In May 2013 an IU presidential delegation conferred with educational leaders, government officials, and alumni in East Asia. Successful exchange agreements were renewed and new ones begun. The delegation returned with a fuller understanding of mutual possibilities for interaction now and in the future.

Ewha Womans University President Kim Sun-Uk and IU President Michael McRobbie led a discussion of the renewal of the agreement between the two universities.
**Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)** is an ancient institution with a leading-edge mission. Established in 1398 to study and honor the works of Confucius, it has set the goal of becoming a “global leading university” by 2020. The IU presidential delegation visited this campus in 2008; the vice president for international affairs has been on the SKKU campus twice for meetings, and several other faculty and senior officials have had working visits there. The result has been one of IU’s most active partnerships. The IU Kelley School of Business has a dual degree program at the undergraduate and M.B.A. levels with the SKK Graduate School of Business and would like to expand that effort with the online Kelley Direct program. A dual J.D./M.B.A. program has given Maurer School of Law students opportunities to study and work in Korea. IU International Affairs will inaugurate a graduate student exchange program, and SKKU is consulting with IU Informatics on establishing a similar school.

A thousand Korean students enroll at IU each year. IU students in journalism and business travel to Korea each year to learn about cutting-edge technologies and the culture that produced them. In the fall of 2012, the **Korea Foundation** together with Korean IU alumni made a $1.5 million gift that will establish IU’s first faculty chair in Korean Studies. The IU delegation briefed foundation officials on the progress of the university’s search for the right individual to teach Korean culture and to direct the new Institute for Korean Studies, part of the School for Global and International Studies.
Imagine a university where you need not apply unless you have perfect scores on the SAT and where only a fraction of those who do apply are accepted. **Peking University** is China’s equivalent of such an institution. The campus is located in a western suburb of Beijing and for more than a hundred years has pioneered academic support of China’s modernization. Peking University and IU have worked together on the fledgling discipline of philanthropy studies and are considering a joint project with the Red Cross Society of China. Other areas of potential mutual effort include technology transfer, entrepreneurship, international studies, joint musical performances and arts management, medical informatics, and medical humanities. IU International Affairs has established a new graduate student exchange for advanced study and research, and the two universities renewed a graduate school administrative staff agreement. IU President Michael A. McRobbie and Peking University President Wang Enge signed renewal agreements to assure a continuation of this level of cooperation.

**Above:**
Peking University’s campus, on the western edge of Beijing near the Summer Palace and the Yuanmingyuan Garden, is known as “Yan Yuan” (the garden of Yan).

**Right:**
President McRobbie and Peking University President Wang Enge discussed the renewal of an agreement of friendship and cooperation. Cooperative efforts have begun or are in planning for at least five separate academic areas.

**Below:**
While in Beijing, President McRobbie spoke with reporters from two of China’s major news publications, the China Daily, and CBN Weekly. Jia Chen (left) included portions of this interview in her article, “US Schools Vie for Partners in China” (China Daily, May 24, 2013).
Tsinghua University began as a preparatory school for Chinese students wishing to study in the United States. It became a university in 1928 with schools of liberal arts, law, sciences, and engineering. In 1952 it became a polytechnic institute with a strong focus on engineering. In 1978 Tsinghua’s mission as a broad research university returned and today, the university has 14 schools and 56 departments serving more than 40,000 students a year. In 2000 the university established a Science Park (TusPark), a research incubator that provides resources to accelerate the application of research to the development of high-tech enterprises. The IU delegation visited TusPark and explored options for establishing an IU gateway there, similar to IU Gateway–India recently opened in Gurgaon near Delhi.

Of special interest to the IU delegation was CERNET, which Tsinghua hosts and maintains. CERNET provides a network backbone for Chinese universities nationwide (see map above) and links to IU and to universities around the world through Internet2. The director of CERNET, Dr. Wu Jianping, has taken an interest in the IU connection. IU provides similar services as a network operations center for Internet2 and university links to the Pacific and Europe.
Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU) enrolls more than 80,000 students a year on four campuses in two South China cities, Guangzhou and Zhuhai. It combines a major medical school with a comprehensive multidisciplinary university and for almost a hundred years has fostered progressive research in support of China’s development along with a commitment to service to society and inherited cultural traditions. As a major urban center of medicine and general education, its profile and mission match those of IUPUI. The two universities have established dual undergraduate degree programs in business, computer science, mechanical and electrical engineering, public affairs, and mathematics, and are considering new joint programs in philanthropy, nursing, and education. The IU delegation briefed senior SYSU administrators about the new IUPUI School of Philanthropy and offered assistance as SYSU builds its own program in philanthropic studies. The delegation also toured SYSU’s extensive medical treatment and research facilities. Noting five years of medical and faculty exchanges with the IU School of Medicine, officials discussed joint training efforts in radiation oncology. As a way to manage and expand the broad cooperation between SYSU and IUPUI, the universities have agreed to form a joint cooperative development committee.
HKUST, an entirely new campus overlooking the South China Sea, has seen its research funding increase tenfold since it opened its doors in 1991. The IU delegation examined a scale model of the campus.

The IU delegation then traveled across Hong Kong to the region’s newest campus, overlooking Port Shelter harbor and the South China Sea. **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)** began in 1991 with a mission to support advanced research and study in science, technology, engineering, and business. Since then it has attracted major funding, high rankings, and many faculty awards. The Kelley School of Business has had a student exchange program with HKUST, and with the encouragement of Hong Kong faculty, the two universities signed an agreement for undergraduate exchanges that will benefit students in the IU Bloomington College of Arts and Sciences. HKUST courses are taught in English, and this exchange program will provide an opportunity for science majors to pursue their degree work at an internationally recognized science institution.

The **University of Hong Kong (HKU)** was founded in 1911 at the western end of Hong Kong Island. It is the oldest university in Hong Kong, and its campus retains some of the finest British colonial architecture in the region. In its early days, HKU emphasized technical and professional subjects. It has expanded to ten faculties and a graduate school and has consistently ranked among the top universities in Asia. The IU Maurer School of Law has had a successful student exchange with HKU for several years. President McRobbie and HKU Vice-Chancellor and President Lap-Chee Tsui met to sign a new primary agreement that will assure the continuation of the law exchange and provide opportunities for exchanges in other disciplines. David Reingold, associate dean of the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs, joined HKU officials to sign a dual degree Master of Public Affairs.

Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, vice-chancellor and president of the University of Hong Kong, discussed new agreements with IU President and First Lady McRobbie.

President McRobbie and Professor Tony F. Chan, president of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, signed an agreement for undergraduate exchange.
IU Bloomington Law School Dean Alfred Aman, in his efforts to establish a more global legal perspective in the 1990s, inaugurated an informal arrangement with the National University of Taiwan (NTU). That relationship has continued and was formalized this year by the presidents of the universities in a meeting on the main campus in Taipei. NTU prides itself as a center for scholarly research in basic theory and for establishing a free atmosphere of academic thought. It offers a full range of academic subjects at the undergraduate and graduate levels. During this visit, NTU and IU signed an exchange agreement for faculty and students in law. IU School of Nursing Dean Marion Broome participated in the meeting and also visited with her counterparts at NTU to discuss potential collaboration.

Employing 450 staff members in the main Taipei office, the American Institute in Taiwan is the conduit for U.S.–Taiwan relations and provides the most expert resources regarding the interaction of the two countries. The IU delegation was briefed by Director Christopher J. Marut on issues of student recruitment and other educational opportunities in Taiwan. The IU delegation also met with the political deputy minister of education, Dr. Pi-Twan Huang, and the president of Taiwan, Ma Ying-jeou, to discuss the expansion of Taiwanese studies at IU.

“We live in an increasingly global society where forces that originate beyond our borders affect virtually all aspects of our lives. If IU is to effectively prepare its students to succeed in such a society, we must continue to build bridges around the world.”
—IU President Michael A. McRobbie
The final institutional visit for the delegation was the **Shanghai Conservatory of Music**. Established in 1927, the conservatory provided China’s link to Western music. It has attracted musicians from around the world. Today, it is China’s leading training ground for music and a center for research, performance, and music publishing. The music educational mission has expanded from university level to include primary and high school training.

The IU Jacobs School of Music has established a variety of connections with the Shanghai conservatory; the closest has been through pianist Menahem Pressler and his student Juen Xiao. The IU delegation met with Shanghai Conservatory President Xu Shuya and Chen Xiaoyi, director of the conservatory’s foreign affairs office, to discuss the possibility of more formal connections, short-term performance opportunities, master classes, and joint productions.

“We go abroad in order to provide more opportunities for faculty and students to move back and forth between different universities and to find new opportunities for collaboration with regard to faculty, research, and teaching.”
—IU Vice President for International Affairs David Zaret