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Report on Chengdu (China) Trip in March, 2008 By a Delegation of Association of Chinese Canadian Professors (ACCP)

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1. Introduction

Sponsored by China Institute of the University of Alberta, the Association of Chinese Canadian Professors (ACCP, http://www.accpcanada.ca/) organized a 6-member delegation that visited ChengDu, the capital city of SiChuan Province, China. The official programme was conducted from March 17 to March 21, 2008. The delegation consists of the following members:

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During the trip, the delegation visited four universities: SiChuan University, SiChuan Normal University, China South West Petroleum University, and the University of Electronics Science and Technology.

The objectives of the trip were to establish the communication and exchange channels between, enhance the mutual understanding of teaching and research achievements of, and explore possible research collaborations or scholar development with the hosting universities and University of Alberta. The delegation members cover engineering,

medicine, education, economics and management science, biological science, mathematics, and technological development.

Throughout the 5 days trip, delegates were intensively involved in exchange of research, discussion with university administration, as well as discussion on possible collaborations. It can be concluded that this trip has achieved the objectives set ahead of the trip. In the following sections, after the agenda, a summary report is given followed by a list of contacts that will be useful for future follow up with the host universities as well as some pictures documenting the moments of receptions, discussions and other activities.

2. Agenda

Sichuan University

Time	Activities	Delegation members involved	Hosting staff
March 17	Arrive via flight CA4106	All	Sichuan University Collected from the airport and sent to hotel
March 18, Morning	Sichuan University arranged individual members to visit	Dr. Ma Yongsheng	Visited school of manufacturing technology
	different relevant schools for discussion and	Dr. Xu Yingfeng Dr. Liu Lili	Visited school of economics
	exchange and institutions, lunch provided	Dr. Fu Yuling Dr. Wang Zhixiang	Visited school of medicine
	provided	Dr. Lin Yanping	Visited school of Mathematics
March 18, Afternoon	Visited Museum of Sichuan University	Dr. Ma Yongsheng Dr. Liu Lili Dr. Xu Yingfeng	Staff of International Programme Office
	Scholar exchange/discussion	Dr. Wang Zhixiang	School of medicine
March 19, Morning	Meet Dr. Shi, Vice President of the University	All	Discussed about potential collaboration and intention to develop further relationship with UOA
	Visited JiangAn new campus	All	Staff of International Programme Office

SiChuan Normal University

March 19, Afternoon	14:00 Picking up the team of 6 professors from University of Alberta at Wang Jiang Hotel main building 14:00- 14:40 Tour of SNU main campuse, Eastern campus and new	15:30-16:30 Dr. Ma Yongsheng meeted Dr. Zhou Xiaolin, Dean of SNU College of Physics and Electronic	Mr. Yang Tianqing, Associate Director of the Office of International Education, SNU. His email:scsdyang@hotmail.co m or scsdyang@gmail.com and tal: 028, 84760708
	campuss 14:50-15:20 Dr. Yan, SNU Vice President meets with the team. 15:30 – 17:10 The team splits. The professors visits departments below: Dr. Pu, Dean of SNU College of Mathmatics and Softwear Engineering meets Dr. Lin Yanping in the math department office. Dr. Wang Yiding, Dean of SNU College of Life Science meets Dr.Wang Zhixiang in the biology department office. Professor You Yongheng, Dean of SNU Teachers Training College meets Dr. Fu Yuling and Dr. Liu Lili in his office. 17:30 Dr. Qi XL, SNU Vice President had dinner with the team members.	Engneering. 16:30-17:30 Dr. Ma Yongsheng meeted Mr. Yang Tianqing, associate director of SNU International Education to explore possibility of academic exchanges between the two universities. Prof. Zheng Lingqiu, Dean of SNU College of Economics and Management meeted Dr. Xu Y in the economics office.	and tel: 028-84760708.

South West Petroleum University

March 20. Morning	Visit SWPU. Seminar and exchange session with deans of different schools. Understand thepositioning and research strategies; introduction of collaboration approaches; discussion on exchange and collaboration channels and opportunities; exploration on mutual scholar visits, research collaboration, postgraduate students supervision and future trend in relevant research areas.	All.	Prof. Zhu, Jiang (朱江), Director of Personnel Office, 028-83032253, zhujiang@swpu.edu.cn; Prof. Wang, YQ (王义全), Vice Dean of Registrar Office, 028-83035265, wangyiquan7156@126.com; Prof. Yang, ZhaoZhong (杨兆中), Vice Dean of graduate study, 028-83032767, yzzycl@vip.sina.com; Prof. Liu XianTao (刘先涛), Dean of economics and management science, 028-83032108, swpiliuxt@126.com; Profs. Huang Kun (黄昆) and Du JianFen (杜建芬), Chairs of Petrolum Engineering department, 028-83032736, dujianfenswpi@126.com; Prof. Liang Zheng (梁政), Dean of Mechantronics Engineering, 028-83032242, liangz-2242@126.com; Prof. Chen Ping (陈平), President Assistant, Dean of research office, 028-83032707, chenping@swpu.edu.cn; Prof. Peng Jun (彭军), Vice director of research office, 028-83032387, pengjun@swpu.edu.cn; Prof. Liao ShuHua (廖苏华), Director of Overseas Collaboration and Exchange, 028-83032310, swpuaa@swpu.edu.cn; Prof. Chen JianTao (陈建涛), Vice Director of Overseas Collaboration and Exchange, 028-83032453, richardchen66166@yahoo.com.cn;
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March 20, 2008 Afternoon	Meeting with Vice president Wang; Separate visits to different schools and department, labs; Discussion and exchange over research topics and potential collaboration mechanisms 到有关院系访问交流,晚餐	All except Prof. Lin YP left early for HK due to his existing commitment.	Arranged by Prof. Jiang Bin, Director of International Collaboration and Exchange Office, UESTC; (姜斌) 中国四川成都 建设北路二段四号,邮编: 610054 电话: +86-28-83202353 Fax: +86-28-83202365 Email: jiangbin@uestc.edu.cn 主页: http://www.uestc.edu.cn 电子科技大学安排
March 21, 2008	City visit and tour day trip	Profs. Ma YS, Liu LL, Xu YF	Arranged by Prof. Jiang Bin, Director of International Collaboration and Exchange Office, UESTC
	Revisit School of Medicine, SiChuan University	Profs. Wang ZX & Fu YL	Arranged by Prof. Deng, Vice Director of International Collaboration and Exchange Office, Sichuan University
March 22, 2008	Depart via CA4107 Flight	Group dismissed.	UESTC sent the group to the airport

3. Trip Summary

3.1 Sichuan University

- Established some informal but substantial exchange channel during this visit; Sichuan University is willing to explore more official mutual relationship with U of A.
- Sichuan University is willing to consider U of A as one of the preferred choice of destination to send their government sponsored scholars for further study or PhD research.
- Prof. Ma YS had explored to work with Profs. Ying GF, Yang SX, Yao J. on intelligent CADCAM design methodology and informatics via possible research exchange and information sharing. SU will consider to send 1-2 scholars to Prof. Ma's lab at U of A as the starting point.
- Prof. Fu YL and Wang ZX explored to recruit some graduate students from SU. More detailed schemes and contacts are to be worked out.

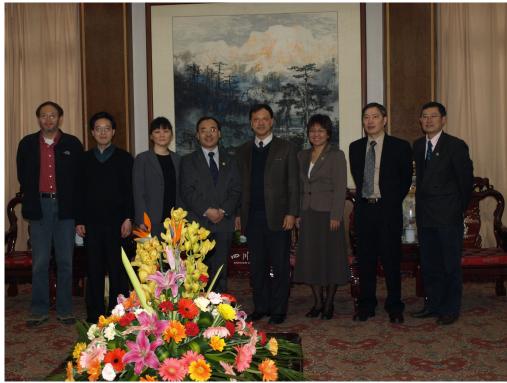


Fig. 1. ACCP delegation was received by Vice President Shi Jian, Sichuan University on March 19, 2008



Fig. 2. On behalf of ACCP delegation of U of A, Dr. Ma Yongsheng (Mechanical Engineering) presented a token of appreciation to Prof. Shi Jian, Vice President of SiChuan University on March 19, 2008.

3.2 Sichuan Normal University

- SNU expressed sincere appreciation and welcome to the delegation by their Vice Presidents / Profs. Yan YuShong and Qi XiaoLing
- The main discussion points include personnel development for SNU in the future; scholarly exchange; conducting short courses by U of A visiting professors
- Future exchange of remote education and scientific research in some relevant areas
- Graduate student recruitment for U of A.

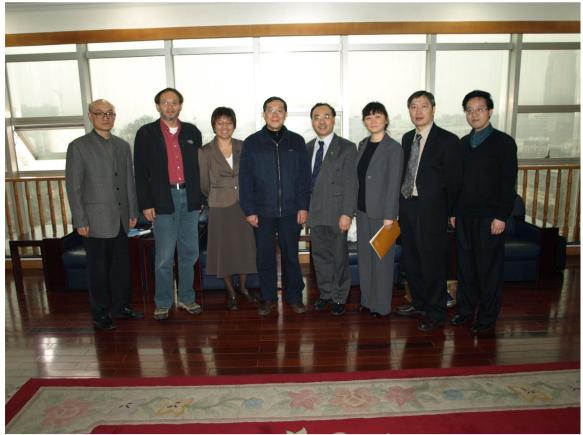


Fig. 3. ACCP delegation professors visited SiChuan Normal University on March 19, 2008. They were received by Vice President, Prof. Yan YuShun and Vice Director of Overseas Collaboration and Exchange Office, Prof. Yang TianQing.

3.3 South West Petroleum University

- The delegation found a lot of areas for potential collaboration between Faculty of Engineering, U of A and SWPU because of its unique technological research in oil and mining industries
- SWPU welcome overseas Chinese students and professors to join for career development
- ACCP delegation had a very good discussion with deans and directors from different schools and administration offices
- SWPU is currently undertaken undergraduate programme evaluation by China's Ministry of Education
- SWPU is willing to keep in contact with U of A and explore potential opportunities for collaboration



Fig. 4. ACCP delegation professors had a good discussion with SWPU deans and directors when they were on the ChengDu trip on March 20, 2008.

3.4 University of Electronics Science and Technology of China

- UESTC was well prepared for the ACCP delegation's visit. Headed by their Vice President, Prof. Wang HouJun and Director of Overseas Collaboration and Exchange office, Prof. Jiang Bin, UESTC had shown great interest to work closely with the U of A
- UESTC has expressed strong interest to invite Prof. Wang ZX to be their ChangJiang visiting professor
- UESTC is willing to work with Faculty of Engineering, UOA on an institutional partnership.
- UESTC is willing to send top graduate students to U of A for further study. One student has been recruited by Prof. Fu YL on behalf of Prof. Harry Jiang.
- UESTC also expressed wishes to visit U of A by their president in the future. The delegation extended warm welcome to their visit at their convenience.
- The School of Computing and Software Technology of UESTC expressed a strong interest to work with Prof. Ma in the area of collaborative engineering database technology



Fig. 5. ACCP delegation members were warmly welcome by UESTC Vice President, Prof. Wang HouJun and other university faculty and staff members.

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Yongsheng

My apologies for my delayed report.

My visit to the School of Economics of Sichuan University on March 18 is fruitful. I met and had a fruitful discussion with Prof. Fangming Zhu (朱方明), Deputy Dean and Prof. Ming Liu (刘明), who is in charge of the office of international exchange. Prof. Zhu stayed only briefly, for he was about to teach. I then had an extensive discussion with Prof. Liu. I expressed my interest to explore opportunities of cooperation with their school. Prof. Liu provided me with a detailed introduction of the School of Economics. Since Deputy Dean Zhu did not stay long, I had only a general discussion of how we can work together in the future. I intend to keep up the contact with the School of Economics to explore further potential collaboration areas.

Most impressive is my visit to the School of Management of the Sichuan Electronic Science and Technology of China. Deputy Dean, Prof. Runtian Jing (井润田) gave me a tour of the School of Management. We exchanged our views on how we can work together productively. I was touched by the interest and enthusiasm on their part. We agreed to continue our discussion on my short-term teaching there, on my potential participation in their EMBA program and on receiving their young teachers here at the University of Alberta. I also had a meeting with many young faculty members and discussed their research interests.

My visits to the Schools of Management of Sichuan Normal University and Southwest Petroleum University were also interesting and informative. But I am less inclined to pursue further potential exchanges and cooperation.

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Appendix B. Report from Prof. Wang ZiXiang

The following is a brief summary of my activity during our recent visit to Chengdu:

- 1. I spent most of my time in Sichuan University including all day on Tuesday (Mar 18), Wednesday morning (March 19) and Friday morning (March 21). During the visit we toured many places and held discussion with administrators/physicians/scientists. For me, the most important thing is to give a seminar on Friday morning at the School of Medicine. The seminar was well received. The seminar room was packed with audiences and scientific discussions were followed.
- 2. We spent Wednesday afternoon at Sichuan Normal University. The research activity is low at the University; however, the University is keen at inviting us to set up an advanced course for graduate and senior undergraduate students. The course could be compressed into a two-week period.
- 3. While we only spent half a day at the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC), the visit was actually the most fruit one to me. I had a very meaningful discussion with the administrators and scientists in the School of Life Science and Technology. We discussed science and possible collaborations. Both Dr. Yao, the Dean, and Dr. Zhou, the Associate Dean expressed interest in sponsoring me to apply for Changjing Scholar (visiting professor). The following up visit by two officers from Human Resource of UESTC to our Hotel on Friday night further strengthened the tie and moved the discussion to more concrete procedures. Following several email communication with Ms. Zhang at Human Resources and Drs. Yao and Zhou after I came back, it is agreed that UESTC will sponsor me to apply for Changjing Scholar as the first step of collaboration. Dr. Zhou and I also agreed to jointly apply for a research grant from "the China-Canada Joint Health Research Initiative" co-funded by Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) and National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC).

Appendix C. Report from UESTC

加拿大 Alberta 大学访问我校

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3月20日下午,加拿大 Alberta 大学中国教授协会代表团一行6人来访我校。王厚军副校长会见了来宾,双方就人才培养、科研合作等话题进行了交流。



王厚军副校长对教授协会代表团的来访表示热烈欢迎,他向来宾介绍了我校的办学历史和开展国际交流的情况。他说,近年来,学校的发展正处于不断上升的阶段,学校也正加大力度,不断加强国际交流与合作。他希望通过此次交流,能够进一步促进我校与 Alberta 大学的全方位合作。他相信随着合作的深入,双方的合作内容一定会更加实质化,合作领域更加宽广,合作形式也更多样化。

加拿大 Alberta 大学中国教授协会副会长马永胜表示,Alberta 大学与电子科技大学有良好的合作基础,双方合作的契合点很多,覆盖面很广。代表团访问的目的是拓展交流渠道,促进加拿大 Alberta 大学与电子科大的合作,为今后开辟新的交流途径,开展系统的、全面的合作铺平道路。

代表团成员在会上分别介绍了自己的研究方向,并表达了希望进一步在人才培养、联合 科研、学术交流等方面开展合作的愿望。生命、机电、自动化、经管、数学、计算机等学 院负责人也分别介绍了学院的情况,与来宾探讨了合作事宜。

相关链接:

加拿大 Alberta 大学成立于 1908 年,是加拿大五所最大的以科研为主的综合性大学之一,其科研水平居加拿大大学前列,科研收入与所得资助总额居全国第五位。其工学院的五个系都颇具实力,科研水平和教育质量在加拿大的学术界和工业界都有很好的声誉,是一所全面发展的大学。"中国教授协会"主要是由在 Alberta 大学从事教学与科研工作的中国教授组成,该组织致力于促成 Alberta 大学与中国的教育合作与交流。

加拿大Alberta 大学林延平教授访问数学学院

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3月20日下午,加拿大 Alberta 大学机械工程系副教授马永胜博士访问计算机学院•软件学院。郝玉洁副教授、<u>刘玓</u>副教授、鲁晓辉博士与马永胜博士就科研合作等问题进行了深入交流。

老师们向马博士介绍了学院科研、人才培养等方面的基本情况。马教授表示, 此行目的在于了解学院的科研实力,探讨共同开发项目的可能性。他希望进一步加 强与学校、学院在科研等领域的交流与合作,共同申请开发通用数据库等项目。双 方还就大型数据库领域等方面的问题进行了深入交流。

加拿大 Alberta 大学徐迎风副教授访问经管学院

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近日,加拿大 Alberta 大学中国教授协会代表团一行 6 人来访我校,经济系副教授徐迎风博士访问了经济与管理学院。与井润田副院长以及学院经济学与金融学系青年教师就科研合作等话题进行了深入交流。

井润田副院长向徐迎风博士介绍了 学院学科与科研等方面的基本情况。 在座的从事经济学与国际经济学方向 研究的老师们就各自研究领域的热点 问题向徐博士进行了请教,在深入的 座谈中双方还就学术合作方面的问题

进行了交流。

徐迎风副教授表示,希望通过了解学院的科研实力,探讨学术合作方面的可能性,进一步加强与学校、学院在科研等领域的交流与合作。

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