Indiana Businesses Learn about the “Three Dragons”

On May 7th, Indiana University’s East Asian Studies Center and the Global Business Information Network in the School of Business co-hosted a conference entitled “Doing Business with the Three Dragons” with a focus on Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Korea. Held at the Lilly Conference Center in Indianapolis, the conference attracted 120 some Indiana businessmen, who listened to presentations given by representatives from government, big business, and small business.

The conference was opened by John North, Director of International Relations at Eli Lilly & Co., followed by welcoming remarks from Global Business Information Network Director Larry Davidson, Interim Dean of the School of Business Dan Dalton, and East Asian Studies Center Director George Wilson.

Former Indiana Governor Robert R. Orr introduced the keynote speaker, Ambassador Donald Gregg, Chairman of the Board of the Korea Society, former U.S. National Security Advisor, and former Ambassador to Korea, who spoke on the importance of these three countries to U.S. business interests. He gave a strategic overview of events on the Korean Peninsula, and exhorted his listeners to be internationally minded as they entered today’s global market.

The remainder of the day was devoted to discussions focusing on each of the three countries. The panel on Korea was moderated by Michael Robinson, director of IUB’s Korean Studies program. Other moderators and speakers included sales and marketing representatives, business consultants, and other top management professionals of companies with experience or potential interests in the Asia-Pacific region.

This was the third in EASC’s Culture & Commerce Business Series. Previous conferences, also held at Lilly, have focused on “Doing Business in China” and “Doing Business in Japan.” Financial support for the series has been provided by the Freeman Foundation. For further information, contact Jason Lewis, EASC, tel: (812) 855-3765; fax: (812) 855-7762.

New Russian Exchange Program

With the support of an International Exchange Affiliations Grant from the Office of International Programs, IU Bloomington’s Department of Political Science has just concluded an exchange agreement with the Institute of State and Law (IGP) of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow. The agreement was formalized in an exchange of letters between Edward Carmines, chair of the department, and Academician B.M. Topornin, IGP director. It provides for short-term exchanges of scholars from each institution, with the hope that these will develop into an established partnership over time.

IGP is Russia’s leading center for political science research and is the headquarters of the Russian Political Science Association. IGP will be able to give American scholars official institutional status and provide them with access to databases not usually open to foreigners, such as archives of electoral statistics and public opinion surveys.

The first beneficiary of the program will be Vladik Nersesyants, a leading research scholar of the Academy who will come to Bloomington some time during the 1997-98 academic year to lecture (in Russian) on Russian democracy. He will be accompanied by his wife, Valentina Lapaeva, a researcher associated with the Russian government’s Institute for Legislation and Comparative Legal Studies. In the year following, an IU Bloomington scholar will visit Moscow.

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Update on 1997-98 Fulbright Winners

Paula Girshick (Anthropology, IUB), internationally recognized for her scholarly studies of the art of the Benin Kingdom in Nigeria, will spend the spring of 1998 at the Department of Social Anthropology, University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. She will teach a course on “Museums and Public Culture” and conduct research on South African popular art and culture.

James Madison (History, IUB) will spend 1997-98 as a Fulbright Scholar at Hiroshima University in Japan, lecturing on American history and American Studies. His award is one of seven Fulbrights for Japan dedicated to teaching courses on the American experience from a range of disciplinary approaches.

Michael Rosenblum (English, IUB) is looking forward to his Fulbright year in Russia teaching American and English literature at Novgorod State University, located in one of the oldest Russian towns not far from St. Petersburg.

John Walbridge (Near Eastern Languages & Cultures, IUB) will spend his Fulbright year lecturing on Islamic philosophy at the University of the Punjab in Lahore, Pakistan, and examining Islamic philosophical and scientific manuscripts produced under the Moghul dynasty (16th-18th centuries).

One thousand miles away, his wife, Linda Walbridge, an adjunct faculty at IUPUI’s Anthropology Department, will be a senior Fulbright lecturer at the Walisongo Islamic Institute in the Javan city of Semarang, Indonesia, where she will be teaching about Islam from anthropological perspectives. Her recent study, Without Forgetting the Imam, Shi’i Islam in an American Community, has just been published by Wayne State University Press.

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