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Announcements

• English Teachers to present at MITESOL at Eastern Michigan State

English Teachers from the Visiting International Professional Program will present at the Michigan TESOL Conference at Eastern Michigan State on Saturday, October 20, 2007, in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The panel discussion is titled "Making Connections with China" Xia Qing and William Eubank, VIPP Program Coordinators, will lead the panel made up of Lu Jie, Zhao Chan, Yang Li, Ren Xiping, Dr. Wan Pengjie, and Tunga Bazarsuren.



News

• Global Executive Workshop takes a field trip to Chicago

Two VIPP visiting scholars, Mr. Hyung Won Lim and Mr. Seung Jeong Lee from Korea Securities Dealers Association, who participated in a short-term training program (GEW) this past summer, had an opportunity to visit sites in fields of interest on the Chicago area on June 28, 2007. They visited the National Futures Association, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, and attended a seminar, "Current Profiles on U.S. Financial Market," presented by DePaul University Professor of Economics, Dr. Jin Choi.

• 2007 Global Educational Workshop for Korean Secondary Physics Teachers

On July 19, 2007, a group of physics teachers arrived from Seoul, Korea. The 19 teachers were hosted by the Visiting International Professional Program (VIPP), and funded by the Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education (SMOE) in R.O. Korea.

During their four-week stay, they learned new theories of physics education and teaching methods from professors, teachers, and administrators from Lyman Briggs, College of Education, local schools, and the State of Michigan respectively. The group stayed at Holmes Hall and visited various places such as the Hands-On Museum and local high schools and middle schools. Finally, they departed on August 15th from



Chicago. One of the SMOE teachers said that she had a great learning experience and that MSU left a strong, favorable impression on her. Picture - graduation ceremony on August 10, 2007.

● **VIPP 2007 Summer Graduation Ceremony**

The Visiting International Professional Program 2007 Summer Graduation Ceremony was held on July 18, 2007, at The Riverside Room, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University. Moderated by Kang Kiwon, Coordinator of Academic Affairs for VIPP, this ceremony recognized graduates of the Global Professional Education Program (Hae In Na, Kyu Jun Choi, Young Chan Kim, Hyung Won Lim, Seung Jeong, Lee, Han Keu Jung, Young Hoon Chai, Gu Ick Lee, Jae Min Jung, Mi-Young Hwang, Hyun Suk Kim, Cong Zhang, Guijun Dong Qingfen Bao, and Hong Liang). Invited guests included the spouses, group representatives, friends, and VIPP instructors and staff.

Michael F. Miller, Director set the stage for the graduation by focusing on the goals of the Visiting Fellows Professional Education Program. Each graduate gave remarks about the year-long experience at Michigan State University, lessons learned, and friendships made. Assistant Director, Sandra L. Holy, closed the ceremony by reviewing graduates' contributions to Michigan State University.

● **Dr. Tara Nath Sharma Greets U.S. Ambassador Nancy Powell**

On Sunday July 29, 2007, the America Nepal Society organized and hosted a welcome ceremony for U.S. Ambassador Nancy Powell, who was newly appointed to Nepal. The welcome was held in the Mc Lean Community Center, Mc Lean, Virginia where not only people of Nepalese origin but prominent local residents were also present. Dr. Tara Nath Sharma, a visiting professor at the Visiting International Professional Program of Michigan State University was specially invited to attend the ceremony. As an outstanding literary and scholarly personality among the Nepalese community, he was asked to be on stage and to deliver the first welcome speech.

Dr. Sharma expressed his happiness at the appointment of Ambassador Powell and praised her as a highly experienced diplomat as far as the people of Nepal were concerned as she had served as US Councilor in Kathmandu two decades ago for a number of years.

Now that Nepal was embarking on its arduous path of inclusive and total democracy, it was quite a fitting occasion and a great opportunity for the government and the people of Nepal to have a well experienced friendly person, a mother figure, representing the Goddess of Liberty among their midst. Other speakers besides Ambassador Powell who addressed the audience were the former Nepalese Representative to the UN, Dr. Jaya Raj Acharya, as well as the Charge d'Affaires of the Nepalese Embassy Mr. Ghimire. Important personalities belonging to diplomatic, political and administrative circles as well as university professors graced the audience.

After Ambassador Powell was presented with a typical Nepalese woolen shawl, a cake was offered to her decorated with flags of the USA and Nepal to highlight the occasion followed by a sumptuous Nepalese dinner.

Calendar of Events for September 2007

Date	Event	Note
Wed., September 5, 2007	Community Volunteers for International Programs meeting	10:00AM University Lutheran Church
Tues., September 11, 2007	VIPP Guest Lecture Series Police Officer Steve Whelan who is the School Resource Officer for East Lansing.	11:50AM – 1:00PM Rooms 303-305 International Center
Thurs., September 13, 2007	Fall 2007 VIPP Welcoming Reception	12:00PM – 2:00PM The university Club, Michigan State University
Tues. September 18, 2007	VIPP Guest Lecture Series Superintendent Kreger, Okemos Public Schools	11:50AM – 1:00PM Rooms 303-305 International Center
Sat. September 22, 2007	BluesFest	Old Town, Lansing
Tues., September 25, 2007	Global Business Club of Mid-Michigan “Lansing Chamber Adopts a Global Mission” Bill Sepic, CEO and President of the Greater, Lansing Chamber of Commerce	11:45AM , MSU University Club
Thurs., September 27, 2007	VIPP Guest Lecture Series MSU Library Research Resources Stephanie C. Perentesis Library Instruction Coordinator	11:45AM, MSU Library, 4 th Floor, West Wing
Sat. September 29, 2007	2007 Global Korea Award Ceremony – Thirteenth Annual	International Academic Center 10:00AM – 2:00PM

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