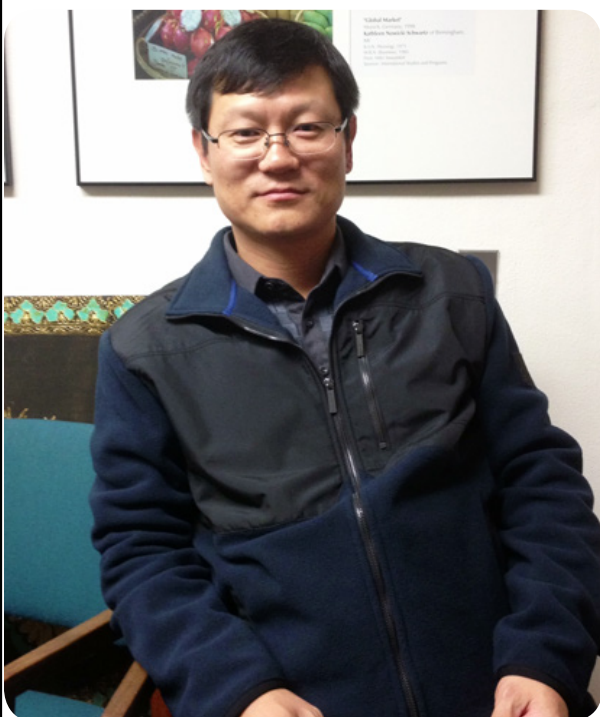
Tomorrow happens to be Thanksgiving Day. This short article gives my thankfulness to everyone who once helped me.



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Interview with Mr. Sangwon Lee

written by Cheyenne Roy



After the Green and White Gathering, I spoke with one of VIPP's long-term participants: Mr. Sangwon Lee. Mr. Lee attended a portion of the Green and White Workshop as well as the Homecoming Tailgate and football game. I asked him about his experiences at VIPP, including his participation at the Green and White Gathering, and what his plans are after he returns to his home country.

In South Korea, Mr. Lee works for the Korea Expressway Corporation (KEC), which is a government investing company. KEC is the only company that builds highways in Korea, and it also maintains the roads and operates the tolls. KEC builds new highways with their contractors, and have many supervisors and engineering specialists. The corporation's main responsibility is to keep the roads in good condition, especially during the strong winter.

How long have you been with VIPP and what program do you participate in? What do you think you gained from your studies at VIPP and MSU?

I have been with VIPP for almost one year. I came on January 4th 2012, and I'm leaving December 18th. I am a participant in the Global Professional Education Program (GPEP). For me, the most important thing I

learned about was American culture. VIPP provides classes about American culture and language, and they helped me very much in my understanding of American culture. It's very important to learn about American culture and customs and learn what Americans think about culture and politics. The most exciting part about this program is that I'm on campus again and back in school again after 20 years.

What has been the most useful course for you at VIPP?

I think the majority of them are very useful for me. I'm very interested in every aspect of the courses VIPP offers. I can't choose just one, though English courses have helped me a lot. There is a second most important benefit from VIPP and MSU: my son enjoys American life very much and that is one of the benefits this program gave me, because he was able to learn English.

What was your opinion of the Green & White Workshop?

I attended Dr. Hart's presentation, but I had class so I ended up missing some. It was interesting to learn that VIPP classes started 20 years ago, and that VIPP has such a long history. I think VIPP has changed a lot and will continue to develop. Like Dr. Hart said in the lecture, they employ a lot more people for staff and they are preparing for other programs. In the past, most participants were Chinese, but VIPP is diversifying, which makes the program more interesting and exciting. I'm interested to see what happens in the future.

How did you like the VIPP Tailgate and the Football game?

I am a big fan of football, and I really like the spirit of the game. I played football when I was in college in Korea. In Korea, there are some amateur teams or club teams. I know that football is a very difficult game to play and it needs a lot of sacrifice. I attended the Iowa State game and also the Ohio State game, which I took my son to. I enjoy watching the game itself, win or lose. I even attended some high school football games

Mr. Lee, Continued

in Dewitt, Okemos, East Lansing, and Everett. My home team is Okemos, but I like to watch other teams as well.

What was your favorite part of the Green & White Gathering?

The atmospheres of the Tailgate and football game were both very interesting to me. Everyone came together to have fun – including alumni – and to enjoy the Homecoming weekend. Maybe if I'm lucky, I can attend a Green and White Gathering in the future as an alumnus. It'll be different to be in the Alumni Association in Korea than being in VIPP here.

What has been your favorite event with VIPP?

I enjoyed all of the events that VIPP held over the past year, but I have to say that my favorite event was the Green and White Gathering and the Homecoming tailgate and game. It was the most exciting for me and the most fun.



What experience have you brought with you to VIPP?

My company chose this course as a training tool, so I volunteered to attend this course for career development. I wish I could attend the academic courses, but I found that I am not ready to participate in full academic classes because my English skills are



not strong enough. I'm satisfied with the courses VIPP suggested. My English has improved very much. The basic English course was very helpful for me. I started learning English in middle school, but after college I didn't study English that much – I studied much less intensely. After I arrived here, I thought, "What was I doing?" and I need to study more English intensely.

What experiences in VIPP will you take with you?

When I get back to Korea, I'm going to study harder, because I want to learn more about English. Then I can understand more about the American economic, political, and social systems, as well as culture. It helps to learn English in America because I can simultaneously learn about culture and enhance my English skills. They really complement each other.

America is so big, and now I know how big and diverse it really is. Diversity is a new experience for me; in Korea, we are not used to so much diversity. Most things in Korea are small, like our governments and schools, and it was amazing to see how Americans deal with so many different cultures.

It was a culture shock to me and other participants, too. Diversity is a very important thing. In Korea, our society is getting more developed and capitalized, and we will be learning to deal with diversity. I feel like I understand it better.

Fall 2012 Graduation Speech

written by Xiaoxia Hu, GPEP Participant 2012-2013



Good afternoon, my fellow teachers and classmates. It's a great honor for me to represent Chinese visiting scholars and to share with you our visiting experience in the US at this graduation ceremony.

First, I would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Dennis Hart and all the VIPP members. Because of your effort, we could smoothly go through our research. Our special thanks will be extended to our coordinators Qing Xia and Chen Wang. Because of your endless coordination, our dreams to visit the US came true. Our thanks will also go to our family members, our colleagues, our working units and the China Scholarship Council. Without their assistance, it would be impossible for us to stay in the US for such a long time.

I can still remember the day we arrived at Lansing airport; we received warm welcomes from VIPP "receptionists." Gefan Li is one of them. Her skillful driving skills and her familiarity with the community made us feel at home. Thanks to VIPP's considerate arrangement, we went through all the registration procedures and grocery purchases in just two days, which helped us quickly adapt to the new environment. Efficiency, perfect efficiency was the first impression of America left in our minds.

Secondly, we would like to give thanks to our professors. Within one year, we were promoted by professors from different backgrounds to acquire knowledge ranging from Politics, Economy, Culture, Communication, Global Leadership, Food Safety, and

so on. Many professors generously shared with us the knowledge and experience they had accumulated for many years. These courses undoubtedly are valuable treasures for us to take back home. In VIPP, we also had the opportunity to attend numerous workshops, seminars, and festivals, which offered us a broad range of ideas. The global platform VIPP set up helps us expand our research in SLA, accounting, management, and education from global perspectives. As a student of VIPP, we enjoyed living in such a diverse and intellectual community.

Apart from doing research, many visiting scholars are attracted by MSU's beautiful campus and its internationalized atmosphere. Accompanied by 532 high-tech equipped buildings and the solemn bell Tower are the peaceful Red Cedar River, wandering Canadian geese, blooming flowers, golden leaves, and those lovely squirrels. How lucky we were to be immersed in this comfortable yet well-managed learning environment. Some of us at the very beginning were shocked that there was no wall around the 5200-acre campus, which is totally different from China.

Yet, the campus without walls attracted students from more than 130 countries. By carefully studying the history of MSU, we found that the success of MSU was indispensable from the great efforts made by generations of MSU staff, faculty and students. From a leading land-grant university to one of the top most famous universities in 150 years, from a college of agriculture to a comprehensive university with more than 200 programs of study in 17 degree-granting colleges, and many colleges standing in the first rank of research in the world, MSU touched us by her perseverance and persistence in competition and cooperation with universities across the state, the country and the world. MSU's success lies in what President Lou Anna K. Simon said in her speech that the core values of MSU are quality, inclusiveness and connectivity, which we believe are also the values of VIPP.

It is the core values that drive me into my research in interdisciplinary and intercultural teaching. Through the observation of different courses, like human

Graduation Speech, Continued

pharmacology, human nutrition, Latin, literature and medicine, my research has expanded into different categories. Through attending numerous art fairs and festivals held in Lansing, Chicago and New York, my understanding of western culture and civilization has improved. I appreciate the atmosphere with academic, cultural and artistic flavor, and I believe every visiting scholar here enjoys a great harvest this year.

One year is really short. Many of us have no time to visit the first National Park, the Grand Canyon, the gold country in California and the big island of Hawaii. The beauty and magnificence of the US attracted us so much that it is hard to say goodbye. One day, my classmates from China and South Korea will meet in Beijing, in Nanjing, in Seoul, or in Cheju Island, but I do expect that one day we will meet with each other at VIPP, at MSU, for we still have much to learn and share in the US.

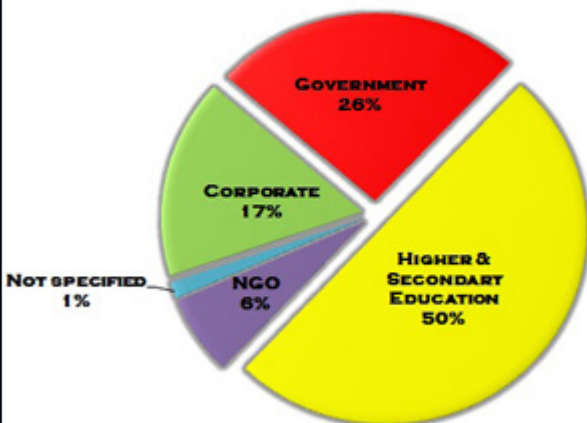
To conclude my speech, I will quote from a Chinese poet Zhimo Xu in his poem “Farewell to Cambridge”:

*Silently I leave as silently I came.
I wave my sleeves carrying away no silk of
clouds.*

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VIPP Fact

PARTICIPANTS BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATIONS



From 2011-2012, participants representing higher & secondary educational organizations accounted for half of all participants in VIPP.

During this time, government employees were almost half as numerous compared to participants from educational institutions; those participants made up 26% of the total enrollment. Participants from corporations accounted for 17% of the total enrollment, and participants from non-governmental organizations (NGO's) accounted for 7%.

Fall 2012 Workshops

Higher Education Administration Workshop



Aside from higher education topics, another popular area is faculty training. The group attended two lectures on faculty, staff, and administrative leadership training given by Assistant Provost, Dr. Deborah Dezure who talked about the programs and services provided by Office of Faculty and Organizational Development. She also talked about motivation, career paths and different career stages' needs for faculty in a university that sheds light on the theory and reasons behind why FOD office is important for a university, like MSU.

From September 30 to October 19, 2012, twenty-six higher education executive leaders from 15 different universities and colleges in China participated in the Higher Education Administration Workshop hosted by VIPP. Higher education administration has been a very popular issue that attracted many executive and mid-level leaders from China to be trained on MSU's campus. The training workshop helps leaders build knowledge and theory about the fundamentals of US higher education, and it allows them to visit central administrative level offices and student service offices. These visits help leaders grow more familiar with higher education institutions in terms of managing a university efficiently and providing services to students with increasing and diversified needs.

The group attended two lectures reviewing US higher education given by Professor Roger Baldwin in the College of Education. He introduced various types of universities and colleges with their distinctive features, such as university size, funding source, level of career preparation and types of the student served. They were introduced to the history, structure, accreditation and other important issues of US higher education as a whole.

The group also attended an additional six lectures: one on Student Affairs and Development given by Kang Li, a Ph.D student in College of Education; a lecture on Residence Life given by Karen Korley, Assistant Director for Outreach in Residential Life and Learning; one on Curriculum and Civil Engagement given by Karen Casey, Director of the Office of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement; a Career Development and Services lecture given by Linda Gross, Associate Vice Provost; an Information Technology in Education in the US lecture given by David Dai, Technology Support Specialist in College of Education, and a lecture on Academic Human Resources by Donna Zischke, Associate Director of Academic Human Resources.



Higher Education Administration Workshop, Continued

As part of the training requirement, the group visited many administrative offices, labs and other facilities to learn practices and standards of MSU as examples. These included the Cyclotron Lab, MSU Main Library, Student Affairs, MSU Student Organic Farm, Institute of International Health, and University Services. They visited undergraduate students' dorm and dined in on-campus cafeterias for lunch. All of these experiences helped familiarize the group with campus life for American students. The group also attended the Green and White event hosted by VIPP in celebration of its 20th anniversary, including the event's one-day workshop on professional development. For recreation and entertainment, the group went shopping in Tanger's outlet. They went on a fall foliage trip up North and visited the Sleeping Bear Sanddune on a weekend. In

addition to these excursions, the group also went to the tailgating party hosted by VIPP for the homecoming weekend and experienced American football culture.

Three weeks is seemingly short, however, the group expressed their opinions at graduate ceremony that it is long enough for them to fall in love with Michigan and MSU. After participating in the workshop, they are now MSU alumni; they are very proud to be Spartans and to have joined the big MSU family. For them, participating in the Higher Education Administration Workshop was not only a training opportunity for their professional growth, it was also a cultural immersion that broadened to their perspectives of the people living on the opposite side of the planet.

Chinese Judge Workshop



VIPP hosted two Chinese Judge workshops this past September. One judge group came from the Guangzhou Intermediate Court and District Court and the other group came from the Chongqing Supreme Court and District Court. Each workshop lasted for five days, and the training topic centered on "Dispute Resolution in the U.S."

The schedule was tightly packed. In the morning of the first day, VIPP hosted an orientation session for the group to introduce Michigan State University and the College of Law, followed by a campus tour and a tour inside the building of the College of Law. They

toured classrooms, libraries and courtrooms where the moot court takes place. In the afternoon, the group visited the Lansing Police station and attended a presentation by Lieutenant Cherie Ballor introducing general information and law enforcing procedures in the Lansing area. They also spoke with a deputy chief and a detective, and were able to have a question and answer session.

They were then taken to the Lansing City Hall to meet the Mayor of Lansing, Mr. Virg Bernero. During the conversation, the mayor talked about his views on politics and plans of rejuvenating Lansing city. He also spoke about the impact of the economic recession and shared his practice of cutting government budgets.

On the second day, the group attended a lecture given by Ms. Carrie Feeheley, Director of Graduate and International Programs. She gave an overview of U.S. legal system and talked about the U.S. constitution and court systems. On the third day, the group went on a field trip to Ingham Circuit Court in downtown Lansing to observe the court and hear criminal and civil cases. During the court break, they had a chance to talk to Judge Carolina and ask questions.

Chinese Judge Workshop, Continued

In the afternoon, the group attended a lecture given by Mr. Edward Hartfield, an arbitration practitioner in Hartfield Resolution Group on topics regarding U.S. dispute resolutions. Mr. Hartfield mainly talked about different approaches of dispute resolution and introduced procedures, advantages and disadvantages of each approach. Through sharing his professional experience, he explained several key issues and answered questions raised by the group. On the fourth day, the group visited Michigan Supreme Court and went on a guided tour by Ms. Rachael Trenovsky, a program coordinator for public tours. Afterwards, they went on another tour to the Michigan Capitol building and Michigan Historical Museum. In the afternoon, they visited the State Attorney General's office and learned about the functions of the office.

Although five days seems too brief, the two judge groups were able to receive important information about



the U.S. legal system. Their understanding of the U.S. government was deepened by field visits to the other two pillars of U.S. government, the executive branch and legislative branch, and they gained knowledge about different dispute resolutions in the U.S. legal system. This knowledge helped the group compare the systems between U.S. and China, understand their differences, and could lead to adjustments of relevant policy to improve the practices in China.

Global Workshop for Packaging Industries



From October 30-November 3, the Visiting International Professional Program hosted a Global Workshop for Packaging Industries in cooperation with Korea Packaging Center in Korea Institute of Industrial Technology (KITECH). Eleven early career professionals from KITECH attended a three-day long workshop at the MSU campus in East Lansing. The group participated in a series of lectures on packaging offered by MSU faculty members in the School of Packaging. They also visited various companies in the adjacent cities to learn new trends of packaging. The companies included Amcor in Manchester, Kellogg's in Battle Creek, Smithers Pira in Lansing, and Centurion Medical Products in Howell.

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