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UF TRSM PROFESSOR GIVES PRESENTATIONS AT KOREAN CONFERENCE AND IN CHINA

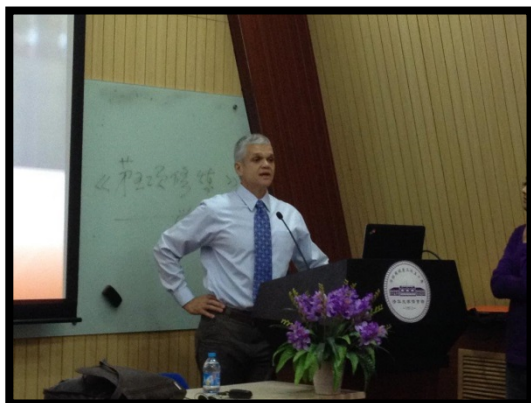
The academic collaborations between the University of Florida and Asia continue to grow

Gainesville, FL -- Dr. Dan Connaughton, Interim Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Professor in the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management, recently arrived home from a two-week trip (October 23- November 5) to China and South Korea. This was Dr. Connaughton's second trip to South Korea and seventh trip to China. His main stops on this extended trip included some of the top universities in Korea and China.

Dr. Connaughton was invited to present at the 2013 International Conference of the Korean Association of Sports & Entertainment Law hosted by Chung-Ang University (ranked among the top 10 universities in Korea). He delivered a presentation entitled "Legal Issues in the National Collegiate Athletic Association." Dr. Connaughton had the opportunity to meet up with Dr. Chan Min Park (current TRSM visiting scholar) and Dr. Kae-Sung Moon (former TRSM visiting scholar) at the Conference.



Dr. Connaughton also had the opportunity to explore Seoul during his trip. He was hosted by former TRSM visiting scholar, Dr. Jeong Hak-Lee, and toured downtown Seoul as well as Gyeongbokgung Palace and Park. This palace was built in 1395 and was the first royal palace built by the Joseon Dynasty.



The second half of Dr. Connaughton's trip was spent in Beijing, China; a city he is very familiar with. Dr. Connaughton was invited to present at Capital University of Physical Education and Sports, and Tsinghua University (often ranked as the number one university in China). At Tsinghua, he was invited to provide a seminar hosted by Dr. Xindong Ma (a former APK visiting scholar) Professor and Associate Dean at Tsinghua University. His seminar was entitled:

“Methodologies utilized in legal and risk management research.” Dr. Connaughton’s final stop was at Capital University of Physical Education and Sport. This was his first visit to this institution where he lectured on “Legal Issues in the National Collegiate Athletic Association” which was hosted by Dr. Yong Han, an Associate Professor in Sport Law.

For over 10 years, Dr. Connaughton has been working with Tsinghua University; on things such as research collaborations, leading a UF study abroad program, hosting visiting faculty, and volunteering for the Beijing Olympics. When asked about the relationship with UF and China and whether or not it has improved, Dr. Connaughton said “there has been a good amount of academic collaboration and the relationship continues to grow.”

The Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management is committed to national and international excellence in the generation, dissemination, and communication of knowledge in tourism, recreation and sport management. The Department is also dedicated to excellence in the preparation and training of future industry and academic professionals, and providing relevant outreach to stakeholders.

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