



Administrative Report

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A Special Kean University - Wenzhou Agreement Edition

KEAN UNIVERSITY TO OPEN THE FIRST AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CHINA

In an historic ceremony on May 8, Kean University officially announced that it will be the first American university to open an extensive and University campus on Chinese soil in September 2007. The new campus will be located in Wenzhou, Zhejiang Province – one of the richest provinces in China with the highest growth rate. It will be in full operation by 2010 and will enroll up to 4,000 students.

The agreement establishing Kean University – Wenzhou was signed in the Kean Hall Conference Center by Kean University President Dawood Farahi and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Zhejiang Provincial People’s Congress Xi Jinping.

The construction project and all costs of operating the University will be paid for through tuition and financing provided by the municipal and provincial governments in China. There will be no cost to Kean University or the state of New Jersey. “Education is a highly desirable commodity, and we will be providing the graduate and undergraduate programs that we do best – education, public administration and business,” said Farahi.

All classes will be taught in English by American professors with all accreditation standards being held to those established by the Middle States Accreditation body, and students will earn degrees issued by Kean University. Kean will supply all academic personnel, programs and course materials. Furthermore, students in China will have access to the Kean University library system



Dr. Dawood Farahi, president of Kean University (left), and Xi Jinping, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Zhejiang Provincial People’s Congress



Vice President for Administration of Finance Philip Connelly (center) signs the Kean University - Wenzhou agreement. Connelly is flanked by co-signers Alan Xu of the U.S.-China Friendly City Association (left), and Alexander Mirabella, chairman of the Union County (N.J.) Board of Chosen Freeholders (right).

through the Internet while ensuring that there will be no censorship of available materials. All academic matters will mirror those used in the United States. Kean students will also have opportunities to study in China while paying only the in-state tuition and fees they would pay if residing in New Jersey.

Chairman Xi was optimistic about the prospects of this partnership. “The future depends on how we can fulfill our commitments. The task before our eyes is how to build on our past successes,” said Xi through an interpreter. “I’m delighted that Zhejiang and New Jersey have conducted all-around cooperation in economy, culture, science and technology, and education as epitomized by today’s signing ceremony.”

Robert Cockren, chairman of the Kean University Board of

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Trustees, spoke of the worldwide impact of this agreement. “In our global market, this is a great step forward to allow our students to travel to the People’s Republic of China and learn about their culture, and, at the same time, we will have our own professors teaching Chinese students in English,” said Cockren. “This is further evidence of the globalization of education in our economy.”

Sen. Raymond Lesniak served as an official witness to the historic signing and spoke of its importance. “This new initiative will take Kean University, its students and New Jersey to another level,” said Lesniak. “It will open the door to a stronger exchange of ideas, and it will lay the groundwork for an expanded economy for New Jersey, Zhejiang and Wenzhou.”

Others in attendance were likewise excited by the new agreement. “It’s good economics, and it’s good education,” said former New Jersey Gov. Donald DiFrancesco. “I think it’s a win-win.”

New Jersey Assemblyman Upendra Chivakula agreed. “I think it’s fantastic that Kean University is expanding overseas,” said Chivakula. “President Farahi has been on the leading edge trying to take American education globally.”

The Chinese visitors were entertained throughout the dinner by some of Kean University’s finest musicians, including singer Jennifer Vaughn, who recently graduated with a Master of Arts in communication studies; Kean music majors Justice Welp (violin), Monica Fontaine (piano) and Diego Gallardo (guitar); dancers Johanna Dilone, Alicia Mele, Krystina Miller, Dana Panarella and Lindsay Pish; and concert artist in piano Allison Brewster Fanzetti.

The City of Wenzhou, Wenzhou University and Zhejiang Province selected Kean University as its partner because of a longstanding relationship that started approximately five years ago. Two classes each of 25 Wenzhou officials traveled to Kean University over the past five years and spent 15 months here earning Master of Public Administration degrees. These same officials have risen in government positions in the province and reached out to Kean to establish the full University campus in Wenzhou.

Earlier in the day, Gov. Jon Corzine signed an extension of the 25-year sister-state agreement between New Jersey and Zhejiang Province. Farahi was in attendance to witness the historical signing ceremony where Corzine praised Kean’s efforts to expand educational opportunities. “I think that what Kean is attempting to do by putting together academic relationships between Wenzhou and itself is a tremendous way for us to advance cultural interaction,” said Corzine.



President Dawood Farahi views a document with New Jersey State Sen. Raymond Lesniak.



Chairman of the Zhejiang Provincial People’s Congress Xi Jinping and New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine



Chairman of the Kean University Board of Trustees Robert W. Cockren, Esq. and former New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey



Dr. Jon Larson and Shen Minguang



Lu Gao hao and former New Jersey Gov. Donald DiFrancesco



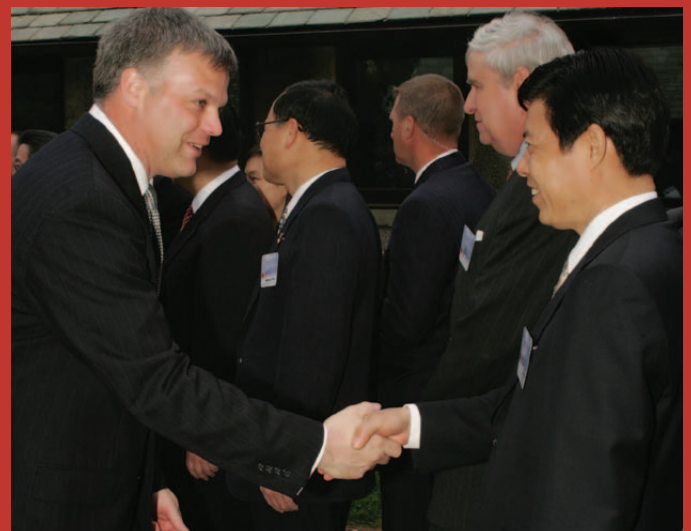
Chairman of the Kean University Board of Trustees Robert W. Cockren, Esq. and Vice Chair Dr. Vivian Rodriguez



Members of the Chinese delegation and Kean University administrators and trustees gather in Kean Hall.



Trustees Lester Aron and Ada Morell with Speaker Emeritus of the New Jersey State Assembly Albio Sires



Steve Fastook H'06, member of the Kean Foundation Board, welcomes a visitor.



Jennifer Vaughn



Diego Gallardo



Allison Brewster Franzetti



Members of the Kean Dance Theatre entertain during the reception for the Chinese and American dignitaries.



New Jersey State Assemblyman Upendra Chivakula shares a light moment with President Dawood Farahi.



Violinist Justice Welp and pianist Monica Fontaine



Sen. Jack Ewing



Kean University mascot with Don Conklin, Gala honoree 2006



Xi Jinping and Wang Jianman



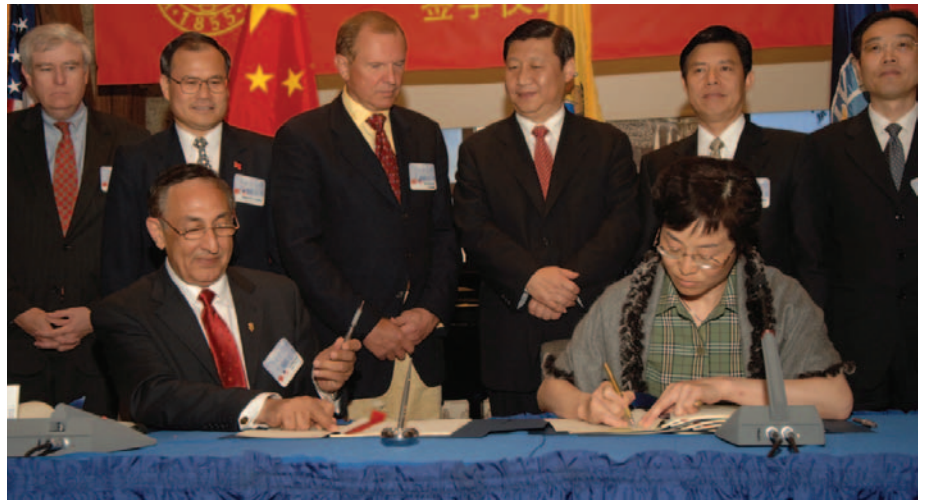
Trustee Linda Lewis and John Kean



(l-r) Alan Xu, U.S.-China Friendly City Association; Phil Connelly, vice president for Administration and Finance; Alexander Mirabella, chairman of the Union County (N.J.) Board of Chosen Freeholders; and Xu Zhixiang



(l-r) Huang Maofa, Helen Lai and former New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey



Kean University President, Dr. Dawood Farahi, and Vice Governor of the Zhejiang Provincial People's Congress Zhong Shan, as they sign the official agreement, witnessed by members of the two states' delegations.



The Kean Hall courtyard serves as a place to relax for Chinese dignitaries before the dinner inside Kean Hall.



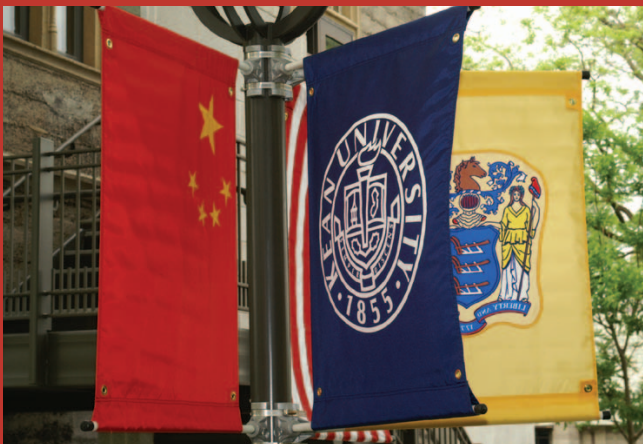
Trustee Eugene Enlow with his wife Shelley



Kean University administrators Philip Connelly, vice president for Administration and Finance (second from left), and Dr. Michael Searson, acting dean of the College of Education (second from right), proudly share in the special occasion with Chinese dignitaries.



(l-r) Trustees Lester Aron and Frank X. McDermott with John Kean



The standards of the People's Republic of China, Kean University, and the State of New Jersey, signify the landmark cooperation among the signatories.



(l-r) Doug Nelson, vice president for Institutional Advancement and president of the Kean University Foundation, Robert F. Sommers, Kean University Foundation Board member, and Dr. Vinton Thompson, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs



Chilling Tong, deputy assistant secretary for Asia and the Pacific, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce





President Dawood Farahi (left) admires a gift, presented by Chairman of the Zhejiang Provincial People's Congress Xi Jinping (center), with Chairman of the Kean University Board of Trustees Robert W. Cockren, Esq. (right).



(l-r) Dr. Michael Searson, Audrey Kelly, William DeGarcia and Robert W. Cockren, admire a gift as it is unfolded by Xu Zhixiang.

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