An important part of IU presidential visits abroad has always been the opportunity to renew connections with former IU students. During the spring 2013 visit, the president met not only with IU alumni, but also with rising freshmen and with current IU students studying abroad.

In every city, the presidential delegation devoted time to IU alumni, many in key positions in business or government. Senior IU officials met with alumni in small groups ten times during the visits. Major alumni receptions were held in Seoul, Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and Taipei. President McRobbie and Vice President David Zaret spoke to audiences eager to hear the latest university news and to talk informally with the IU visitors.

**Meeting New Students**

In two cities—Seoul and Beijing—receptions included not only the university’s long-standing friends, but also those who may well become such friends. Students accepted for fall 2013 admission—and their parents—were brought together for an information session. IU Associate Vice President for International Services Christopher Viers welcomed the new students. Matthew Beatty, director of international admissions, along with current IU students in business, addressed some of the nuts and
bolts of coming to IU. Zaret spoke about IU’s international mission and the students’ role in that mission. Laurie Burns McRobbie offered her own perspective as a parent of IU students. All were available for individual conversations and for answering questions to ease the transition for students and parents.

**Study Abroad in China**

Current students were not ignored either. Seventeen students, most from IUPUI, were studying Chinese language and culture at Sun Yat-sen University in a program organized by the Confucius Institute at IUPUI. They joined the IU group for a tour on the Pearl River, following its flow through the modern development of Guangzhou to the South China Sea.

**Awards**

Ali Tuet majored in business management at IU from 1969 to 1972. He is now chairman of ESG Holdings Ltd., a service industry with offices across China. ESG is known for its ecological interests and its efforts to support its employees’ needs. Tuet has been active on Hong Kong councils charged with improving sustainability. Training for business may have been his objective in coming to IU, but one of Tuet’s fondest memories of his Bloomington days is being part of the Singing Hoosiers; he remains a loyal fan. He has provided financial support for the group over the years and in 2011 played an important role in making the Singing Hoosiers’ tour of China possible. He has also served on the International Committee of the IU Foundation.

“One student came in shouting ‘Go, Hoosiers!’ He could name every player on the IU basketball team. Another student during the question and answer session asked, ‘As the Kelley School’s annual report says on page 11 there is a high percentage of students who take postgrad employment options in Chicago. Why is that?’ She had clearly done her homework. We can underestimate how engaged our rising freshmen can be, and it was easy to see how much they appreciated the chance to talk about all their preparation with people who knew the campus.” —Matthew Beatty, director of international admissions
Ali Tuet, business management graduate and former member of the Singing Hoosiers, stands between David Zaret and Michael McRobbie after receiving the IU Distinguished International Service Award.

Spencer Yang received the Distinguished International Service Award from David Zaret.

For a distinguished legal career and long service to IU, Tong Kui Ju was awarded the Thomas Hart Benton Medallion by President McRobbie.
In recognition of Tuet’s outstanding and continuing service to the university, President McRobbie presented him with the IU Distinguished International Service Award at the IU Alumni Reception in Hong Kong.

Spencer Yang’s doctoral dissertation in political science at IU won a national award. He developed a close working relationship with the Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, and was instrumental in bringing Elinor Ostrom, the late IU distinguished professor and Nobel Prize winner, to Taiwan to deliver the keynote address at the International Forum on the Global Solutions for Climate Change. As a professor of political science at the Chinese Cultural University in Taiwan, Yang is regularly consulted by the media on political issues. He is currently the president of the Taiwan Chapter of the IU Alumni Association. At the Taipei reception, David Zaret presented Yang with the Distinguished International Service Award for his outstanding contributions to advance the academic mission of Indiana University.

Adapted from President McRobbie’s remarks at the gathering of the Shanghai chapter of the IU Alumni Association:

Tong Kui Ju left a China in turmoil in 1948 to study law at IU Bloomington. He graduated from what is now the Maurer School of Law the next year and returned to a new world, the People’s Republic of China. He was eager to help build a more egalitarian society through his practice of the law, and later, through his service as a judge in the Shanghai District Court. Like so many others in China, he endured difficult and trying times during the dark and grim years of the 60s and 70s.

When China opened again to the world in 1978, Mr. Ju was one of the few lawyers who could speak fluent English and who had knowledge of foreign law. During the next 20 years, he worked on some of the largest joint venture and private direct investment activities in China in his capacity as a senior attorney there, helping to build the new China.

His service to the legal profession is also reflected in his work at the Research Institute of Legal Science at the Shanghai Academy of Social Science, where he served as a visiting researcher.

During the past 30 years Mr. Ju has fostered close ties to Indiana University and the Maurer School of Law. He offered to host students under the alumni shadow program, and also offered to connect students with other IU alumni and lawyers in Shanghai.

“To celebrate a graduate, whose professional accomplishments over half a century, whose generosity with his time, service, and leadership have made a great difference to Indiana University,” President McRobbie presented Tong Kui Ju with the Thomas Hart Benton Medallion, which was first awarded in 1986 and which honors the aspirations and ideals that are the foundation of the search for knowledge.

“Sometimes we are surprised at how connected the world has become. At the alumni reception in Taipei, I introduced myself to a Taiwanese IU alumna. I was more than mildly surprised—and she was quite pleased—when she said that one of her friends, a current IUB student, told her that I frequently ate lunch at the Chow Bar. I doubt I will ever be able to enter that Bloomington establishment again without thinking that almost 8,000 miles away there is someone who knows where I am having my lunch.”

—David Zaret, vice president for international affairs