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GPEP Graduation

▲ GPEP graduate [center], Janet Beecher [left], and VIPP faculty and staff.

Sunday, February 27th, 2011, VIPP celebrated the graduation of 14 of our fellows from the Global Professional Education Program. A majority of the participants came from universities in China and Korea with a couple coming from corporations and the Korean army. Each took part in a customized program suited to their professional needs, ranging from a single semester to multiple years. The graduates were awarded with the Global Professional Certificate, leaving better prepared for the challenges that await them in a globalized world.

The ceremony was run by Kiwon Kang, VIPP Academic Coordinator, with the opening remarks made by Interim Director Ravi Ammigan and congratulatory remarks made by Janice Beecher, the Director of the Public Utility Institute. The names were announced by Kang with the certificates being presented by one of the VIPP staff or instructors gathered to congratulate the graduates.

Once the certificates were given out the valedictorians were invited to speak. Jie Jiang from Beijing University of Technology in China, Minhong Jiang from Beijing Youth & Politics College in China, and Oow Jun Paik from the Republic of Korea Army shared their personal experiences, stories of their growth, and in one notable case sang for the audience. Closing remarks were then made by Xia Qing VIPP's Chinese Programs Coordinator, closing out the ceremony.

The entire event had an air of celebration as fellows embraced friends made during their stay and spoke about the bittersweet experience of leaving East Lansing to return home. We wish all the graduates a happy and safe trip home and congratulate them all on their great achievement.■

Mark Your Calendar:

Open Mic with spoken word poet Jessica Care Moore. Thursday, March 24th, 7pm room 300 Bessey Hall.

Staff Profile

Bill Eubank
Program Coordinator: Latin American Programs
CIVP since 2004
VIPP since 2005
1967 Ottawa University, KS. (B.A. Sociology)
1968 Emporia State Teachers College, KS. (M.S. Secondary Education)
Plus 36+ additional Education credits and 100s of lectures at MSU in IT and International Business.
Favorite Holiday: Everyday is a holiday – gives me a new chance at life.
Favorite Dessert: Ice cream drumstick
Bill will be retiring at the end of this month, there will be a retirement party on Friday, March 25th from 3pm until 4pm in room 2 International Center. We welcome all present and past staff, participants, and supporters to come and join us in thanking Bill Eubank for 6 excellent years of service.

Upcoming Cultural Event

Thursday, March 24th, MSU will be hosting renowned spoken word poet Jessica Care Moore for an afternoon class and an evening open mic event. Ms. Moore tackles the issues of intercultural relations (primarily between African and Arab Americans in Detroit), women's suffrage, and her own interracial and international tensions from growing up with an African American father and a (white) Canadian mother.

Ms. Moore will be visiting an MSU class of writing students and VIPP participants on Thursday afternoon and will be holding an open mic poetry event at 7pm in room 300 Bessey Hall. This event will be free of charge and is open to the public.

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