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Guangzhou People's Congress Delegation Visits

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By Jeffrey Cheung

Sixteen members of Guangzhou People's Congress Delegation, led by Vice Director Chen Weiguang, visited Los Angeles City Hall on December 18, 2007. The delegation was welcomed by Los Angeles City Councilmen Tom LaBonge and Dennis Zine. Mr. Chen expressed to the Councilmen warm greetings from Guangzhou People's Congress, and presented a thoughtfully prepared gift to LA City Council. In return, Councilmen LaBonge and Zine presented to the delegation Certificates of Welcome and hosted the delegation a tour in the City Hall.



Mr. Chen Weiguang (middle), Vice Director of Guangzhou People's Congress, with LA City Councilmen Tom LaBonge (left) and Dennis Zine (Right)

Internships for Guangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

By Victoria Chen

This year we had one member of the 2007 Guangzhou Public Management Training Delegation who was a law enforcement officer. Upon the completion of his studies at UCLA, George Ge, Deputy Chief of Police, Guangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau, Dignitary Protection, was anxious to begin an internship when Professor Charles "Buck" Stapleton, West Los Angeles College, called to invite George to attend a special meeting of the Los Angeles Police Commission. That meeting led to one of the most exciting series of events LAGSCA members have been able to arrange thus far.

George was invited into the private offices of the Chief of Police, the Inspector General, and the Los Angeles Police Commission where he had an opportunity to not only meet Commissioner John Mack, IG Andre Birotte, Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Deputy Chief Kenneth Garner, Deputy Chief Michael Hillman, Deputy Chief Sergio Diaz, and many other LAPD executives including LT David McGill and JB Williams of the IG staff. These LAPD officers assisted George make arrangements for visits to LAPD bureaus and training facilities.

Among the highlights of the police world that few people are invited into, George was able to see first hand the City of Los Angeles 911 system where he observed how emergency calls are handled. Over the next few weeks he was able to visit the LAPD Academy, attend an academy graduation, meet with members of the law

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Public School Visits

By Nancy Pine

Since school evaluation in Guangzhou has changed radically in the last few years, Shangying Hua, one of the Management Training Program delegates and director of the Guangzhou Educational Evaluation and Teachers In-Service Training Centre, wanted to talk with educators directly involved in public school evaluation. He also hoped to visit schools to observe how school district evaluation and planning are implemented in classrooms and to learn what alternative school programs are offered within the public sector. Several meetings were arranged to this end.

He had the opportunity for a lively discussion with Daniel Chernow, director of the School Management Program of the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Services, who oversees the development of public school evaluation programs throughout Southern California. They discovered that their approaches are at opposite ends of the spectrum. In Guangzhou the government gives the schools a one-week warning that they will be evaluated, whereas the schools Chernow works with ask him for help and spend a year or so in consultation, evaluating and changing their own programs.

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Finally, Mr. Hua was able to meet with Scot Svonkin, a school board member of the San Gabriel Unified School District, to learn about the completely new concepts to him of a school board's relationship to the school district, and where the lines of responsibility are drawn. Shangying Hua said he is returning to Guangzhou with two goals. One is to find means to move away from the school ranking system that so strongly affects educational systems in Guangzhou and seek evaluative means to strengthen all of the schools. The other is to implement ways to master communication skills that encourage negotiation rather than use directives in a purely top-down manner.



Shangying Hua and Nancy Pine.



Dr. Ou Jingaoi, President (Left) and Dr. Tian Junz Hang, Vice President (Right) of No. 2 People's Hospital of Guangdong Province, Dr. Louis Rubino (Center).

Educating Health Care Leaders in Guangzhou and Other Areas in China

By Dr. Louis Rubino

California State University, Northridge China Institute presented one of their 2007-2008 Faculty Development Grant Award to Associate Professor Louis Rubino and to his research partner, Dr. Donghai Wei, Professor at Guangzhou Medical College. Their project involves educating health care leaders in Guangzhou and other areas in China on the World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) Expert Study Global Dietary guidelines which were just released. Among the leaders they met with were; Dr. Ou Jingaoi, President, No. 2 People's Hospital of Guangdong Province (800 bed public hospital in Guangzhou) and Dr. Tian Junz Hang, Vice President. On November 26, 2007, Dr. Rubino made a presentation at their hospital entitled, "Overview of the United States Healthcare System: An International Comparison for Reform," which included the recommendations from WCRF.

Dr. Rubino and Dr. Wei also met with Yao Jian Ming, Director of Guangzhou Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Yao is the #1 person in Guangzhou in charge of safety and quality of its foods and drugs. They also met with several health care leaders affiliated with Guangzhou Municipal Health Bureau. This is the government agency which established a relationship with CSUN back in 2000.

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unit and discuss policies and procedures, observe the Emergency Vehicle Pursuit Driving and weapons course, and participated in the Use of Force Simulator where officers are placed in dangerous situations that require immediate decisions concerning life or death situations, and meet with members of the LAPD Dignitary Protection unit.

George was invited to attend a confidential law enforcement officers only training program hosted by the California Peace Officers' Association where he met Long Beach Chief Tim Jackman who recently traveled to China. The topic of discussion centered around two Long Beach Police officers who were seriously injured while on duty. George met many top law enforcement officials from the Western United States and was able to build excellent relationships for the future.

In addition, Professor Stapleton introduced George to Sergeant Ly Than and Deputy Richard Li of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and George was given a tour at the Sheriff's Headquarters building, had discussions on the police organization and responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles and the 88 Cities contained therein, and had visits to the Sheriff's Academy, Los Angeles County Emergency Operation Center, and Twin Towers Jail.

On the Thanksgiving Day, George was invited to the homes of LAPD Sergeant Sam Gong and Deputy Richard Li to see how Americans celebrate their traditional holidays. Special thanks to all of the officers and deputies who made this a most joyous internship, including Chief Diaz, JB Williams, SGT Gong, LT McGill, and Deputy Li.

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Since that time, the University has trained 143 of their mid-level managers in medical management. Many of these people have been promoted and are now in higher level positions. In addition, they met with Dr. Xu Xue Hu, Vice President, Third Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical College. This is a third class (highest level) hospital with 800 beds and has a very good reputation with the community health center nearby. Dr. Xu is in charge of marketing and information management and received the information with great interest.

It is now expected that these leaders will disseminate this vital health information to their respective communities. Dr. Wei and Dr. Rubino also went to Kunming on this trip to also educate their area's health care leaders on the WCRF Expert Study.



George Ge (Left), Assistant Chief Papa (Center), Prof. Stapleton (Right) in the office of the Chief of Police.



From left to right: Inspector General Baro, Prof. Stapleton, Commissioner Mac & George Ge.



Dr. Louis Rubino and Yao Jian Ming.



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Mayor Zhang Elected UCLG Co-President

By Jeffrey Cheung

October 31, 2007, Mayor Zhang Guangning of Guangzhou was elected Co-President of the Second World Congress of United Cities and Local Government (UCLG).

UCLG is an international organization with members from 127 UN states. Over 1,000 cities across the world are direct UCLG members, representing more than half of the world population.

Held every three years, the UCLG World Congress offers an exceptional opportunity for mayors, local and regional government representatives to meet colleagues from around the world and to interact with actors from both the private sector and international institutions. It is also the venue for the members to elect the governing bodies and UCLG Presidency, collectively examine key issues and set the agenda for the next three years and beyond. Entitled "Changing cities are driving Our World", the Second UCLG World Congress was hosted on the South Korean island of Jeju and has seen almost 2,000 participants from 110 countries coming together for 21 sessions dedicated to a host of issues related to the local and regional government sphere. In addition, three plenary sessions were organized on the themes: Cities the future of humanity - addressing climate change; City Diplomacy - Local governments building peace; 2015: a better world is possible! Local governments in a new global governance.

The newly elected UCLG Presidency consists of President Bertrand Delanoe, Mayor of Paris, and Co-Presidents: Mayor Zhang Guangning of Guangzhou, Mayor Amos Masondo of Johannesburg, Mayor Kadir Topbas of Istanbul, and Mayor Paco Moncayo of Quito, Ecuador.



Mayor Zhang Guangning (third from right) with other UCLG Co-Presidents.



Mayor Zhang and Mayor Villaraigosa in Guangzhou, October 2006