

China Institute Newsletter

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China Related Activities

The China Institute will formally announce funding opportunities for faculty and students, as well as opportunities for special faculty initiatives at an information session to be held on Friday February 8th at 3:00 p.m. in Room 134 Telus Centre. The session will be followed by a reception to celebrate Chinese New Year.

The China Institute hosted a conference on "The Rise of China and the Challenges Facing Canada's China Policy" on January 18th. The 44 person by-invitation-only workshop was attended by Canada's top China experts across Canada, sponsor organizations: Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada and the Emerging Dynamic Global Economies (EDGE) Network, as well as government personnel from DFAIT, CIDA, National Defence, Export Development Canada, Privy council office NRCAN and WED. A number of provincial ministerial level officials were present. There were also private sector representatives with interests in China. The main objective of the workshop was to assess the rise of China on the world stage, how to meet Canada's China policy challenges, how to reach a bi-partisan and non-partisan consensus on Canada's China policy, and how to develop a comprehensive China strategy with an effective alliance between politicians, bureaucracy, private sector and academics. Chinese Ambassador to Canada, LU Shumin addressed the conference and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Helena Guergis gave the keynote speech. There is a plan to publish a special issue in a relevant academic journal and an edited book from the contributions of the academic and other participants.

The China Institute recently participated in a mission to Hong Kong, Kunming, Wuhan and Guangzhou. We met with some of our senior and prominent alumni in Hong Kong, toured 2 of the sites of the Ecological Conservancy Project in Yunnan Province, as well as looked at possible collaboration with Wuhan University and South China University of Technology (SCUT). Currently Professor Kumar Nandakumar from the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering holds a 3 year appointment at SCUT as Chair Professor and is working on having a joint conference at SCUT in May, 2009.

Over 55 people attended a learning session on Education in China, sponsored by the China Institute, University of Alberta International and the Faculty of Graduate Studies on January 8th. The session also included information on funding opportunities available at the China Institute, the trends of student mobility in China, and information on the University of Alberta agreement with the China Scholarship Council.

Upcoming Events

The China Institute will be hosting a movie screening on Saturday February 16th at the Myer Horowitz Theatre. We will be featuring the docu-drama: "Iris Chang: The Rape of Nanking" starring Edmonton's own, Olivia Cheng. The film had it's Toronto premier in November and now will be promoted throughout China. The documentary is about a young woman's journey to bring one of the darkest chapters of history to light. Tickets are \$10.00 for general admission and can be purchased from the China Institute office at: 110D Telus Centre—phone: 492-1263.

Special points of interest:

- Congratulations to Professor Emeritus Larry Wang, Department of Biological Sciences. Dr. Wang was recently presented with an Honorary Citizenship from the County of Shuifu in Yunnan Province for his work on the Ecological Conservancy Project.
- An information session on ALPHA (Canadian Association for Learning and Preserving the History of WWII in Asia) will be held on Friday February 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 134 Telus Centre.
- The Year of the Rat — **1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996**—People born in the Year of the Rat are noted for their charm and attraction for the opposite sex. They work hard to achieve their goals, acquire possessions, and are likely to be perfectionists. They are basically thrifty with money. Rat people are easily angered and love to gossip. Their ambitions are big, and they are usually very successful.

Do you have any interesting news items or stories to share related to your activities with China?

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Dr. Chris Le recently visited Harbin Medical University and supervised a study on the treatment of acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) using an arsenic compound. Harbin Medical University pioneered the use of a toxic form of arsenic to treat APL since the 1970's. Subsequently researchers in the USA and Europe have confirmed the success of this treatment. There are currently more than 20 clinical trials that explore the use of arsenic to treat other forms of cancers. Yet, just how arsenic treats some of the cancers and at the same time causes some of the toxic effects is not well understood. In a previous collaboration with scientists at Harbin Medical University, we have observed differences in treatment responses and in metabolizing arsenic by individual cancer patients. Our on-going collaboration seeks to further understand the mechanism of arsenic metabolism in an effort to develop individualized treatment protocols that will enhance the efficacy of therapy and minimize the side effects.

On February 13th, 2008, a group of 115 (mostly students) from Beijing Concord College of Sino Canada came to visit the University of Alberta as one destination of their annual Canada Winter Camp. This was their 2nd visit to U of A. Beijing Concord College has been a major sourcing school for the U of A—so far we have received over 190 applications for the Fall 2008. University of Alberta International hosted this group on campus by arranging for an info session, a lunch and a campus tour. The goal was to provide them with information about each faculty and give them the opportunity to talk to representatives from each faculty to encourage them to apply to UofA in the future.

Members from the Association for Chinese Canadian Professors (ACCP) will travel to Southwest China in March to visit universities in order to enhance academic exchange, to develop potential research and teaching collaboration, and to expand the influence of the University of Alberta among Chinese academic institutions. Each delegate will present at least one seminar related to his or her research and teaching expertise. Sponsored by the China Institute, the multi-faculty delegation has the following professors: Yuling Fu - Medicine, Yanping Lin - Mathematics, Lili Liu - Occupational Therapy, Yongsheng Ma—Mechanical Engineering, Zhixiang Wang - Cell Biology, and Yingfeng Xu - Economics.

Upcoming Events

The China Institute invites all faculties to nominate a undergraduate student for the following award: **Julia K.S. Liu Undergraduate Scholarship Fund**

Field of Study: Open

Value: Minimum of \$1,000 (to be matched by the China Institute)

Conditions: Scholarship to support student mobility between the University of Alberta and partner institutions in China and Hong Kong

Please send nominations to: Monica Barclay, Assistant Director, China Institute, 110C Telus Centre. Award will be announced in April.

Special points of interest:

- The China Institute recently announced a number of funding opportunities for China related activities. Applications for academic staff travel, student travel, student internships and visiting scholars can be found on the China Institute website: www.china.ualberta.ca. We are also accepting proposals for special faculty initiatives that have a China specific focus.
- Over 600 people attended the movie screening "Iris Chang—the Rape of Nanking" on February 16th. The movie was in support of the Peace and Reconciliation Study Tour for Canadian Teachers that is sponsored by Toronto Association for Learning & Preserving the History of WWII in Asia (ALPHA).
- The Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Association celebrated their 25th Anniversary at a Gala dinner. The Chinese Bilingual program is currently in 12 elementary, junior high and high schools in Edmonton. The China Institute was one of the sponsors of this celebration.

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Dr. Wenran Jiang, Acting Director of the China Institute, visited Sichuan University to arrange a multi-faculty member delegation from the U of A to lecture there. Dr. Jiang discussed potential cooperation with Sichuan University, which is located in Chengdu of Sichuan province with more than 60,000 students. Dr. Jiang also traveled to Beijing to meet with a number of institutions that have joint-programs with U of A: China Foreign Affairs University, China Petroleum University and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). While in Beijing he also spoke on the subject of globalization and energy security at a conference organized by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and University of Toronto. He was also invited for an one-hour live TV program to discuss China's energy and environment issues at CCTV 9.

Dr. Wenran Jiang, Acting Director of the China Institute was invited by the Privy Council Office as an expert to speak at a one-day colloque on China's sustainable development on February 25. Organized by the Privy Council Office and participated by the China experts and analysts of all major federal departments. The closed-door session at the Meach Lake looked at China in 2012 in different scenarios.

Recently, Dr. Wenran Jiang has appeared on Canadian and international media frequently regarding the situation in Tibet: CBC TV, CTV, CBC Radio's The Current and Cross Country Checkup. For more details, visit the China Institute website at: www.china.ualberta.ca.

Dr. Lorne Tyrrell and Dr. John Chiu of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry will be traveling to Shantou Medical University at the end of the month. They intend to establish some collaborative studies with the new medical school on hepatitis B virus in China (HBV). HBV causes chronic infection with an estimated 400 million carriers worldwide—with China having disproportionately high incidence. This potential collaboration could to enhance the international profile of viral research at the University of Alberta. They will also visit one of the Shantou Medical University's affiliated hospitals in Guangzhou.

Upcoming Events

Divine Performing Arts Spectacular will be playing at the Jubilee Auditorium from May 5-7, 2008 with performances starting at 7:30 p.m. This is now an international phenomenon, that has delighted audiences in nearly 70 cities across 4 continents. It has earned the reputation both as today's best Chinese show, and as leading a renaissance of genuine Chinese culture. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster, phone: 451-8000 or www.ticketmaster.ca. Prices range from \$35 to \$120.

The Edmonton Beijing Opera Association will host the Beijing Opera Spring Festival on April 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Myer Horowitz Theatre. Beijing Opera Spring Festival is a series of art and culture events introducing the culture and demonstrating the performing art known as China's culture treasure and national opera. Tickets are available through Tix on the Square, phone: 420-1757 or www.tixonthesquare.ca. Prices range from \$20 to \$80.

Special points of interest:

- 5,000 Save the Date Letters have been sent out to alumni across East and Southeast Asia, inviting them to attend a special Centenary Celebration in Hong Kong on November 1st at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. This event marks ten years since the first Hong Kong convocation in 1998. Official registration for the event will commence shortly. For more information contact Monica Barclay at: monica.barclay@ualberta.ca
- The China Institute has a number of Chinese DVDs that can be lent out. Please watch our website (www.china.ualberta.ca) for a listing of all DVDs.
- The Department of East Asian Studies held a Chinese Speech Contest on March 11th. They had twenty-eight finalists in the contest with winners in 7 different categories. Representatives from the Chinese Consulate General's office in Vancouver and Calgary were also in attendance.

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The China Institute is accepting nominations for the Julia KS Liu Undergraduate Scholarship until the end of April. This scholarship is open to any student with superior academic achievement entering any year of an undergraduate degree program. Selection is based on supporting student mobility between the University of Alberta and formally recognized partner institutions in China and Hong Kong. Please send your nominations to: Monica Barclay, Assistant Director, Room 110C Telus Centre.

Once again the School of Business is organizing its MBA International Study Tour to China. The group of 31 students will be visiting the cities of Beijing and Shanghai between May 8 and 19. In both cities, the students will experience China first-hand through lectures at partner universities, visits to companies such as GM, GE, RBC and Deloitte and cultural exposure to many historic sights. This is the third consecutive year that the School of Business had offered the international study tour to MBA students and the planning for 2009 is already underway. In addition to the MBA Tour, the School of Business has also organized its first-ever Undergraduate Study Tour to China, running May 13 to 23. It, too, will include stops in Beijing and Shanghai, where the students will have lectures, company visits and site-seeing opportunities. To help make the undergraduate tour possible, the China Institute has awarded funding of \$800 for each student on the tour. The School is looking forward to the undergraduate tour sharing the same continued success.

University of Alberta International - Education Abroad Program is offering a study tour to Beijing in partnership with the China Foreign Affairs University from May 12-June 26, 2008. The program consists of two courses, Issues in Contemporary China and Tradition, Modernization and Changes in China. These courses explore Chinese history as well as offering perspective on the challenges that face modern Chinese society. For more information please call: 492-6040, or e-mail: goabroad@international.ualberta.ca.

A Study in Alberta Spring Tour in China will be held from April 10-20 and will feature seminars in Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Nanjing, Ningbo and Hangzhou. Mr. Xinjia Xu, Recruitment Coordinator for Asia with University of Alberta International will represent the University of Alberta in Hong Kong and Guanzhou prior to the China Pre-Departure Orientation, an information session that University of Alberta International, the Registrar's Office and Faculties deliver to admitted students to help them prepare them for studies at the University of Alberta.

The Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation hosted a 5 member delegation from Beijing Sport University, including President Hua Yang, on April 3 and 4. The purpose of the visit was to further the relationship between the Faculty and BSU with the intent of developing an MoU—opening up the door to a wealth of international cooperation for both students and researchers in the Faculty. Beijing Sport University has contributed greatly to the sustainable development of Chinese sport and physical education and has enjoyed the fame as one of the key sport universities in China and in the world. In the past five decades, over 30,000 students of sports-related majors have graduated from BSU.

Special points of interest:

- Scott Chang (Renewable Resources) is currently serving as the President of the Association of Chinese Canadian Professors (ACCP). The ACCP Board consists of Professor Yongsheng Ma (Mechanical Engineering) serving as VP External, Professor Lili Liu (Rehabilitation Medicine) as Treasurer, Professor Yuling Fu (Canadian VIGOUR Centre) as VP Internal, and Professor Jie Chen (Electrical and Computer Engineering) as Secretary. ACCP has 60+ members and most of them have strong ties with and interests in China-related teaching and research activities. ACCP was established to provide an avenue for members to interact, to collaborate and grow together, to advance the interest of members within the university community, to provide assistance to members in need, and to promote the cultural, scientific and technological exchange between the University of Alberta (and Canada), the members of the Association in particular, and China.

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The China Institute is pleased to announce that **Mr. Gordon Houlden** has accepted the position of Director of the China Institute effective August 25, 2008 following an international search and selection process. Mr. Houlden is at present Director General (East Asia), Canada Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Headquarters, and brings to the University and the China Institute a wealth of expertise in both Canadian-Chinese relations and in the discourse of East Asian affairs, as these take place throughout Canada and the global forum.

A native Albertan, Mr. Houlden focuses much of his professional attention to the complex Canada-China relationship and is responsible for the management of Canadian relations with greater China, Japan and Korean Peninsula and Mongolia.

During his diplomatic career Houlden spent 22 years working on Canada-China relations, either in China or Canada. During that time he has provided policy advice to Prime Ministers and Ministers and has negotiated on behalf of Canada numerous agreements and treaties with the People's Republic of China. Houlden has spent his career with foreign affairs serving in numerous administrative capacities including positions with Canadian Embassies in Beijing, Cuba, Poland and a Canadian mission in Hong Kong. He also served as director or deputy director of foreign affairs divisions responsible for China, Mongolia, and Eastern and Southern Africa. He has served as Executive Director of the Canadian Trade office in Taipei. He sits on the board of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada and was a board member of several other organizations including the International School of Beijing and the United Nations' International Network of Bamboo and Rattan, the only UN body headquartered in China.

The China Institute led a recent mission to Beijing and Nanjing with representatives from the Faculty of Arts (Dr. Ryan Dunch), and Faculty of Graduate Studies (Dr. Jerry Varsava). Meetings in Beijing were held with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Ministry of Education, Peking University and China Foreign Affairs University. There was agreement from both the Chinese and from the University of Alberta to work together in a number of different areas, including hosting visiting professors, holding joint conferences and student and faculty exchanges. A visit to Nanjing University was also part of the mission. Meetings were held with the Institute for International Students, the office of the International Cooperation and Exchange, Office of Graduate Studies, History Department and Canadian Studies Department. Nanjing University is one of the top 5 universities in China and are very interested in partnering with the University of Alberta. The delegation also visited the Memorial Hall of the Victims of the Nanjing Massacre. In January, 2008 the China Institute held a movie screening of the docu-drama "Iris Chang—the Rape of Nanking" which was attended by more than 600 people.

The Association of Chinese Canadian Professors are collecting donations for the "May 12 China Earthquake Relief" fund. For more information, please contact: Dr. Li Ming, phone: (780) 863-5586. Donations are being accepted until May 27th.

Special points of interest:

- Scott Chang, Professor in Renewable Resources, recently attended the "International Workshop on Sustainable Watershed Research Management" in Hangzhou on a travel grant provided by the China Institute. Dr. Chang have a key note speech titled: Riparian Area Management in Western Canada and the Whitemud Creek Soil Quality Case Study which was attended by about 80 people at the conference.
- From April 16th to 24th, five staff from the University of Alberta (University of Alberta International, Registrar's Office and Faculties of Arts and Science) offered Pre Departure Orientation sessions to about 300 high school graduates, 100 post secondary transfer students in 12 different institutions in China. U of A is the only foreign university to those schools to offer an information session like this, and it is appreciated by schools and students.

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The China Institute and Alberta Advanced Education and Technology hosted a presentation by International Science and Technology Partnerships Canada (ISTP). Ms. Stacy Chew, Manager for China focused on funding opportunities under the ISTP Canada-China research collaboration. ISTP promotes global R&D cooperation that will enhance the commercialization of leading edge technologies.

Dr. Richard McCreery from the Department of Chemistry recently traveled to Beijing, Shanghai and Xiamen. He was invited to give a lecture at the Molecular Science Forum Lecture in Beijing where he also had discussions with professors from the Institute of Chemistry of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Peking University and Tsinghua University on electrochemistry, surface modification and molecular electronics. He also gave a lecture to the Centre for Physical Chemistry of Solid Surfaces in Xiamen and tour labs specializing in Raman spectroscopy, electrochemistry and surface enhanced Raman spectroscopy.

The Department of East Asian Studies held the First Annual Conference on L2 Learning and Teaching. The China Institute supported the conference by supporting the travel of Dr. Tianwei Xie of California State University to the conference. His presentation was on: Globalization and Foreign Teaching: How Internet Impacts on it? The lecture was well received and attended by more than 80 people.

Dr. John Chiu, Department of Family Medicine, and Dr. Lorne Tyrrell, Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunization recently traveled to China to meet with Shantou University Medical College (SUMC). Ongoing collaborative work is being done with the Faculty of Medicine and SUMC including the potential of the HOMER concept of e-learning, as well as student and faculty exchange. A visit was also made to the People's Hospital in Guangzhou to explore further collaborative efforts in hepatitis between the two institutions.

Dr. Joanne Zhang, Associate Professor in the Physiology Department at Shantou University Medical College will travel to Edmonton next month to meet with the Faculty of Extension and visit the English Language Program (ELP) at the University of Alberta. Her expertise and experience in the teaching of Medical English is of particular interest to the ELP and the visit will give them the opportunity to discuss the development of online course materials in the area of Medical English to students whose first language is not English.

Points of Interest

- His Excellency Lan Lijun has been named the new Chinese Ambassador to Canada. He presented his credentials to the Governor General in Ottawa on June 17. Mr. Lan most recently served as the Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia. From 2002-2004 he was Minister in the Embassy of the PRC in the United States of America, and from 2000-2002 was the Consul General in the Consulate in Los Angeles. He has also studied in Canada at McGill and Queen's University, and has been posted to the Chinese Consulate General in Vancouver. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Lan to Alberta, and working with him in the future.
- Dr. Ryan Dunch, Associate Professor of History has been named the new Chair of the Department of East Asian Studies effective July 1, 2008. Dr. Dunch who has a PhD of History from Yale University has research interests and expertise in Christianity in China, Nationalism and Religion and the Chinese state.

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China Related Activities

The China Institute recently co-sponsored a special CANCEPS (Canadian Consortium on Asia Pacific Security) workshop with the Institute of International Relations of UBC on "The Rise of China and Its Impact on Asia Pacific Security" earlier this month. The one-day meeting with near 20 Asia Pacific security experts around the country attending, discussed and debated a number of issues around China's emergence as a global power, and its growing influence in the world.

The China Institute welcomed 3 visiting scholars from Beijing – Dr. WANG Zhen, Dean, School of Business Administration, China University of Petroleum (Beijing), Dr. XUE Li, Assistant Professor and Research Fellow, Institute of World Economy & Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and Ms. SIU Hoi-yin, Research Associate, Institute of World Economy & Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. All three scholars will be here until the end of August researching issues relating to energy security.

Third year student of Chinese (entering fourth year this fall) Andrew Gibb has been selected to go to China to attend the Chinese Bridge Competition (Han Yu Qiao) to be held in Beijing in early July. He is representing the University of Alberta as well as representing Canada. Hanban will be sponsoring Mr. Gibb to attend the annual competition which attracts top Chinese learners from all over the world, with, usually only one or two from each country. Congratulations and best of luck to him!

Dr. Wenran Jiang, Acting Director of the China Institute, was invited by the Canadian International Council to speak on energy and climate changes as Canada's foreign policy priorities last month at the CIC special conference on "After the 2008 US Presidential Election: Opportunities for Canada?". Dr. Jiang was also invited to join CIC's three-year project on Canada-China relations.

Dr. Wenran Jiang was recently invited by the Woodrow Wilson Centre for International Scholars in Washington D.C. to join Mr. Gary Mar, Alberta Representative to the United States, to talk about local engagement with China by Alberta and California on energy efficiency and environmental issues in a special seminar.

Dr. Chris Le, Professor and Canada Research Chair, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology is currently serving on the National Sciences Foundation of China (NSFC) grant panel to help and improve its granting programs. He is one of several overseas experts to help in various disciplines.

Points of Interest

- A special celebration in conjunction with the University's Centenary will take place in Hong Kong on November 1st. The celebration will bring together alumni from across East and Southeast Asia as well as University and government officials. For more information, and to register, please see the following website: www.registrar.ualberta.ca/hongkong
- The next Canada-China annual energy conference will be held in Beijing on November 3-4, 2008. This year's conference will be held during the China trip of a number of provincial premiers. Details to follow
- Please watch for our updated website in the next month that will be almost fully bilingual.
- The Summer Olympics in Beijing will begin on August 8 and will end on August 24, 2008. This is the first time that China has hosted the event which began in 1896.

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The China Institute sponsored documentary “Seeds of Change – the ECO Story” will be premiering this month. The documentary, produced by Panacea Entertainment, is about two expatriate scientists who give back to their Chinese homeland by engaging the University of Alberta to help restore the Yangtze River to health and in so doing, significantly improve the lives of the subsistence farmers who live along its banks. Congratulations to Professor Emeritus Dr. Larry Wang who has worked tirelessly on this wonderful ECO project.

Dr. Jennifer Jay, Professor in History and Classics presented at the International Conference of “The Ancient Capital of Chang’an and the Civilization of Sui and Tang” in Xian, China at the end of July. The conference was attended by about 100 professors from 40 universities inside and outside China. Dr. Jay was the only representative invited from North America. Dr. Jay is hoping to set up a study program on the Tang dynasty for undergraduate students working on pre-modern Chinese history.

Sponsored by the China Institute, Professors Yongsheng Ma, Jingli Luo, Xingzeng Chen and Tong Yu of the Association for Chinese Canadian Professors, traveled to Hanzhou and Wuhan to meet with counterparts at Zhejiang University and Wuhan University. While there, they each gave seminars in the respective areas to students, and talked about ways to collaborate in the areas of international academic conferences and student and staff exchanges.

This fall, the University of Alberta Museums present the much-anticipated exhibition, **Brilliant Strokes: Chinese Paintings from the Mactaggart Art Collection**. Representing the scope and strength of this world-class collection, **Brilliant Strokes** showcases a selection of exquisite Chinese paintings.

Spanning a period of 500 years, from the 15th century Ming dynasty to the 20th century, these works illustrate the diversity of format and function among Chinese paintings, the variety of subject matter, the range of backgrounds and training among artists, and the array of brush-stroke styles. More than providing just visual pleasure, the paintings presented in **Brilliant Strokes**, including rare hanging scrolls, handscrolls and albums, offer a valuable resource for a fuller understanding of each painter’s artistic achievement, as well as an insight into Chinese history and culture over the previous five centuries.

Brilliant Strokes opens September 18, 2008 and is on view until January 24, 2009, Thursdays from 12pm to 8pm and Fridays and Saturdays from 12pm to 5pm, in Gallery A on the main floor of the TELUS Centre. The exhibition will be closed from December 21 to January 7 inclusive for the holidays. Visit the website: www.museums.ualberta.ca/mactaggart to learn about their featured programming.

Points of Interest

- Andrew Gibb, third year student of Chinese at the University of Alberta placed 2nd in the annual competition in China for Mandarin for Foreign students where there were 100 competitors from over 20 countries. Well done!
- Student of Chinese, Via Alcantara, has won the Chinese Government Scholarship, jointly sponsored by the Alberta Government and the Government of China. She will go to Beijing to study this September.
- The Alberta Government Office in Beijing, working with Alberta Advanced Education and Technology and Grant MacEwan College will be holding a seminar on September 9th focused on the social and cultural aspects of doing business in China. For more information contact David Wong, Beijing Office Managing Director at: david.wong@international.gc.ca
- The University has a special website on stories that are Asia related. Please log on to the website: www.spotlightasia.ualberta.ca to learn more about some of our accomplishments in the Asia region.

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Note from the new Director of the China Institute:

I am delighted to have arrived in Edmonton to take up my appointment as Director of the China Institute of the University of Alberta. I believe that the already strong academic connections between the University of Alberta and Chinese educational institutions can be further advanced, and that the Institute can also play an important role in strengthening Canadian scholarship on China. In the course of the coming months I look forward to meeting the China Institute's partners, especially those within China.

I would also like to thank Dr. Wenran Jiang for the leadership that he has provided to the China Institute as Acting Director, and I look forward to collaborating closely with him at the China Institute.

Gordon Houlden
Director, China Institute

The China Institute is pleased to invite you to the **4th Canada-China Energy and Environment Forum**, to be held in the post-Olympic city of Beijing on November 3-4, 2008. In collaboration with Canada-China Business Council for the first time, this most important Canada-China annual energy and environment conference will take place during the multi-provincial premiers' China visit. This year's forum will run two full sessions in the afternoon of November 3, three sessions on November 4 plus a lunch keynote speech. Participants can also register separately to attend the plenary sessions, luncheon, and dinner banquet of the CCBC-COF joint mission. For registration details, please see: www.china.ualberta.ca

The China Institute sponsored a seminar given by **former Ambassador Mei Ping** on Canada-China Relations. Ambassador Mei is currently a Senior Visiting Fellow with the Center for International Governance Innovation and is engaged in a critical review of Canada-China relations from a Chinese perspective. During Ambassador Mei's term in Ottawa, Canada and China signed a strategic partnership agreement in 2005.

Dangzhi Zhao of the School of Library and Information Studies recently traveled to Beijing to pursue research and collaborative activities in China. She met with colleagues at Peking University and the Library of Beijing Technology University. She also explored the idea of working with her Chinese colleagues in teaching and co-supervision of PhD students.

Professor Philip Choi in the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering visited Zhejiang University to discuss collaboration in the area of polymer science. He and his collaborators there hope to get some national grants to further their research in this area. Professor Choi also gave two seminars to their graduate and faculty which were well received.

Points of Interest

- The China Institute approved 10 more student and academic staff travel grants in the last round of competition at the end of August. We wish everyone safe travels and look forward to hearing about your trips.
- There are more than 400 people registered for the Centenary Celebration in Hong Kong. If you have not already registered for this special event – please go to the website: www.registrar.ualberta.ca/hongkong to be part of this signature Centenary event.
- We are pleased to welcome **Dr. WU Gen** from the Ministry of Science and Technology in Beijing to Edmonton. Dr. WU is here as a visiting scholar for the next six months under the supervision of Dr. Tong Yu in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.
- University of Alberta International will be holding a Study Abroad Fair October 1st from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in SUB. Learn more about the Summer Study Abroad Program at China Foreign Affairs University there.

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China Related Activities

The China Institute co-sponsored the **China Quarterly Special Issue Conference on China-Africa Relations at the School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS), University of London** in late September. SOAS has a long history of research excellence in African and Asian studies, and the China Quarterly is considered the most prestigious journal on contemporary Chinese affairs. The conference was held at a time when there has been growing interests around the world on China's fast growing ties with many African countries. **Dr. Wenran Jiang** was invited to present a paper on China-Africa energy relations, a topic of particular importance given that Africa now provides China with 30 percent of its annual oil imports. The conference sponsorship represents an important step in making the China Institute a world known institution that has both the intellectual and financial capacities to be a leading China research and activities centre.

The Faculty of Arts welcomed two visiting professors from Nanjing University, sponsored by the China Institute, to the University of Alberta for two weeks in October. **Professor He Ning, Associate Dean of the Nanjing University English Department** and **Professor Yao Yuan, Director of the Centre for Canadian Studies of Nanjing University**, participated in the International Translation Day conference hosted by the Department of Modern Languages and Cultural Studies, as well as gave talks in the Departments of East Asian Studies, the Milan V. Dimic Institute for Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies and the Canadian Literature Centre.

Professor Jean DeBernardi from the Faculty of Arts recently received a travel grant from the China Institute and traveled to Singapore to follow up on research that she has been doing on the topic "Remaking Daoist Practice in Transnational Networks: Religious and Cultural Pilgrimage to the Daoist Temple Complex at Wudang Mountain, Hubei Province, PRC". She also gave a research seminar based on this research at the Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore.

University of Alberta International will be organizing an Education Fair in Hong Kong on November 2nd from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Grand Hyatt Hotel as part of the Hong Kong Centenary celebrations. Ten faculties from the University of Alberta are participating in the event which hopes to attract potential undergraduate and graduate students to the University of Alberta. In December 2007 there were 115 undergraduate students and 10 graduate students from Hong Kong registered at the University of Alberta.

The China Institute sponsored an evening to recognize **Dr. Lorne Tyrrell**. Dr. Tyrrell is known around the world for his research on viral hepatitis. There are approximately 50 million chronic hepatitis patients due to hepatitis B in China. World-wide 7,000 people die a day from the disease, with 1,500-2,000 of those from China.

Points of Interest

- Over 550 people have registered for the Centenary Celebration in Hong Kong. Alumni from China, Canada, Korea, United Kingdom and more will be in attendance.
- The China Institute and Alumni Affairs will host an Alumni and Friends gathering in Beijing on November 6th. To register for this event please see: www.ualberta.ca/alumni/beijing no later than Tuesday November 4, 2008.
- October 1st is National Day in China. This holiday represents the founding of the PRC on October 1, 1949. It is also the start of Golden Week – a 7 day national holiday.
- The School of Business will welcome 35 trainees from the China National School of Administration to the University this month for a 2 week training program focused on Effective Management and Leadership Awareness.

Do you have any interesting news items or stories to share related to your activities in China?

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The China Institute, in collaboration with the School of Management of the China University of Petroleum (Beijing), organized the **4th Canada-China Energy and Environment Forum** in Beijing on Nov. 3-4. More than 100 participants from academia, government and private sectors representing Canada, China and other countries gathered to discuss critical issues and challenges in the areas of energy and environment. The event was also supported by the Canadian Energy Research Institute and the Canada China Business Council, and was held during the multiple provincial premiers' China visit.. The conference received financial support from Enbridge, TD Securities, Westport Innovations and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. Senior Chinese leaders in charge of energy policy addressed the meeting, as well as Director-General level officials from the newly established National Energy Administration, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Energy Research Institute. Hon. Shawn Graham, Premier of New Brunswick, and Mr. Li Pilong, Vice Mayor of Daqing gave keynotes speeches.

The Alberta Museums Association recently held its annual conference in Edmonton. **Mr. Gordon Houlden, Director of the China Institute**, spoke at its afternoon session "Strong Alliance Build Strong Collections". Mr. Houlden spoke about his background working in China, with the Department of Foreign and International Trade. He outlined the background of the establishment of the China Institute, as well as its role.

Dr. Wenran Jiang of the China Institute delivered the opening keynote speech at the **40th Quadripartite East & South East Asia Conference** in Meech Lake. Invited by the Department of National Defence, Dr. Jiang addressed international military and intelligence experts on the rise of China and its strategic impact on the Asia Pacific region. Dr. Jiang identified a number of mega trends in China's internal development and how they have affected China's international behaviour, especially in the areas of energy and resources acquisition.

Director of the China Institute, **Gordon Houlden** participated in 2 recent events focused on Canada-China relations. The conference "China in the Shifting World Order" was a signature event for the **Canadian International Governance Innovation**. As well, Mr. Houlden was a panelist with the **Canada International Council** on their special sessions on Canada's bilateral relations with China.

The School of Business participated in the 10th Annual Assembly of the Shenzhen Virtual University Park and the University Presidents Forum. The School of Business has had an office in Shenzhen for the last 3 years and uses it as a base for their activities throughout China.

The Faculty of Agricultural Life and Environmental Sciences recently signed a 5 year renewal agreement with the Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF). **Dean John Kennelly** also participated in the 50th Anniversary celebrations of CAF in Beijing.

Points of Interest

- Dr. Wenran Jiang has been appointed as the Mactaggart Research Chair, working with the China Institute. Dr. Jiang will focus on Canada-China energy relations.
- Over 550 alumni and friends participated in the Centenary Event in Hong Kong which included a formal ceremony and banquet. The China Institute announced the Centenary Bursary at the dinner that will be used to help a student from the Asia region with their studies in any discipline at the University of Alberta.
- The China Institute supported documentary "Seeds of Change: The ECO Story" was shown at the 2008 Ojai Film Festival in California and won the award in the category of "Enriching the Human Spirit".
- Canadian Ambassador to China, Robert Wright and Chancellor Emeritus Eric Newell spoke to 90 alumni and friends at a reception in Beijing hosted by the China Institute on November 6th.

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China Related Activities

Congratulations to Professor **Gane Ka-Shu Wong**, in the Department of Biological Sciences and iCORE Chair, who recently secured a \$1.5 million grant from the Alberta government for a project to study the gene sequences of 1,000 plants. The information, which will be compiled over the next two years, is expected to lead to agricultural, environmental and human health advances. Dr. Wong was recently named Research Chair in Biosystems for Alberta's Informatics Circle of Research Excellence. The China Institute has supported Dr. Wong's research on genomics.

A delegation from the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta went to Hangzhou, China to attend the 10th National Conference of Infectious Diseases and the 4th International Symposium of Clinical Microbiology. **Dr. Lorne Tyrrell** gave a keynote address while, **Dr. Lilly Pang** **Dr. Linda Chui** and **Dr. Bonita Lee** also made presentations. **Dr. John Chiu** (Dept of Family Medicine) made a successful discussion on potential collaboration between the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and Zhejiang Province Health Bureau for continuing education and training of Chinese physicians working on community care. The delegation visited the State-Key Laboratory for Hepatitis and the Liver Transplantation Centre in the First Affiliated Hospital of Zhejiang University. Dr. Linda Chui and Dr. Lilly Pang also participated in a satellite meeting of Clinical Microbiology and Virology in Chongqing.

M.Sc. candidate **Yang Lin** from the department of Renewable Resources traveled to China on a China Institute grant to attend the joint meeting of the International Rangeland Congress and International Grassland Congress in Hohhot. He also had a chance to conduct his thesis research by studying some critical and interesting questions in the fields of ecology and rangeland management.

Associate Director of Learning Services, **Margaret Law** was invited to teach a short course on Management and Leadership at the Beijing Normal University Library School and began a relationship with the School that will allow the University of Alberta to extend our understanding of Asian research materials, and global library issues.

Dr. Heidi Julien, School of Library and Information Sciences recently spent 2 weeks at Beijing Normal University to teach topics in information behaviour, information services delivery and information literacy instruction.

The Exhibition, **Brilliant Strokes - Chinese Paintings from the Mactaggart Art Collection** will run until January 24th at the Telus Centre. Get a behind the scenes tour of the Collection on January 23 and 24th. For more information on the Collection and programs around the exhibition, please contact Museums and Collections at: www.museums.ualberta.ca, e-mail: museums@ualberta.ca or phone: 780-492-5834. Note the exhibition will be closed from December 21, 2008 to January 7, 2009.

Points of Interest

- **Gordon Houlden**, Director of the China Institute represented the University of Alberta at the International University President's Conference in Nanjing December 4-5. The University of Alberta signed an MoU with the China Scholarship Council that will give graduate students opportunities to study here.
- Medical Student **David Poon** recently returned from doing an elective at Shantou University Medical College in traditional Chinese medicine. He also had the chance to view some of the charity work that the Li-Ka Shing Foundation helps to sponsor such as cataract surgeries in the rural areas, and a mental health centre.
- January 26, 2009 marks the beginning of the Chinese New Year. 2009 is Year of the Ox. People born in the Year of the Ox are said to be patient, speak little, and inspire confidence in others. Generally easy-going, they can be remarkably stubborn, and they hate to fail or be opposed.

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