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I am currently in China to sign a strategic partnership agreement with President Daren Huang of Sun Yat Sen University. Three years ago, establishing a strategic partnership with Moi University in Kenya, along with the developing relationship with Sun Yat Sen University, was a landmark for IUPUI and led to IUPUI's receiving the Andrew Heiskell Award for Innovation in International Education from the American Council for Education.

During our visit to Sun Yat Sen University, Professor Sandra Petronio (my wife), will address the medical school on "Managing Medical Disclosures with Patients." I will present a class to Lingnan College business students on "Understanding Universities through the Organizational Communication Culture Method."

Our relationship with Sun Yat Sen University was a key factor in our being chosen by the Chinese government to house one of its prestigious Confucius Institutes. I will report on the civic engagement of the IUPUI Confucius Institute and its many contributions to the campus and city during the President's Forum at the 4th Annual Confucius Institute Conference.

Attending a Purdue University Friends and Alumni Reception is on the itinerary for Beijing along with a visit to the Center for Civil Society Studies with which our Center on Philanthropy and School of Public and Environmental Affairs have developing relationships.

President McRobbie requested that I visit Zhejiang University to reinforce our desire to establish partnerships with this institution—itself a partnership born of the merger of the former Zhejiang University, Hangzhou University, Zhejiang Agricultural University, and Zhejiang Medical University—a history not unlike IUPUI's own.

This is my first trip to China and it is jam-packed. I look forward to sharing news and updates with the university community upon my return.



Chancellor Charles R. Bantz



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