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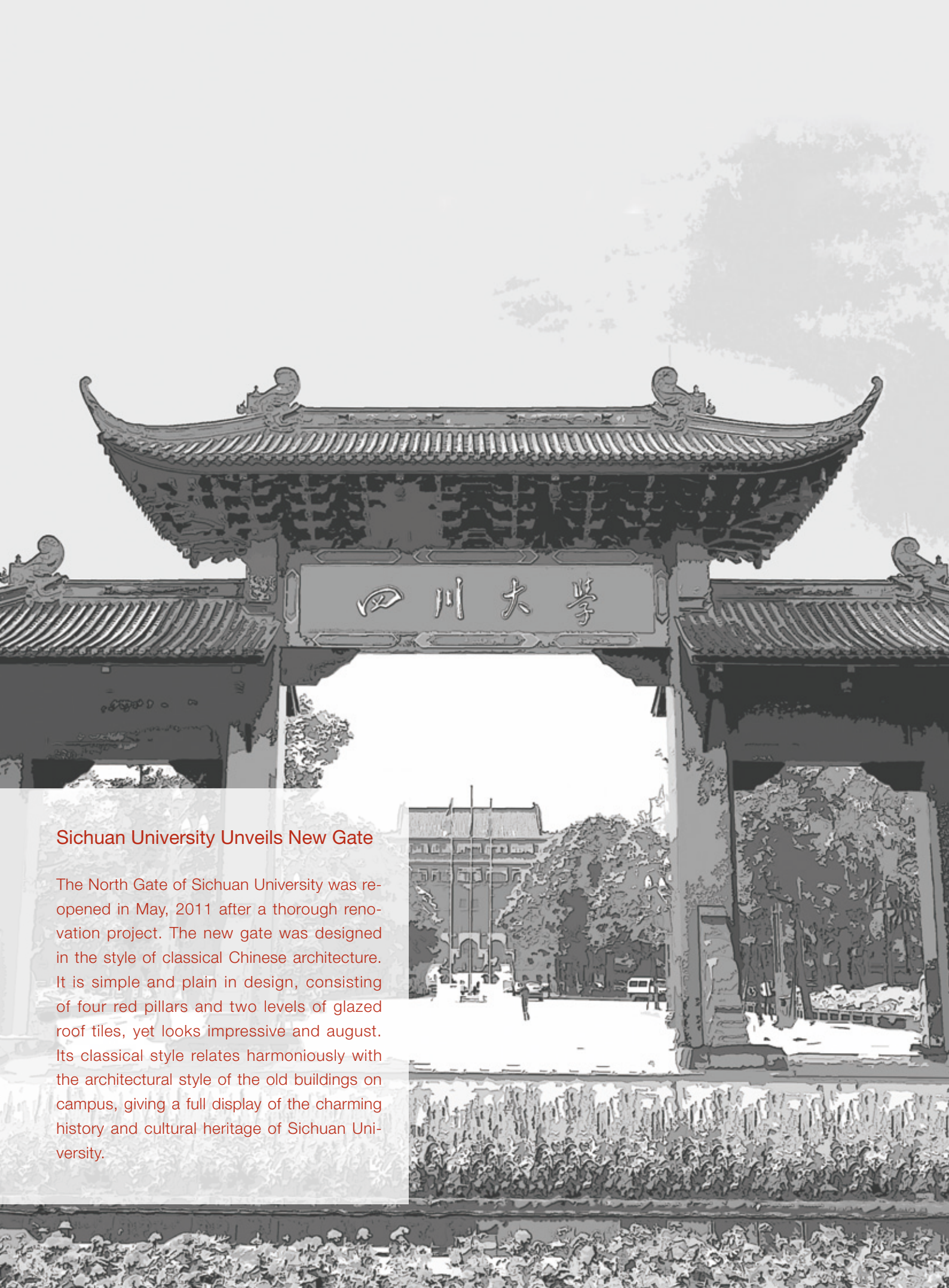
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Sichuan University Unveils New Gate

The North Gate of Sichuan University was re-opened in May, 2011 after a thorough renovation project. The new gate was designed in the style of classical Chinese architecture. It is simple and plain in design, consisting of four red pillars and two levels of glazed roof tiles, yet looks impressive and august. Its classical style relates harmoniously with the architectural style of the old buildings on campus, giving a full display of the charming history and cultural heritage of Sichuan University.

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Nepali Maoist Delegation Visits SCU

A delegation headed by Mr. Puspa Kamal Dahal Prachanda, Chairman of the Unified Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) (CPN (M)), visited SCU on April 15. President Xie Heping and Vice-President Yan Shijing extended a warm welcome to the CPN (M) delegation.

Chairman Prachanda delivered a most fascinating speech at SCU. He spoke about the development of the peace process in Nepal and the effort made by the Interim Government of Nepal in order to bring about the election for the constitutional assembly in the upcoming June.

Chairman Prachanda said that CPN (M) was dedicated to the peaceful development and smooth transition of the government. CPN (M) would always strive to develop economy, improve people's living standards and promote the comprehensive development of Nepal. Chairman Prachanda thanked SCU for helping train a large number of highly competent professionals for Nepal, especially medical workers. He said he would always try his best to promote economic and cultural exchange between China and Nepal and help reinforce Sino-Nepal friendly relations.

SCU is a top research-oriented comprehensive university strategically placed in West China by the Government of China. It receives grants from Project 985 and Project 211, two government projects aiming at promoting the development of top universities in China. SCU holds a particularly important position in south Asian studies, especially the issues

concerning Nepal, in China. In recent years, the enrollment of Nepali students at SCU has been growing and SCU has, hence, increased communication and cooperation with Nepal. For example, SCU has received many government leaders

and diplomats from Nepal. The visit by CPN (M) delegation will further reinforce Sino- Nepal bilateral relations and promote the sustainable development of cooperation between the two nations. 🇳🇵



Sino-Germany Energy Forum in Germany

The 3rd Sino-Germany Energy Forum opened on May 21 in Clausthal, Germany. This year's theme is "subterranean sequestration of carbon dioxide and energy storage." The forum brought together top experts of energy research from China and Germany to have discussions concerning changes in the world energy map and future trends of development. In addition, they presented the latest research results in the energy sector. President Xie led a delegation to attend the forum in Germany.

The 3rd Sino-Germany Energy Forum is focused on research and cooperation in the development and utilization of new sources of green energy, carbon dioxide sequestration and utilization, the strategic consideration for national energy security, and many other aspects. At the meeting, Dr. Thomas Hanschke, President of Clausthal University of Technology (TUC) and President Xie both delivered speeches, saying the two schools would continue to work together, through the Sino-German Joint Energy Center and Sino-Germany Energy Forum, to bring together the elite researchers in the field of energy in the two countries to focus their attention on the changes in international energy map, constantly break up new ground for energy research, and contribute to the world's energy research and development, national energy security and strategy, and the progress of human civilization.

On the eve of the opening day of the forum, President Hanschke of TUC met with President Xie and other experts and scholars who were going to attend the third Sino-Germany Energy Forum. He said TUC would like to strengthen and expand cooperation and exchanges with Sichuan University, so

that the faculties and students of the two schools have more opportunities to visit each other for learning, research and teaching.

President Xie hoped that SCU and TUC would expand the range of joint academic programs and strengthen exchange and cooperation.

In the evening of May 22, President Xie and President Hanschke, on behalf of SCU and TUC respectively, renewed a cooperation agreement.

President Xie paid a visit to the SCU exchange students enrolled in the joint academic program at TUC. 🏠



Experience and Lessons from 5 Years of Wenchuan Post-Disaster Reconstruction and Lushan Earthquake Forum on Post-Disaster Revival and International Disaster Reduction Kicks off in SCU

To commemorate the 5th anniversary of the 5/12 Wenchuan Earthquake and the 4th Disaster Reduction Day of China, the Forum on Post-Disaster Revival and International Disaster Reduction—Experience and Lessons from 5 Years of Wenchuan Post-Disaster Reconstruction and Lushan Earthquake opened in the morning of May 8th on SCU campus. The forum was co-sponsored by Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPU), SCU-HKPU Joint Institute of Disaster Management and Reconstruction (IDMR), and the Wenchuan County Government.

The opening ceremony started with a gesturing and singing performance of Love on My Mind by student volunteers. All the participants stood up and took 60 seconds of silence to mourn the victims and rescue workers who had been killed in the 4/20 Lushan Earthquake.

In her passionate speech, Ms. Margareta Wahlström, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction and head of United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), spoke highly of China's response strategies to strong earthquakes and

other major natural disasters and the remarkable work done by China for post-disaster reconstruction and the international campaign for disaster reduction. She also praised the success and experience achieved by Hong Kong Polytechnic University and SCU.

SCU President Xie Heping said in his keynote speech, "SCU has set up the world's first institute specializing in emergency management and disaster reduction. SCU will participate in extensive exchanges and cooperation with the international academic circle of disaster prevention and reduction. SCU will always strive to develop IDMR and contribute to response to disasters, post-disaster reconstruction and the international campaign for disaster reduction."

Professor Timothy W. Tong, President

of HKPU, said the two universities jointly established and constructed IDMR, which is designed to create an international platform to further promote the spread of information and expertise on the reduction and detection of disasters, make the expertise and information accessible to more people and help the victims of disasters or the people living in the disaster-hit areas in general make full recovery as soon as possible through post-disaster reconstruction.

Mr. Kochi Shingo, representative of the International Recovery Platform, UNISDR, Prof. Krasae Chanawongse, Chairman and Executive Director of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and the former Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, Chai Yu, Deputy Mayor of Yushu Autonomous Prefecture,



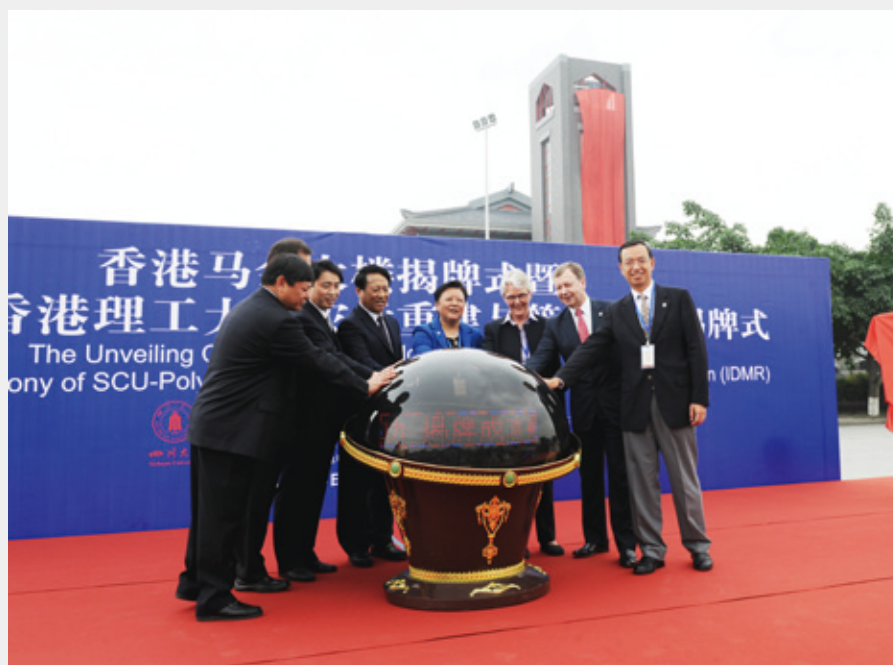
Qinghai Province, and Mr. Zhang Tongrong, mayor of Wenchuan County, Aba Prefecture also made speeches at the ceremony and offered their congratulations for the successful opening of the forum.

Professor Wang Angsheng, an eminent researcher of IDMR, made a keynote speech on Evaluation of and Lessons from 4/20 Lushan Earthquake Relief Work.

The opening ceremony of the forum was held in conjunction with a signing ceremony. According to the agreement, SCU will carry out in-depth cooperation activities in various fields with the International Recovery Platform and Wenchuan County.

SCU President Xie Heping and President Timothy W. Tong of HKPU presented letters of appreciation to individuals and charitable organizations that had provided generous support for the construction and development of IDMR.

The theme of the Forum on Post-Disaster Revival and International Disaster Reduction was Experience and Lessons from 5 Years of Wenchuan Post-Disaster Reconstruction and Lushan Earthquake. The 2-day conference incorporated special presentations, discussion sessions, exchange sessions on disciplinary construction and surveys on post-disaster reconstruction in the disaster-hit areas. The participants include experts and scholars from the government departments concerned, major international and regional disaster reduction organizations, and the foundations and important academic institutions concerned. Presentations and discussions were done based on the sub-topics, including Revelation from Wenchuan and Lushan Earthquakes—An International Perspective, International Disaster Reduction Strategies and Persistent Social Development, and Disaster Risk Reduction and Reinforcement of Community Development. The par-



ticipants had thorough discussions on reconstruction after Lushan Earthquake, post-disaster revival and the development of disaster reduction disciplines, scientific innovation and modern disaster reduction, and disaster and professional humanitarian service. New ideas and lessons were shared at the conference and

the cause of disaster prevention and reduction was furthered.

On the day of the opening ceremony, the unveiling ceremony of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Building and IDMR were held on Jiang'an Campus, SCU. Both were built with funding donated by the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Perspectives from Scholars

According to Vice-President Yan Shijing of SCU, universities have the responsibility to pay close attention to hot issues of global concern.



“If a university is to be valued by the community and recognized world-wide, it has to pay close attention to major event, especially the hot issues of global concern, because it is the responsibility of the university to do so.

Many universities are involved in international development. As a result, it is important that they adopt the international educational philosophy of globalization. Taking advantage of disaster prevention and reduction, a hot issue of global concern, and the school’s special location in a disaster-prone area, SCU makes active use of the opportunities generated by the emerging discipline and the university’s platform of disaster prevention and reduction to establish the world’s first institute of disaster management through international cooperation.

Under such circumstances, SCU invited special guests, including Ms. Margareta Wahlström, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction and head of United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), Mr. Kochi Shingo, representative of the International Recovery Platform, UNISDR, Prof. Krasae Chanawongse, Chairman and Executive Director of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) and the former Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, to attend the forum at SCU and participate in the discussions of the hot issues. ”

According to Ms. Margareta Wahlström, the role of universities is changing from that of an observer to that of a participant.

Ms. Margareta Wahlström is the incumbent Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction and head of United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR).

“China plays a very important role in the international campaign for disaster reduction.”

In her keynote speech, Ms. Wahlström spoke highly of the resolution and quick action demonstrated by the Chinese government in the rescue and reconstruction work after the Wenchuan Earthquake. The Chinese government also firmly assumed the responsibility to play an

important role in the international campaign for disaster reduction. China has accomplished substantial success in the reconstruction work after the Wenchuan Earthquake. She said, “I think the people of Asia and the world over will learn much from the post-disaster reconstruction work done in Wenchuan.”

She hoped that people would learn from past experience and develop readiness for potential disasters. The establishment of IDMR embodies people’s awareness of the importance of taking precautions against potential disasters. She was confident that IDMR would inherit and carry on the legacy of the earthquake and that IDMR would help promote efforts in disaster reduction in the international community.

“The role of universities should

change from that of an observer to that of a participant.”

When an earthquake measured 9.0 on the Richter Scale hit Japan in 2011,



Fukushima University was at the center of the disaster. When she was taking a field visit to Fukushima University two months ago, Ms. Wahlström noticed that, the university not only provided help and support for the school faculties, staffs and students, but also was involved in community service for the victims. SCU, located at close proximity to areas hit by the Wenchuan Earthquake and the Lushan Earthquake, shares similar circumstances with Fukushima University, and was hence faced with similar needs for the change of roles. She suggested that universities should enhance the students' awareness of disaster prevention and reduction by incorporating such education programs into the curriculum. Universities also have the obligation to expand their education programs to cover the community, so that the public know what to do in face of disasters. She stressed that, "The role of universities should change from that of an observer to that of a participant."

After the two major earthquakes in Sichuan, SCU carried out a large number of reconstruction projects, for example, counseling service for the victims, especially underage students, irrigation and construction technical support for the reconstruction of the infrastructure in the disaster-hit areas, and funding and management support for small and medium-sized businesses. Ms. Wahlström was very pleased to see SCU's involvement in the reconstruction projects. She hoped that SCU would always maintain its close ties with the disaster-hit areas.

"The establishment of IDMR generates the best opportunity to promote the development and education of disaster reduction."

Ms. Wahlström made a fair and objective evaluation of the volunteer work

in the Wenchuan Earthquake and the Lushan Earthquake. She said that in spite of the volunteers' good intentions, they usually lack systematic training. She stressed that "reasonable organization" was key to volunteer work. Therefore, the establishment of IDMR is particularly important. "The establishment of IDMR created a very good opportunity for the development and implementation of education on disaster reduction. IDMR integrates an international perspective in the education system and trains emergency disaster reduction professionals." Ms. Wahlström gave full recognition of IDMR's precise positioning in international resources sharing and cooperation. Internationalization will help build a better platform for experience sharing in disaster rescue and improve communication in disaster prevention and reduction across the world. She hoped that IDMR would help attract more students and teachers to join the campaign of disaster reduction.

Mr. Kochi Shingo said, "IDMR is a global platform for high-quality cooperation."

Professor Kochi Shingo, a senior expert of the Secretariat of the International Recovery Platform and Asian Disaster Reduction Center, showed deep concern for the disaster prevention and reduction work done in China since Wenchuan Earthquake took place. He believed that IDMR formed a high-quality global platform that would promote research in disaster prevention and reduction. He hoped that the International Recovery Platform and SCU would make use of the platform offered by IDMR to carry out more cooperation activities.

China has made remarkable prog-



ress in disaster rescue.

He said that China's experience was of great value for the international research. He had great admiration for the Chinese government's action power in face of a disaster. The media in Japan made positive comments on the Chinese government's quick response and rapid recovery of the social order. After the earthquake, China organized disaster relief and reconstruction activities in the most expeditious and orderly fashion and government leaders arrived on the scene immediately to personally supervise the rescue work. All these lead to the same conclusion that China had the experience, plans and procedures to deal with disasters and that China had made decided progress in disaster relief.

Training disaster reduction professionals

Professor Kochi Shingo said that IDMR is a very useful platform for disaster prevention and reduction. The institute received support from Hong Kong, UNISDR, and International Recovery Platform to carry out global coopera-

tion programs. IDMR will help raise the awareness of disaster prevention and reduction across the world.

He signed a cooperation agreement with SCU on behalf of International Recovery Platform. He said that International Recovery Platform and IDMR will cooperate on a long term basis. He hoped that IDMR would promote communication between China and Japan in the training of disaster prevention personnel and technology, that exchange student programs would be set up to help train more personnel with adequate knowledge and skills for disaster reduction. Professor Kochi Shingo was very impressed with the rich human resources of the faculties available at SCU. He believed that the teaching software is essential to the training of competent students. The outstanding faculties of IDMR had given him much confidence in the development of the institute. UNISDR and International Recovery Platform will offer a large number of positions for the aspiring students of IDMR. He also made some suggestions for the development of IDMR. He believed that the existing hardware facilities of IDMR were already of very high quality already. What the institute needed for long-term development was better software resources such as a professional team of teachers and rich and useful curriculum, which would give better play of the high-quality hardware facilities and promote the teaching and spread of disaster relief experience.

Mr. Chanawongse said that the most important part of disaster management and reconstruction was learning from past experience.

Mr. Krasae Chanawongse is the Chairman and Executive Director of ADPC.



The forum is the first high-level international conference on disaster reduction after the earthquake suddenly hit Wenchuan. According to Mr. Chanawongse, the forum promoted the communication and summary of the world's experience of post-disaster reconstruction and management in the last couple of years and projections on the future. He said, "The previous successes and failures are the best lessons of disaster management and reconstruction of the future. China has accumulated a lot of experience in effective disaster management and reconstruction from the two major earthquakes that hit Sichuan. Chengdu was picked as the venue of the forum so that the participants from different countries will have direct access to information on what China has done for post-disaster reconstruction. The participants will also learn a lot from China's experience in disaster management and reconstruction. Then, they will bring the experience back to their respective countries."

As the Chairman of ADPC and a professor of medicine, Mr. Chanawongse said he would introduce the lessons learned at the forum to ADPC and his

students. He would introduce to them China's work in disaster management and reconstruction. ADPC hosts an annual international conference and has established interaction and communication with the disaster prevention agencies in 26 countries. Mr. Chanawongse believed that each country had its own strength in disaster prevention and that different measures and strategies should be employed in different countries or regions because the actual circumstances they encounter would always be different. "Therefore, I think it is important that we always learn from our experience. As the Chinese proverb goes, 'Failure is the mother of success.'"

Mr. Chanawongse stated that China's disaster response mechanism was gradually becoming more mature. He believes that after the experience of conducting relief work for several times, the Chinese government will be able to organize disaster relief work in a faster and better way in the future.

In regard to the establishment of IDMR, Mr. Chanawongse said, "SCU chose the best time possible to build a brand-new institution specializing in disaster management and reconstruction." He believes that IDMR has a strong foundation composed of four elements. Firstly, Sichuan University and HKPU have competent faculties and strong research capability. Secondly, IDMR is founded on the basis of issues of wide social concern. Therefore, it always gets much attention, high expectations and popular support from people. Thirdly, extensive social concern and involvement of people of all circles of life will promote the further development of the institute and its contribution to disaster prevention and reduction. Fourthly, SCU advocates the education principle of internationalization, which lays a solid foundation for

the international development of IDMR and enhancing international exchange and cooperation.

Mr. Chanawongse stated that it was a great privilege for ADPC to be involved in the construction of IDMR and that the organization would like to carry out more cooperation activities in research and training on disaster prevention and reduction and development of research in disaster management. Mr. Chanawongse is also the Chairman of Naresuan University Council. He hoped that SCU would extend an invitation to Naresuan University for academic exchanges. "I hope SCU would lend support to the establishment of similar academic institutions of disaster management and reconstruction in Thailand."

Professor Angelina Yuen said IDMR would become the leader of disaster reduction and reconstruction.

Professor Angelina Yuen is the Vice-President of HKPU and Chair of the Sichuan Post-Disaster Reconstruction Support and Research Centre of HKPU.



She is also the HKPU head of IDMR. She has always been very concerned with the earthquake-hit areas of Sichuan.

She hoped that, through hard work, IDMR would become the leading Chinese institute of and cooperation platform for disaster reduction and reconstruction, pooling support from the world over to help victims of disasters to start a new life. Currently, IDMR has enrolled over 20 Ph.D. students and its application for starting masters' programs has already been approved by the Ministry of Education, Government of China. IDMR will soon start recruiting students of prosthetics and orthopedics, disaster care, and physiotherapy. "IDMR pursues not only the reconstruction in the physical sense, but also the continuation and long-term reconstruction of the mind and education."

Professor Yuen said, in addition to resources available in SCU and the HKPU, IDMR is also committed to establishing long-term cooperative relationship with International Recovery Platform, UNISDR, the World Bank and other international organizations and their professional team and pooling together the a wisdom, experience and strength of the world to provide disaster prevention and reduction services. "Disaster prevention and relief and post-disaster reconstruction and management are vital to the survival of the human race. What IDMR does is to collect and spread our experience and wisdom through education, research, training, and policies."

Professor Wang Angsheng said IDMR would train competent disaster reduction professionals for the world.

Professor Wang Angsheng is an



eminent professor in IDMR and a member of the Expert Panel of the National Committee for Disaster Reduction.

The establishment of IDMR bears profound impact on building up the human resources reserve in the field of disaster prevention. Professor Wang Angsheng, the chief professor of IDMR and winner of UN Disaster Prevention Award, stated that, "Our students will have an international perspective and will become the best professionals specializing in disaster reduction and emergency management." IDMR advocates advanced educational philosophy and conducts the most advanced studies on disaster prevention. The institute offers unique academic programs and trains highly-competent students. Professor Wang had dreamed about the establishment of an academic institution specializing in disaster reduction and emergency management for quite a long time. He said, "The goals were set up a long time ago, but there never was a chance to realize them. With the supportive environment available today, we will turn out the best graduates in the world." 🇨🇳

Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada Professor Chul B. Park Joins SCU

Professor Chul B. Park, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and Director of the Microcellular Plastics Manufacturing Laboratory at the University of Toronto, accepted a letter of appointment on June 24 in the auditorium of the State Key Lab of Polymer Material Engineering. He joins SCU through the Outstanding Foreign Expert Recruitment Program.

Professor Li Guangxian, executive vice president of SCU, issued a letter of appointment to Professor Chul on behalf of SCU. He said that Professor Chul was a polymer processing scientists of international repute, with outstanding achievements in the field of his specialization. After Professor Chul joins Sichuan University, he will promote the exchanges and cooperation between SCU and the University of Toronto and bring opportunities and impetus for the rapid development to the polymer processing program in SCU, especially in the area of polymeric foams.

Professor Chul gave special thanks to the warm hospitality extended by SCU. He was very pleased to have received the letter of appointment and become a foreign teacher and a member of Sichuan University. He would try his best to serve as the bridge and connection between Sichuan University and the University of Toronto and facilitate SCU to conduct research in the relevant fields.

During the visit, Professor Chul gave a 16-hour short course entitled Introduction to Foams—Foam Structure and Foam Injection Molding to undergraduate and graduate students, establishing a comprehensive cooperation relations between the State Key Laboratory of Polymer Materials Engineering at SCU and the Microcellular



Plastics Manufacturing Laboratory at the University of Toronto. The two labs will cooperation in research, exchange program for young teachers, and postgraduate programs.

Professor Chul B. Park's Mini-Biography

Professor Chul B. Park is a fellow/member of the Royal Society of Canada, the Canadian Academy of Engineering, the Korean Academy of Science and Technology, the Engineering Institute of Canada, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Society of Plastics Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Canadian Society of Mechanical Engineers

Professor Chul is the most accomplished scientist of polymeric foams in Canada and the founder and director of the Microcellular Plastics Manufacturing Laboratory at the University of Toronto. He is engaged in the most advanced studies in foaming mechanism and application of supercritical carbon dioxide polymer. He is the world's leading scientist in the field of polymer foam. He has published more than 200 high-quality research papers and was granted more than 20 patents. He is the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Cellular Plastics, a consultant and editor for Cellular Polymers and Advances in Polymer Technology, and the chairperson of the foam branch of the Polymer Processing Society (PPS). 📌

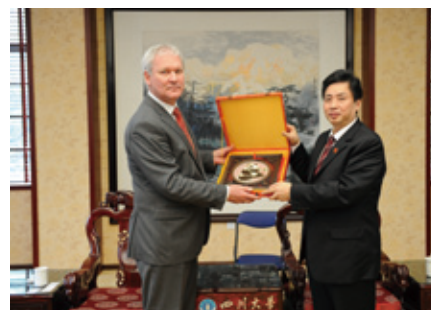
Eindhoven University of Technology Delegation Visits SCU

Professor Hans van Duijn, the Rector of Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e), headed a delegation on a visit of SCU. President Xie Heping and Vice-President Yan Shijing welcomed the delegation on March 19.

President Xie introduced to the guests the historical heritage, recruitment, academics and research work of SCU. He said that SCU attached great importance to cooperation with universities from European countries such as France and that the cooperation activities had yielded considerable success by far. He looked forward to setting up more

exchange and collaborative activities with TU/e in the fields of chemistry, chemical engineering and polymer science so as to train more highly-competent students of various specializations through joint efforts.

Rector Hans van Duijn thanked President Xie for the warm hospitality extended by SCU. Then, he briefly introduced to President Xie some basic facts about TU/e and the outstanding features of educational programs at TU/e. He hoped that the visit would lead to more cooperation and communication between the two schools in academics, research and exchange programs in the future.



Officials and staffs from the College of Chemical Engineering, College of Polymer Science and Engineering, and the International Office also attended the reception. 🏢

City University of Hong Kong Delegation Visits SCU

A delegation led by Professor Way Kuo, President of City University of Hong Kong (City U), visited SCU on March 29. President Xie welcomed the visitors and hoped that there would be continued efforts to reinforce cooperation and communication between the two schools so as to promote mutual development. He hoped that the cooperation project between City U and Shuangliu County, a county within the jurisdiction of Chengdu City, would turn out a great success for both sides.

President Guo of City U expressed his appreciation for the warm hospitality extended by SCU. He said that SCU enjoyed a long history and rich cultural heritage. He said that he, personally, had a special fondness for SCU and hoped that the visit will reinforce the communication and cooperation between the two schools in academics, research, and

teaching, and the cooperation between the business schools of SCU and City U in particular.

Afterwards, President Xie and President Guo had discussions with the officials from the local government of

Shuangliu County in regard to the cooperation project.

Officials and staffs from Shuangliu County and SCU departments concerned also attended the reception. 🏢



US-Asia Institute's 89th Congressional Staff Delegation Visits SCU

US-Asia Institute's 89th Congressional Staff Delegation, consisting of 13 members, visited SCU on April 1 and had lively discussions with the faculties and students of the Institute of South Asia Studies, SCU on April 1.

US-Asia Institute's 89th Congressional Staff Delegation consists of staffs and consultants of the US Senate and the House of Representatives. The visit will help them develop a better understanding of the socioeconomic development of China since the adoption of the economic reform policy of the Government of China. There would also be discussions concerning Sino-US relations and economic and trade cooperation between the two countries.

Vice-President Yan Shijing extended a warm welcome to the Congressional Staff Delegation at the meeting. He made a brief overview of SCU and talked about the academic disciplines and programs available at SCU. Professor Li Tao, Executive Vice Director of the South Asian Studies Institute, introduced to the visitors the organizational structure, research staffs, academic programs, research achievements and academic exchange activities of the South Asian Studies Institute.

Members of the US Congressional Staff Delegation showed great interest in the presentation about the quality of the academic programs, software facilities for humanities research, and the amount of government funding allocated for higher education. They made an interesting comparison between the circumstances in China with those in the U. S.

At the end of the meeting, Jacob



Langer, the head of the delegation and the Communications Director and Foreign Policy Consultant of Californian Republican congressman Devin Nunes' office, showed sincere appreciation for

the hospitality of SCU. He wished that the U. S. and China will have more cooperation and achieve mutual success in higher education. 🇺🇸

Delegation from Singapore Management University Visits SCU

President Xie Heping met with a delegation headed by Professor Arnoud De Meyer, President of Singapore Management University (SMU) on April 15. Vice-President Yan Shijing of SCU and heads of departments concerned also attended the reception.

President Xie began a speech by welcoming the SMU delegation. He said that SMU had top-ranking programs in social science and management. On the other hand, the Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction, SCU was the first of its kind established in China. The two universities already shared the best foundation for communication and cooperation in the field of risk estimate and management. President Xie was confident that President De Meyer's visit would definitely promote in-depth cooperation between the two universities.

President De Meyer thanked SCU for the warm reception. He said that SMU was a new school. Therefore there were lots of things that it could learn from SCU, a school with a long history of



development. SMU attached great importance to academics and research and the development of students' capability. In SMU's plan for the future, international development was given first priority, which would undoubtedly help expand the students' international perspective.

Consequently, SMU would like to reinforce ties with SCU and organize more cooperation activities.

Afterwards, President Xie and President De Meyer signed a framework agreement for cooperation and exchanged gifts. 🇸🇮

Delegation from Univ. of Utah Visits SCU

Professor Luo Zhongshu, Vice-President of SCU, welcomed a delegation from the University of Utah in the afternoon of May 22. The delegation was headed by Professor Robert Newman, Dean of The College of Humanities and Associate Vice President

for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Utah.

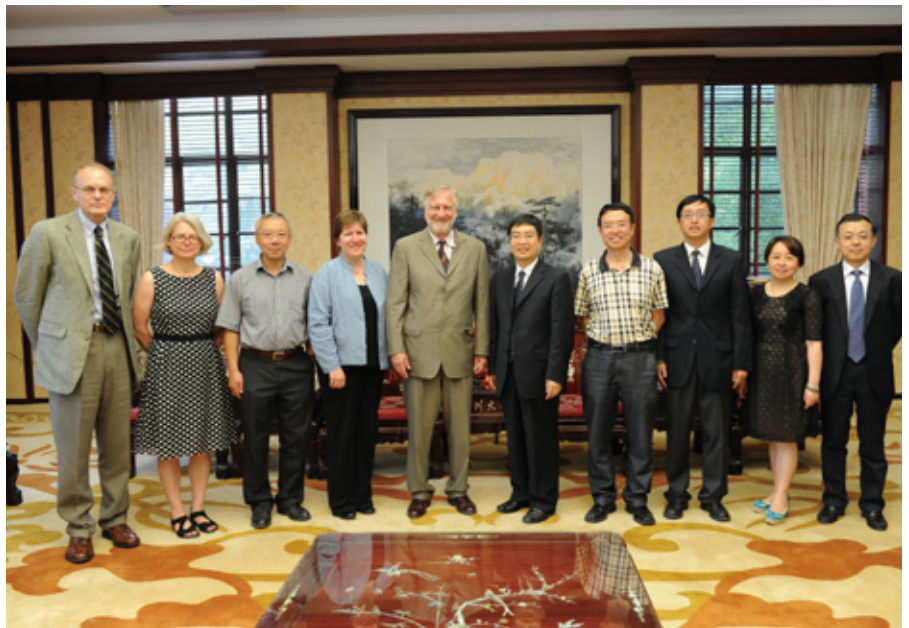
At the meeting, Vice-President Luo extended a warm welcome to the guests. After the introduction of the history of Sichuan University, student recruitment, curriculum development and other

circumstances, Vice-President Luo said Sichuan University attached great importance to the quality of the academic programs, the promotion of research and the improvement of students' overall accomplishment. SCU has made remarkable achievements in the research in hu-

manities and social sciences. He hoped that the two schools would reinforce cooperation in curriculum construction and student training in the future.

Professor Newman thanked SCU for the warm reception. He said that the main objective of this visit is to work with SCU and open 3+2 bachelor and master's combined program in the field of humanities and social sciences. He also looked forward to more opportunities for the faculties and students from the two schools to be involved in exchange and cooperation programs in the future. .

Officials from SCU departments concerned also attended the meeting. 🏠



President of Westminster College Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich Visits SCU

Vice-President Yan Shijing met with a delegation from Westminster College of the United States on May 7. The delegation was led by Dr.

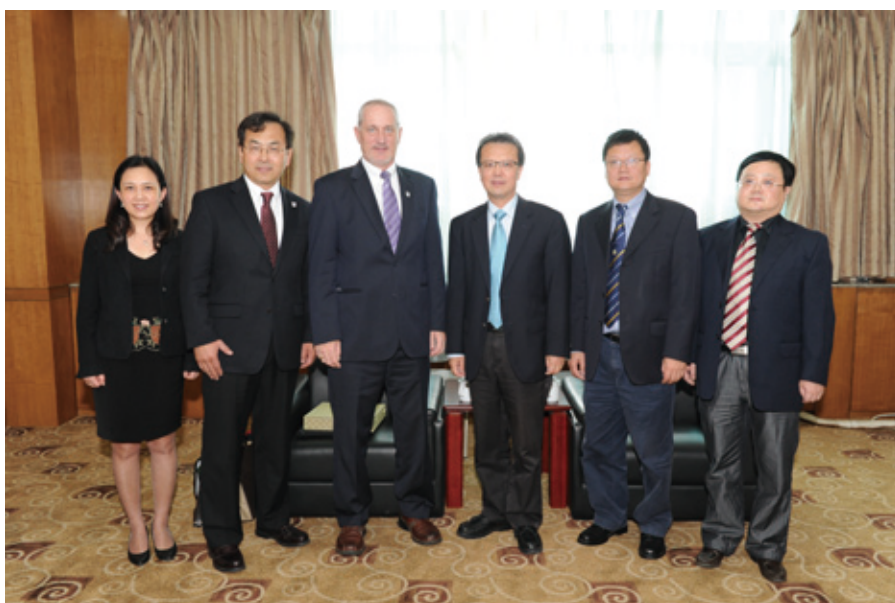
Brian Levin-Stankevich, the President of Westminster College.

At the meeting, Vice-President Yan welcomed President Levin-Stankevich

and his delegation on behalf of SCU. He made a brief overview of SCU and hoped that the two schools would consolidate the successful experience of cooperation and expand cooperation activities to cover more areas. He hoped that, through cooperation, the two sides would both achieve greater success in the future in academic programs and research.

President Levin-Stankevich thanked SCU for the cordial reception. He talked briefly about Westminster College and the characteristics of the academic programs available at Westminster College. He said that the visit would definitely promote and reinforce cooperation and exchange in student exchange programs of the two schools.

The heads of the International Office and Business School of SCU also attended the meeting. 🏠



Delegation Headed by the CPC Committee Secretary of SCU Prof. Yang Quanming Visits Universities in Taiwan

Upon the invitation of the presidents of Tamkang University, National Cheng chi University (NCCU), and Tunghai University, Professor Yang Quanming, the CPC Committee Secretary of SCU, paid a visit to the three universities in Taiwan on June 5 through 11. The visit successfully reinforced SCU's connection with universities in Taiwan and opened up new channels for cooperation and communication.

At Tamkang University, Secretary Yang and Mr. Yu Guoxing, the Vice-President of Tamkang University, looked back on the history of communication and cooperation between the two universities. They talked about plans for implementing student exchange programs in the future. They agreed that the student exchange program would be the beginning of a successful cooperation relationship. In the next step, the two universities would reinforce efforts in exchange and visits by the faculties and implement summer exchange programs between the two schools.

Then, Secretary Yang met with Professor Se-Hua Wu, President of NCCU. They talked about the history and experience of cooperation between the two schools.



They believed that the two schools should work together to find more channels for communication between the faculties and students of the two schools so as to form a multi-faceted structure for communication and cooperation and lay a solid foundation for further communication and cooperation.

After that, Secretary Yang met with Dr. Ming-Jer Tang, the President of Tunghai University. They talked about the long history and rich experience of communication and cooperation between the two schools. Over 40 SCU students went to Tunghai University in the last five years. They were taken very good care of by the faculties and

students of Tunghai University. Yang was confident that the communication and cooperation between the two schools would be further expanded in the next couple of years. He wished that Tunghai University would make more progress under the leadership of President Tang.

Representatives of SCU and Tunghai University took a picture in front of the famous Liberal Arts Avenue, Tunghai University.

In the evening of May 10, Secretary Yang met with some SCU alumni in Taiwan. He introduced to them the exciting development of SCU in recent years and the future prospects of development. He asked them to strengthen their connection and cooperation with SCU. He also extended an invitation for them to visit their Alma Mater soon and wished all of them great success in their career and business.

During his visit, Secretary Yang met with the SCU students currently studying at Tamkang University, NCCU, and Tunghai University. He had a face-to-face discussion with them, encouraging them to make the best of the strengths and resources of universities in Taiwan,



absorb as much information as they can, turn their stay at the Taiwanese universities into the most productive experience, and return to SCU safe and

sound upon completion of their exchange program.

Other members of the SCU delegation include officials from the Hong

Kong, Macao, and Taiwan Affairs Office, External Liaison Office, Law School, and West China School of Clinical Medicine. 卐

President Xie Leads Delegation to Visit University of Pittsburgh and Signs Cooperation Agreement for Establishing Sichuan University Pittsburgh Institute

At the invitation of the University of Pittsburgh (UPitt), an SCU delegation headed by President Xie Heping paid a visit to UPitt on May 24 in a bid to explore innovative models of college education and ways to promote SCU's international cooperation and communication. He signed a cooperation agreement with Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg, UPitt.

Following the trend of the international development of universities, SCU and UPitt made a bold attempt at cooperation by establishing a joint engineering program called Sichuan University Pittsburgh Institute. New concepts, models, and methodology of academic training will be experimented at the new joint institute. Academic programs in the form of 4+0, 2+2, 3+1, and 3+X will be created by utilizing and integrating the high-quality education resources and advanced educational concepts and facilities of both schools. The joint institute will help train highly-competent students who have a thorough understanding of the circumstances of China, have acquired specialized training, basic understanding of management theories and English communication skills, and have built up the capacity for international market development.

The two presidents both stressed the



importance of the joint effort, promising to lend full support to the construction and development of the Sichuan University Pittsburgh Institute. The two universities will join hands and build the institute into a platform for communication between the two schools and cooperation and communication between the two nations. The institute will become a center that trains the best engineers for the future world and a model of cooperation between the best universities of the two countries.

During the course of the visit, President Xie took a tour of the new-model classrooms, teaching labs, and distance learning facilities of the Swanson School of Engineering, UPitt. The Engineering Education Research Center gave presentations on innovative teaching models and methodology, such as active learning and interactive teaching. President Xie also watched presentation on the study abroad programs and the Engineering Co-op Program available in the Swanson School of Engineering. President Xie met with the chairs of the Departments of Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering & Materials Science, Civil & Environmental Engineering, and Chemical & Petroleum Engineering and talked about the construction plan and the vision for the development of the Sichuan University Pittsburgh Institute. Then he listened to presentations on the development of academic programs, international accreditation, teaching plans, and faculty recruitment and training in the joint institute.

After the visit to UPitt, President Xie met with some representatives of SCU alumni in Pittsburgh. He talked about SCU's attention to the alumni and introduced to them the construction of cross-disciplinary programs such as the

Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction, Center for Innovation in Science and Art, space technology, and Center for Low Carbon Emission Research and SCU's plan to build an international campus. Sichuan University Pittsburgh Institute will be the first joint institute built by SCU in cooperation with a foreign university. It will be built on the international campus. President Xie also talked about the recruitment of international students at SCU and the recruitment program for outstanding foreign professors. He called for suggestions to develop the international campus and the academic programs of SCU from the alumni. 🏠



SCU Delegation Visits University of California

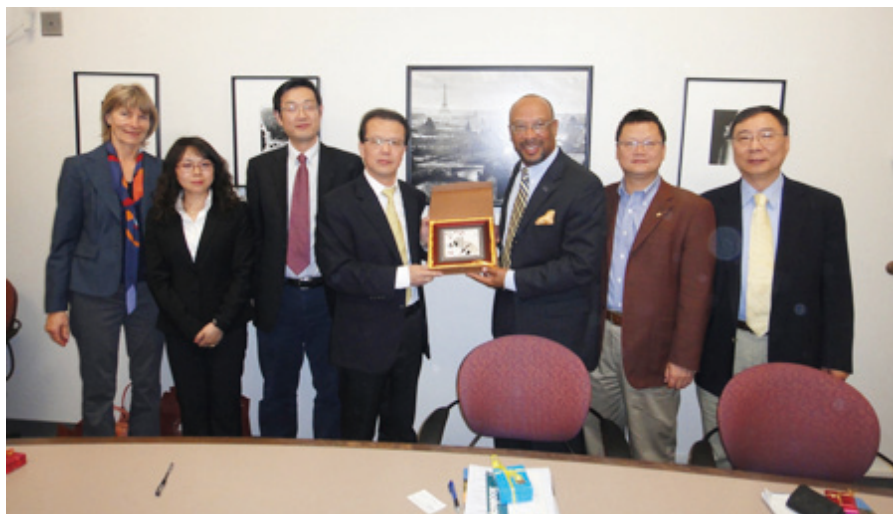
Vice-President Yan Shijing headed a delegation of four members on a visit to University of California (UC) upon invitation by UC. The delegation took a tour of University of California at Berkeley (UC Berkeley), University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB), and Pomona College between March 11 and 16.

At UC Berkeley, Vice-President Yan met with Professor Ronald Gronsky, Special Faculty Assistant to the Chancellor for International Relations. They had discussions concerning future opportunities for cooperation. They both agreed that it was high time for the two universities to reinforce efforts in cooperation. Professor Gronsky stressed that UC Berkeley would like to promote the communication and

exchange among the professors, scholars and students of the two schools. The two sides reached an agreement on the cooperation framework and an agreement was going to be signed soon. During the visit at UC Berkeley, the delegation paid a visit to the Center for East Asian Studies. The two sides showed great interest in partnership in research, academic exchange, co-sponsoring academic conferences and academic programs in the field of south Asian studies.

Afterwards, the two schools had discussions concerning summer programs offered by UC Berkeley to SCU students and UC Berkeley students attending the international exchange program held at SCU. The two sides talked about implementation plans for the two cooperation programs.

At UCLA, President Yan reviewed the academic exchange activities between SCU and UCLA since 2007 with Professor Cindy Fan, Interim Vice Provost for International Studies. They were both



very pleased with the performance of the students involved in the academic exchange projects. The two sides had discussions concerning academic programs for exceptional students of basic science programs, training for teachers of small classes, and joint undergraduate programs offered in the Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction, SCU. The two schools agreed to set up cooperative summer courses and intended to sign the cooperation agreement soon.

Then the delegation visited UCSB. Vice-President Yan met with the heads of the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts, Department of Political Science, Language Training Center, Project Development Department, and the Study Abroad Program. He asked lots of questions about UCSB's various activities and

discussed possibilities for cooperation in the future. Vice-President Yan introduced the construction of the Joint Lab of Jiuzhaigou Ecosystem and Sustainable Development, a cooperation project between SCU and UC and the development of the Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction, which was co-founded by SCU and Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He talked about the promotion and expansion of the SCU 2013 International Exchange Camp and International Course Week. He said that the two schools should implement as soon as possible the cooperation projects, including the 2+2 undergraduate double-major programs, 3+X undergraduate and master's combined programs, summer courses, special programs for exceptional students of basic sciences, and the out-

standing engineer plan. UCSB responded positively to SCU's suggestions for further cooperation. The two sides intend to sign intercollegiate cooperation agreement soon.

During the visit to the U.S., the delegation also visited Pomona College, a liberal art college in the U. S. and met with President David Oxtoby and Professor Elizabeth Crighton, interim dean of the college.

During the course of the visit, Vice-President Yan paid personal visits to the SCU faculties and students studying or working at UC Berkeley and UCLA. He had friendly talks with them and inquired after their studies, life and work in the U. S. The heads of the departments concerned from UC Berkeley and UCLA escorted him on the visits. 🏠

SCU Delegation Visits India and Nepal

From March 22 through 30, Vice-President Yan Shijing paid a visit to India and Nepal at the invitation of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Newtonian Science Counseling Institute Pvt. Ltd. The government of India attached great importance to the visit. Mr. Gautam H. Bambawale, Joint Secretary of the East Asia Division, MEA and Dr. Shri Suresh Kumar Goel, Director General of ICCR, met with the SCU delegation and threw a welcoming banquet.

The SCU delegation visited the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Mumbai, Western Regional Centre of the Indian Council of Social Science, Sharda University, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) between March

22 and 27. The delegation entered into various agreements on cooperative academic and research projects and joint double-major programs with these institutions.

The delegation visited Nepal between March 27 and 30. The delegation had talks with representatives from Newtonian Science Counseling Institute Pvt. Ltd. and the Nepali alumni who have attended SCU since 2001. They are now working at all levels of hospitals in Nepal. Then, the delegation went to the Man Mohan Memorial Community Hospital, which has shown intentions of starting cooperation projects with SCU. Man Mohan Memorial Community Hospital is planning on sending doctors to West China Hospital, SCU for clinical training and inviting the experts from West

China hospital to visit Nepal to conduct specialized training and guidance. 🏠




SCU Published the First Issue of *Bone Research*

Bone Research (CN 51-1745/R, ISSN 2095-4700), approved by Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, sponsored and launched by Sichuan University in 2013, is the second English journal published by West China School of Stomatology. As a new English periodical, Bone Research focuses on basic and clinical researches of bone biology, pathophysiology and regeneration. The journal uses the online ScholarOne manuscript management system and can be accessed at www.boneresearch.org. This Journal's editorial office is located at Sichuan University and Professor Zhou Xue-dong (Sichuan University) is the Editor-in-Chief. Professor Xu Cao (Johns Hop-



kins University) serves as the Founding Editor. Professor Thomas L. Clemens (Johns Hopkins University), John P.

Bilezikian (Columbia University) and Qian-ming Chen (Sichuan University) serve as Executive Advisory Editors. 

Latest Research Findings from Academician Shouhuan Zhou and Professor Guoying Feng's Research Group Published in *Nano Letters* and *Laser Physics Letters*

The research group led by Academician Shouhuan Zhou and Professor Guoying Feng at the College of Electronics and Information Engineering in Sichuan University published their latest research results in top international journal of academic research *Nano Letters*. (Feng

Guoying, Chao Yang and Shouhuan Zhou. Nanocrystalline Cr²⁺-doped ZnSe Nanowires Laser. *Nano Lett.* 13, 272-275, 2013.) (IF:13.2). It was for the first time to propose an innovative concept of MID-IR LASERS BASED ON ACTIVE-ION DOPED NANOCRYSTALS. This

group carried out a series of innovative studies from the theoretical design, material preparation to laser output relied on the domestic conditions and finally prepared a new type of laser materials and achieved a Cr²⁺: ZnSe nanocrystals laser output for the first time. The study


has important scientific significance and application prospects.

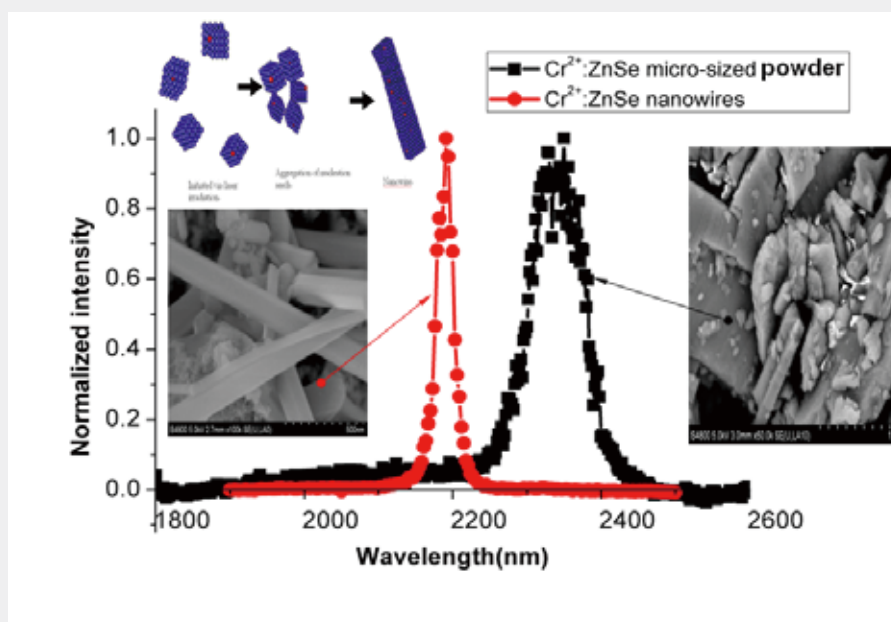
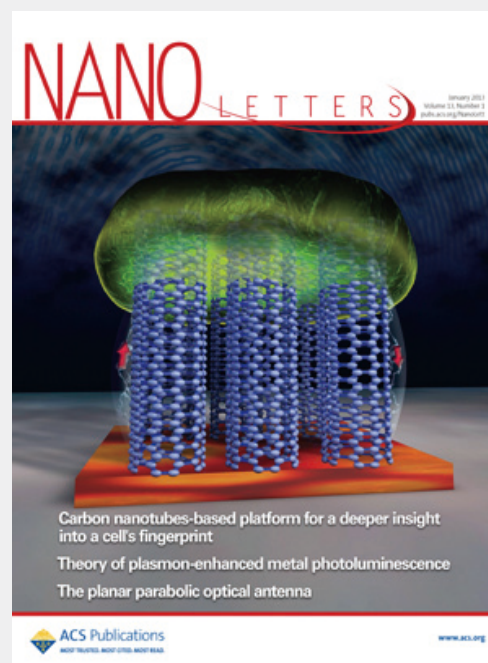
In this study, the authors suggested that, the energy level control of ion-doped nanocrystals can be achieved by changing the size, surface morphology and core/shell structure of the nanoparticles. Based on thermal diffusion, laser ablation in liquid and some other unique methods, the technical difficulties in doping active-ions into nanosized crystalline particles were solved. The Cr²⁺-doped nanowires were prepared and the length of these nanowires can reach to 10 μm with a diameter ranging from 30 to 120 nm. A laser output with centre wavelength of 2.194 μm of the Cr²⁺:ZnSe nanowires was successfully achieved at room temperature and it represented a blue shift about 150 nm than that of the micron scale grains.

Science and Technology Department of Sichuan Province organized and hosted an appraisal meeting on this scientific and technological achievements of Sichuan University, with academician Bingkun Zhou as the director and professor Qingyue Wang as the vice director. The Appraisal committee considered "A series of innovative studies from the theoretical design, material preparation to laser output experiments were carried out. A new type of laser materials was prepared and a laser output based on the Cr²⁺:ZnSe nanocrystals was achieved. The achievements have reached the advanced level in the world. The appraisal Committee agreed to adopt this identification unanimously."

Besides, theoretical and experimental research on nano cavity was also carried out to support the studies on active-ion doped nanocrystal lasers. A new ultracompact optical gas sensor based on one-dimensional band gap gradient photonic crystal (PhC) nanobeam cavity coupled to tapered fiber is proposed.

The nanobeam cavity has seven pairs tapered air holes and ten pairs mirror holes, with Q factor of 2.2×10^6 when air refractive index (RI) equals 1, mode volume (V) of $0.29 (\lambda/n)^3$, and the volume of $12 \times 0.5 \times 0.25 \mu\text{m}^3$. It can be used to high-precision measurement of the

small refractive index changes of the gas. This work was published in *Laser Phys. Lett.* (Chen Feng, Guoying Feng, Guorui Zhou, Nianjiang Chen and Shouhuan Zhou. Design of an ultracompact optical gas sensor based on a photonic crystal nanobeam cavity. *Laser Phys. Lett.* 9, 875-878, 2012.) (IF: 9.97) 



SCU and University of Pittsburgh Agrees on Cooperative Educational Initiative

On March 6, Professor Li Guangxian, Executive Vice-President of SCU, and Prof. Yan Shijing, Vice-President of SCU, received a delegation headed by Professor Patricia Beeson, Provost of the University of Pittsburgh (UPitt). Attendants of the reception include SCU administrators from College of Materials Science and Engineering, School of Manufacturing Science and Engineering, School of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Institute of New Energy Sources and Low-Carbon Emission Technology and other departments concerned.

Prof. Li Guangxian extended a cordial welcome to Prof. Patricia Beeson and her delegation. He said that SCU attached great importance to the reinforcement of international exchange and cooperation with American universities. SCU has established strong ties with a large number of American universities for collaboration. SCU will take advantage of the cooperative education program co-sponsored by SCU and UPitt to further fortify SCU's foundation for development and promote fruitful collaboration with UPitt.

On behalf of the delegation from UPitt, Provost Beeson thanked SCU for the warm hospitality. She said that UPitt and SCU both had a long history of establishing educational programs. Many aspects of the programs available at the two schools complement each other's weaknesses, laying solid ground for cooperation between the two sides. The Sichuan University Pittsburgh Institute is an important development strategy of UPitt and is seen as a vital component of its plan for international development. She wished that the two schools would



reinforce exchange, communication, and cooperation in a bid to accomplishing mutual development.

After the reception, representatives from SCU and UPitt attended the signing

ceremony for an agreement to build the Sichuan University Pittsburgh Institute. Executive Vice-President Li and Provost Beeson signed the agreement on behalf of SCU and UPitt respectively. 🇨🇳

SCU and TUC Sign Cooperation Agreement for Joint Engineering Ph.D. Program

In order to further expand the scope of international cooperation and enhance cooperation with universities of international acclaim, Professor Xie Heping, President of SCU and fellow of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Dr. Thomas Hanschke, President of Clausthal University of Technology (TUC), renewed the cooperation agreement on behalf of the two universities in the evening of May 22. The mayor of Goslar and 50 plus Chinese and foreign guests witnessed the historic moment.

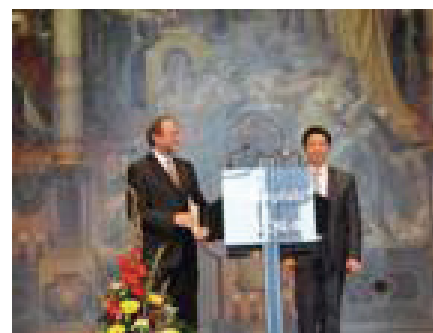
TUC and SCU share over 10 years of history of successful cooperation. Approximately 200 SCU students have participated in the 2 +2 joint undergraduate program. The Sino-Germany Energy Center and the Sino-Germany Energy Forum, co-founded by the two universities, have become the best examples of successful international cooperation in scientific research. According to the cooperation agreement, the two sides will strengthen cooperation in many aspects. First, the two schools will expand the variety of academic programs of the 2 +2 joint program, so that more SCU students will participate in the program. TUC will continue to provide SCU students with tuition remission offers. Second, SCU will offer more courses taught in English in order to attract more TUC students to study at SCU. SCU will also provide tuition waivers and scholarships to TUC students. Third, the two schools will establish a joint engineering double PhD program. Fourth, the two schools will encourage the faculties to get involved in exchanges and cooperation




activities, make joint application for research projects, conduct joint studies, and offer joint programs for postgraduate training. Fifth, the two universities will continue to cooperate in energy research by bringing together experts and scholars in the field of energy in the two countries in order to promote the establishment of a long-term bilateral cooperation mechanism for research in the changes of energy in China and Germany and carry out proactive research and practical application of high-efficiency green application of fossil fuel, development, storage, and transportation of new sources of energy, and energy strategy, security and policy.

The agreement will lay a solid foundation for the two universities to expand and intensify cooperation.

Before signing the agreement, Ms.



Angelika Brunkhorst and Mr. Florian Bernschneider, Members of the German Bundestag, arranged for special meeting with President Xie in order to learn more about the cooperation programs between SCU and TUC. They spoke highly of the fruitful cooperation relations between the two universities, hoping that the cooperation programs between the two schools would contribute to the development of the local economy. 

Erasmus Mundas Action 2—Lotus Southeast Asia Workgroup Meeting, Organized by SCU, Kicks off in Thailand

SCU has demonstrated exceptional efficiency in the organization and management of its Erasmus Mundas Program. Therefore, the European university hosting the Erasmus Mundas Program has decided to pick SCU as the coordinating institution of all the Asian universities involved in the Erasmus Mundas Program. On behalf of the European university hosting the Erasmus Mundas Program, Professor Shi Jian, Vice-President of SCU and the team leader of the SCU Erasmus Mundas Program, called on the first meeting of the Asia Workgroup on April 4 and 5 on the campus of Thammasat University in Bangkok. Thammasat University is the local organizer of the meeting. The heads of the European Studies Center and the International Office of SCU attended and presided over the meeting on behalf of SCU, a joint managing institution of the Lotus project.

The participants of the meeting had lively discussions concerning various questions they have encountered in the implementation of the Lotus project and exchanged their experience of dealing with the problems. Representatives from the Asian partner universities and European partner universities also attended a 6-hour video conference with the Lotus project management office at Ghent University, the European joint coordinator of Lotus project, in Belgium. The representatives of the Asian partner universities offered constructive suggestions concerning decisions on the scholarship candidates.

SCU, an Asian managing partner institution of the Lotus project, carefully planned out and organized the first work meeting



for the Asian project countries. SCU has always managed to keep the European project managing institution posted of the latest development and give feedbacks concerning applications for new projects as early as possible. SCU has, hence, earned lots of positive comments from the partner universities in Europe and Asia. The work meeting is also the first one SCU has successfully organized at an overseas venue while serving as the joint coordinator for the European and Asian universities of the Lotus project.

In the next phase of project implementation in the following two years, SCU will continue to make its due contribution to the healthy development of the project while serving as a joint coordinator. SCU will also continue to strive to play a more important role in Europe and Asia.

Afterwards, the SCU delegation visited Chiang Mai University, Thailand. The two sides exchanged ideas concerning the Erasmus Mundas Program and future chances for cooperation and communication between the two universities. 🏠

The Second Symposium on Liquid Crystal Photonics and 3-D Forum Opens at SCU

The Second Symposium on Liquid Crystal Photonics and 3-D Forum was held at SCU. Over 200 Chinese and foreign experts and scholars attended the meeting. They had discussions about the latest development in the field of liquid crystal photonics and the 3-D industry. Some new products such as the naked-eye motion-sensing 3-D display system and integrated imaging 3-D flat-screen computer were also released at the meeting.


The symposium is the most important academic conference in the field and has the largest number of participants. The symposium is co-sponsored by the Beijing Chapter of the Society for Information Display, the Optical Society of the United States, and the National Natural Science Foundation of China and is co-hosted by the College of Electronics and Information Engineering and the Key Laboratory of Synthetic Vision Graphics and Image Science for National Defense, SCU. Dr. Martin Schadt, a leading display scientist and a fellow of the European Academy of Sciences, Dr. Shin-Tson Wu of the College of Optics & Photonics, University of Central Florida and Prof. Hoi Sing Kwok of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology attended the symposium. Over 200 Chinese and foreign experts and scholars from seven countries, including the United States, Switzerland, Japan and South Korea, attended the event. There were 9 presentations at the congress, 55 invited or oral presentations and 44

poster presentations by students. The presenters introduced various issues, for example, new liquid crystal materials, photoelectronic display devices and parts, photonic devices and 3-D display technology.

A concurrent event, the 24th Chengdu Forum for Innovation was held over the course of the symposium, creating the stage for more discussion on the future trend of development of 3-D technology.

The symposium formed a platform for extensive and effective communication, which will greatly promote the research and development of 3-D

technology in China. The fact that SCU has been selected to host the symposium suggests that SCU has built up comprehensive strength in research, esp. in liquid crystal and 3-D technology. The Institute of Information Display, SCU released the latest results of some cutting-edge research at the symposium.

Liquid crystal and 3-D display are emerging strategic industries yielding an annual output value of hundreds of billions of U. S. dollars. They are the pioneering core industries of the information era. 



SCU Hosts 1st China Public Health Education Accreditation Conference

The 1st China Public Health Education Accreditation Conference, sponsored by the Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) and organized by the West China School of Public Health /No. 4 West China Hospital, SCU, opened in Chengdu on June 21 and 22.

Dozens of experts and scholars attended the meeting, including the deans of public health schools from the United States, Australia and Southeast Asian countries, the deans of the School of Public Health of SCU, Peking University, Fudan University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Taipei Medical University, and APACPH President, Vice President, and Secretary-General.

At the meeting, APACPH Executive Board commended Professor Li Hong, Executive Vice President of SCU, for his excellent leadership in promoting the development of medical and public health education in medicine, recognizing his achievement by giving him the Outstanding Contribution Award. APACPH Executive Board awarded West China School of Public Health, SCU the Outstanding Academic Award in recognition of the school's outstanding contribution to the disaster relief and disease prevention work after the 5/12 and 4/20 earthquakes as well as their continued contribution to the improvement of the well-being of the people living in Sichuan.

Executive Vice President Li delivered a speech, stressing that public health was essentially a global issue. Certain major global public health problems could only be resolved with the concerted efforts of the governments and public health workers of various nations. The development of



the world has resulted in new requirements for the quality of public health education and demand for highly competent public health professionals with a strong sense of social responsibility.

The theme of the two-day conference was the accreditation of public health education programs. The participants had thorough discussions through presentations and discussion sessions focused on the accreditation of public health education programs and the promotion of regional public health education and services. The subject matter of their discussion ranged from the accreditation and the development of public health education, the roles of public health in disasters, urbanization, population aging process to the reinforcement and integration of global health research.

APACPH is an international non-governmental academic organization, known as the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) of the field of public health in the Asia-Pacific region. The organization was founded in 1984 in Honolulu, the United



States with the mission to elevate the quality of public health education, promote the development of primary healthcare, and improve the quality of life of the people in Asia Pacific region. Its members include the best universities and research institutions in the field of public health in the Asia-Pacific region. APACPH now has more than 80 member institutions from 23 countries, covering more than 30 countries and regions. APACPH has regional offices in the United States, Japan, South Korea and Malaysia. The APACPH Secretariat, its headquarters, is based in the University of Hawaii. The organization has successfully held 44 international academic conferences on public health. 🏛️



April 10th and 12nd

SCU Hosts Review Meeting of PANA-CEA Higher Education Exchange Project for Erasmus Mundas Program



March 5th

Delegation Headed by Prof. Jan Cornelis, Vice Rector of International Relations, Vrije Universiteit Brussel Visit SCU



March 7th

Dr. Jérôme Caby, General Director of ICN Business School, visits SCU



March 8th

Dr. Marcello Fantoni, Associate Provost of Kent State University, Visits SCU



April 10th

Henn Francois Edouard Georges, Vice-President of International Relations, Montpellier 2 University, Visits SCU



April 24th

Professor Marian Galik, Renowned Scholar of Comparative Literature, Visits SCU



April 24th

Vice-President Yan Shijing Meets Dr. María Noemí Domínguez García, Vice-President of the University of Salamanca

April 24th and 25th

SCU Representatives Attend 1st Meeting of EU-China Higher Education Platform for Cooperation and Exchange



May 4th

Professor Li Hong, Executive Vice-President of SCU, wins World Chinese Award for Outstanding Contribution to Urological Surgery



May 29th

SCU Delegation Visits Brigham Young University



June 13rd

Professor Timothy B. Holst, Vice Chancellor of University of Minnesota at Duluth, Visits SCU



June 20th

Dr. Regina Lázaro, Vice-Rector for International Relations, University of Zaragoza, Visits SCU



June 21st

Delegation from Nyenrode Business University (Netherlands) Visits SCU

China Study Courses for International Students

-- China Traditional Cultrue Experience in Chengdu

With China frequently involved in political, economic, and cultural exchanges at all levels with other countries, the Center for Chinese Studies of SCU has set up Chinese culture courses specifically designed for international students and organized international exchange camp. These courses and activities have attracted a large number of international students to come to China for an authentic experience of the traditional Chinese culture.

The instructors elaborated on the background information of the development of the traditional Chinese culture and the characteristics of the elements of culture in order to give the international students a systematic overview of traditional Chinese culture. In addition, they made meticulous analysis of the Chinese people's way of thinking, traditional habits and psychological characteristics to give the international students background information on the ways Chinese people deal with things. The courses help enhance mutual understanding and reduce cultural conflict. SCU International Students Office also recruited volunteers from among the Chinese students. The volunteers provide assistance to the international students on individual basis. The experience will also benefit the Chinese student volunteers because it will broaden their international horizon and enhance friendship.

Many international students hold infinite curiosity and a strong interest in China and in Chengdu, which have brought them to China and SCU. They came here to learn Chinese, taste the

spicy local food in Chengdu, see the beautiful landscape of Sichuan, meet the friendly and hospital Chinese people, and get involved in the rich cultural activities in order to get an authentic experience of the charm of Chinese culture.

Among the large number of projects,

Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) Exchange Camp and Harvard University Exchange Camp are the best examples of how American students get to experience Chinese culture.

During the course of the exchange program lasting 2 to 3 months, PLU and



Harvard students took a series of courses on the Chinese language and culture. They went on tours of various places of interest in Sichuan, experiencing not only the essence of Chinese culture, but also the magnificent landscape and unique customs of China. Before they came to Chengdu, the American students were all somewhat worried about whether or not they would be able to communicate with Chinese, or if they could really get used to the spicy local cuisine. However, after they stayed in China for a while,

the American students found themselves gradually developing an affection for the country and particularly for the city of Chengdu. They realized that being a "Chinese" is a really pleasant thing. Upon their departure from China, the American students said that they would continue to learn the Chinese language and learn about the Chinese culture in the future. They would always cherish the experience they had in China

The success of the exchange programs is attributed to the carefully designed

curriculum and the great variety of extracurricular activities available to the international students.

Firstly, Chinese language courses at different levels were offered for students with different Chinese proficiency. The students were put into three classes of elementary, intermediate and advanced Chinese skills. Thus, all the students are taking Chinese lessons appropriate for their individual level of Chinese proficiency, which greatly promoted their interest in learning the language. After they take the Chinese lessons for two or three months, lots of American students who had no previous knowledge of anything to do the Chinese language can participate in simple dialogues in Chinese and have become fully capable of living independently in China.

Secondly, a series of Chinese cultural courses were offered to them. The international students listen to Chinese professor giving presentations on China's politics, economy and culture. For American students, the most interesting part is that the Chinese professors always have resources and perspectives different from their American professors, which helps they gain an incisive understanding of the different ways of thinking found in the East and in the West. The strong culture shock stimulates the students' mind so much so that they start to think about issues from different perspectives.

Thirdly, a rich variety of cultural immersion activities are organized for the international students. According to the arrangements for the project, the international students take tours of various places of interest on each weekend to experience the Chinese culture and the local culture of Sichuan Province. For example, the students were all very impressed with the delicate beauty of the scenery of Mount Emei and the Buddhism culture it



embodies, the distinctive Taoism culture in Qingcheng Mountain, and Chinese people's wisdom reflected in the ancient Dujiangyan Irrigation Project and the adorable giant pandas.

Fourthly, the international students learn about China not only from the lectures offered to them, but also through talking to the volunteers of the project. They also take an active part in the activities of various student organization of SCU and learn much about the life and studies of Chinese students.

Fifth, the international students are taken very good care of so that they overcome cultural anxiety with no problem whatsoever. When they first arrived in China, many of them experienced some problem adapting to the new environment. SCU took the trouble to accommodate all their needs ranging from airport pickup to food and board. SCU also arranged for campus tours, a welcoming banquet, and Sichuan Opera show. The school spared no pain to help the international students fully adapt to the changed environment and overcome their cultural anxiety and cross-cultural conflicts. According one of the principles for education, "we can always learn in life and live in studies", SCU works very hard to make the international students feel at home.

A distinctive feature of the cultural exchange programs available at SCU is the authentic experience of Chinese culture. The students get to experience various aspects of everyday life in China. Culture is a very abstract concept. Language, clothing, and food are all components of culture. Culture is found in every part of people's life. For example, Chinese people put their surname before the first name. When people run into each other, the greetings they often use is, "Where are you heading for?" and "What are

you doing?" These are not questions to probe into a friend's privacy, but rather expressions showing that they care about each other. When Chinese people invite friends to a dinner, they always help serve their guests by putting food in the guests' plate, which is actually a gesture of respect and affection for the guest. People in Chengdu love spicy food, while people in Shanghai prefer sweet food. All these minute details are examples of culture found in everyday life. When American students first arrived in China, they experience these small incidence or details of culture, which represent the characteristics of Chinese culture. Their stay in China gives them the opportunity to come into close contact with Chinese people. The volunteers also provided much help so that the American students experienced the hospitality, friendliness and optimism of the Chinese people. The exchange project helps introduce Chinese culture to the world.

It is important that China learn more about the world and that the world learn more about China. Cultural exchange project is the small window for the world to see and learn more about China. Through the contact and communication with Chinese students and a series of courses, American students learned much about the real China. They gradually developed a liking for the hotpot and tapioca pearl tea. They liked the laid-back atmosphere in Chengdu and the vibrant energy of China. Their stay in China has become an indelible memory for them and deeply changed their understanding of the world, which is the most important impact of the cultural exchange programs offered by SCU. The exchange program will facilitate promote the spread of Chinese culture. 🏠

Student Voice

Ralph Alexander Hunt III

Harvard Class of 2015



Despite having a strong interest in China since high school, I had always feared traveling to the country - though not for reasons that one might expect. In the 10th grade, I began to read many books on foundational ancient Chinese thought, such as the Analects of Confucius, the Dao Te Ching, the Mozi, and several other equally prestigious philosophical treatises. Reading all of these works challenged my general mindset at the time (which until then had been exclusively influenced by traditional Western concepts and values) and significantly changed my overall outlook on life. However, reading these

books also greatly raised my expectations for what traveling to China would actually be like. Although I had spent countless hours reading about the Middle Kingdom, I feared that I would be disappointed if I actually visited the country as a result of having romantic, unrealistic, and excessive expectations. Nevertheless, when I saw that there was an opportunity to travel to Chengdu and study at Sichuan University for the summer, I thought it would be a great opportunity to see how the China that existed in my mind and the China that existed in reality would intersect. It was decided - I had to go.

Although I had a vague idea of what life in Sichuan would be like before arriving as a result of talking with friends who had previously traveled to the province, I was still a bit anxious as my Air China plane touched down at Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport. All doubts were soon dismissed as I was greeted by two Sichuan University students who helped me with my luggage and safely escorted me to campus. This was just the first act in what has proven to be a continuous cycle of hospitality on behalf of the university. The next day, we met with the organizers of the program and all of the Chinese student volunteers at a gorgeous dinner, and then proceeded to watch Sichuanese opera and bianlian. What a great welcome to Chengdu! At this point, I knew that I was in caring hands, and that this was going to be a great summer.

While exploring Chengdu is very important to me, improving my Mandarin is more important still. I really enjoy the language even though I still have a lot of progress to make, and I hope to learn Cantonese one

day as well. With regards to creating a favorable Mandarin environment, the university has been accommodating in every possible way. Given that my spoken Mandarin is at a different level than that of my fellow Harvard peers, I have been placed into an individual class where I am one-on-one with the teacher. I have had two teachers so far - Zuo Laoshi and Yang Laoshi, both of whom have found a great balance between teaching what is in the book and adding their own anecdotes for my enjoyment. I think that it is during these classes that I gain the most insight into China's cultural side. So far we have touched on topics such as yuanfen, mixun, KTV, gift giving, holidays, family roles, and many other customs that I did not have exposure to or fully understand before discussing them in class. Also, the university students have been great teachers as well, being very forgiving towards my accent, illiterateness, weak tingli, and various tone mistakes. I still have a lot more training to do, but my Mandarin is getting better and better due to this linguistically conducive environment, and I look forward to seeing where I am by the time August rolls around.

In addition to having plenty of opportunities to practice Mandarin, I would say that seeing various famous sites around Sichuan on the weekends has been another highlight of this experience. We have already been all over Sichuan, and still have many other exciting places to visit. Of all the places visited, I would say Mount Qingcheng was my favorite. As someone who had previously read a good amount of Taoist philosophy, it was alluring to actually visit the mountain where the philosophy was born.

Of course, every weekend experience has been memorable, and with each journey comes many stories that I will not soon forget. Sichuanese food is also incredible. I do not mind the spice, and every chance I get I try to order something new off of the menu. I have eaten a bunch of different new foods here that I would never have expected to eat, and there are still a few particular dishes that I am searching for. I will definitely find them before I leave China.

At this point, I can say that I would not change this experience in anyway. Sichuan University has been very generous, the students are very friendly, and my teachers make me excited to come to class. China overall is different from how I expected it to be, but not in the negative sense. I do not really feel like a laowai, and I do not really have conversations about the ancient philosophy that initially pulled my interest towards China. It is conversations about the day-to-day, gongfu, to love or be loved, college life, Journey to the West, hobbies, Jackie Chan, and TV shows that I remember and enjoy, not the discussions about the esoteric concepts that spawn from ancient China. If I have learned one thing from this experience so far, it is that I should not let internal fear of imaginary expectations interfere with the reality and opportunity that exists in the present world. I almost never came to China because I expected disappointment. Instead, I have found a great country that has exceeded my expectations in every way, but in ways that I would never have anticipated.

I would just like to thank Sichuan University and the Harvard China Fund for this experience. It has been truly wonderful.

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Chengdu is a city full of life, full of parks such as Renmin Gongyuan, and it is a fascinating place for a wai-guoren like me to soak up the laid-back Sichuanese culture. The city's architecture is a dichotomy between traditional and modern. I think the contrast between places like Qingyang Gong and Chunxi Lu is a good representation of both the ancient traditions and burgeoning modernization of China.

Having been to China only once, I was not sure what to expect in Chengdu other than amazing and spicy food. I was pleasantly surprised when I was greeted at the airport by two friendly and informative volunteers who helped me settle into my dorm. The SCU campus is vibrant and chock full of tasty Sichuanese snacks. I already have a favorite water vendor near my dorm and I enjoy saying hello to him and his cute family every day. The students with whom

I've interacted with are thoughtful and friendly, and they have been one of the highlights of my experience at SCU thus far. The language classes can be intense, but the teachers help make it an enjoyable experience and offer insight into Chinese culture alongside hanzi lessons. And the afternoon lectures are one of my favorite components of the program. I find that hearing about U.S.-Sino relations from the perspective of my Chinese professors is not only informative, but also provides me with a fuller picture of Chinese culture and government.

Whether it will be because of the memory of KTV with my Chinese classmates, English corner adventures, late night xiao chi, or watching the locals practice tai chi, Chengdu and SCU will always hold a special place in my heart.

Clarie Leibowicz

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I have to admit I was a bit nervous before arriving in Chengdu. Although I had traveled in China previously and have even grown up several kilometers from the fastest growing Chinese neighborhood outside of Asia, I was unsure that I was ready to handle this "spicy" city.

Before leaving, the only Chinese I knew was a single phrase that, depending on whether or not I got the tones correct, could sometimes translate to "You are a noodle." Not only that, but I was extremely sensitive to even the least spicy foods in America, so you can imagine that I was a bit nervous to take on Sichuan cuisine. Despite this, it was because of and

not in spite of my lacking culinary courageousness and mastery of Mandarin that Chengdu appealed to me. I was ready for a challenge.

Several cultural adventures and times requesting "Bù là" at hotpot restaurants later, Chengdu has become my home. From my daily trips to my favorite bread stand right outside of Nán Mén to conversations with Chinese friends at English Corner or over nǎichá, I have had the opportunity to truly immerse myself in Chinese culture and the Sichuanese way of life. I have been able to marvel at the Golden Summit on Mt. Emei, pick my own green tea, navigate the hordes of people and commerce on Chunxi Road, finally figure out how to ask for where I am going in a pedicab, and even learn to embrace spicy food. While I am not yet fluent in Chinese and definitely stand out on campus, after my time in Chengdu, I am no longer merely Měiguó rén, but a part of me has become Zhōngguó rén. 🇨🇳



SCU International Students Visit Earthquake Affected Areas

The International Students Office, SCU regularly organizes field visits to the earthquake-hit areas in Sichuan for international students at SCU, showing to them the post-disaster reconstruction work done by the Government of China and the beautiful landscape, social harmony and prosperity of China.

The SCU international students learned that the people in earthquake-hit areas rebuilt their homes in five years after the earthquake. Their living and working environment has been not only restored, but also greatly improved. Abu, a Yemeni student, said, "Everything we saw today was so incredible. The ecological restoration is especially impressive, which fully reflects the beauty, social harmony and prosperity of China."

Ahmed, a Pakistani student said, "I did not expect to see the local residents living so happily after what happened. The new homes built after the earthquake are so beautiful. The Chinese people are showing great solidarity and the Chinese government is really amazing. It is almost a miracle. I'm really glad that Pakistan has such a great friend as China."

The International Students Office always organizes similar activities for the international students at SCU to help enhance their understanding of the history, culture, customs and current circumstances of China. The activities are warmly received by the international students. 🏠





SCU 2013 University Immersion Program Kicks off, Bringing together Students from Top Universities

—28 Int'l Exchange Camps, 70 Int'l Courses Taught in English and Diversified Programs for Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship Activities

In the morning of July 1, Sichuan University launched the second University Immersion Program (UIM) and welcomed the delightful presence of faculties and students from world-renowned top universities, including Harvard University, Oxford University, Moscow State University, Queen Mary, University of London (QMUL), University of Washington, University of Nottingham, and Arizona State University, among others. The participants came from the United States, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Russia, Sweden, Spain, the Netherlands, Finland, Denmark, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and India. They were going to take part in the three-week UIM activities with the faculties and students of SCU.

Professor Xie Heping, the President of SCU and fellow of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, the deans of the colleges and schools of SCU



and heads of various departments attended the opening ceremony. Vice-President Yan Shijing hosted the ceremony.

SCU President Xie Heping made an enthusiastic speech at the opening ceremony on behalf of SCU and extended a warm welcome to the college teachers and students and guests from around the world. He said that when he became the president of SCU a decade ago, he made the promise to give SCU students more opportunities for international exchanges. Now a decade has passed and Sichuan University has 100 plus exchange programs involving more than 150 overseas universities in the world. More than 1,000 faculty members and students of SCU take part in exchange programs every year, while a large number of foreign teachers and students also come to the beautiful campus of SCU for learning, teaching, exploring and sharing with the SCU faculties and students who are gathered together to witness this exciting moment and share knowledge, wisdom, friendship and happiness with

friends from 20 plus universities of different countries.

Professor Martin Dove from QMUL spoke on behalf of the foreign teachers. He said that QMUL and Sichuan University established a rather successful relationship of cooperation in recent years, which effectively helped promote QMUL's cooperation and communication with other universities in the world. Furthermore, based on the success of last year, SCU organized the second UIM, creating a good opportunity for student exchanges between China the United Kingdom. He said that, as a foreign teachers involved in the second SCU UIM, he was very excited to make his first-ever visit to SCU and the vibrant city of Chengdu and to meet the brilliant students of SCU. He wished to contribute to the promotion of further cooperation between SCU and universities in the U.K.

Miss Chen Chen, a student at SCU, spoke on behalf of the Chinese students. She recalled the pleasant memory of studying and communicating with friends from all over the world. She said that "knowledge" always had the power to transcend national boundaries and unite people, regardless of where they came from, what languages they spoke, or what their cultural backgrounds were. She sincerely hoped that the foreign friends who had come to SCU immerse themselves in the beautiful local culture of Sichuan and the rich and sophisticated culture of China.

Then, a solemn flag presentation



ceremony was held. President Xie of SCU presented the camp flag for the second UIM and international exchange camp to Luke Demas from Harvard University.

After that, President Xie, Chen Chen, James Christopher White from Oxford University, Alexander Hunt from Harvard University, and Varvara of Moscow State University mounted the stage and press buttons, officially launching the second UIM week of SCU.

Wonderful singing and dancing performances by SCU students received thunderous applause from the audience.

SCU organizes the UIM Weeks in the spring semester of each academic year. The first UIM Week, opened in 2012, effectively broadened the students' international perspective, enriched their knowledge of innovation and entrepreneurship, and improved their practical and innovative ability. The UIM Week promotes reforms and innovations in teaching and education and elevates the quality of teaching and education at SCU.

The Three-week UIM activities incorporate a module for innovation and practice activities and another module for international exchange activities. There are internationalized education activities including international courses taught entirely in English, International Exchange Camps, and a series of study abroad experience sharing sessions focusing on different countries. The school organized the First SCU Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum and various innovation and research training programs and short-term practical courses. SCU carried out serial activities to enhance teachers' instructional skills.

There was a rich variety of other activities, including summer courses offered by top universities in China and other countries, international summer camps, exchange programs for students to go abroad for studies, and book reading and discussion sessions. During the event, SCU invited more than 50 famous experts and professors from overseas universities in the United States, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Russia, Sweden, Spain, the Netherlands, Finland, Denmark, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, India and other parts of the world. They opened a total of more than 70 international courses taught in English for all the students at SCU. The courses covered a wide range of disciplines from arts and humanities to science, engineering and medicine. Moreover, over 300 foreign students from top universities including Harvard University, Oxford University, Moscow State University, QMUL, University of Washington, University of Nottingham, Arizona State University, and National University of Singapore took part in 28 international exchange camps held on SCU campus. SCU students had the precious opportunity of taking courses offered by the top universities of the world without leaving the SCU campus. They learned about, over the course of the UIM weeks, the latest development in academics. SCU students spent a lot of time with foreign scholars, foreign students, and Chinese students who were previously involved in study abroad programs. They had discussions concerning academics, research and their study abroad experience, thus getting a first-hand experience of global cultural interaction and collision. 🏠







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