UNMC Celebrates 10-year Anniversary with China

The University of Nebraska Medical Center celebrated 10 years of institutional collaboration with China in June 2014 along with the Fifth Annual Joint Research Symposium.

“Time really flies,” said Jialin Zheng, M.D., director of the Asia Pacific Rim Development Program (APRDP). “When you reach the 10-year mark, it gives you the opportunity to look back at what has been achieved and look ahead to how you can achieve more.”

UNMC Chancellor Jeffrey Gold, M.D., opened the symposium by highlighting the value of UNMC-China collaborations. He commented on the program’s future goals which include enhancing the joint family medicine program as well as a physical therapy program. These two areas have been identified as underdeveloped in China, and UNMC serves as a leader and mentor in these new fields.

Dr. Gold emphasized that joint research would remain a priority,

2014 Highlights

• APRDP welcomed 20 new China Scholarship Council (CSC) students. Approximately 120 students, scholars and faculty members from China have participated in the UNMC/CSC program. Almost 50 CSC members have completed their training, and 70 students and scholars are currently on UNMC’s campus.

• APRDP increased the number of student and faculty exchanges between UNMC and its partnering Chinese institutions. Thirteen nursing and 11 clinical medicine students from UNMC conducted rotations in China. China sent 12 nursing, 12 clinical medicine and 15 summer research students along with 11 faculty members to UNMC.

• In 2014, UNMC continued developing innovative programs in family medicine and physical therapy in China, where these fields are underdeveloped, but greatly needed. During a recent trip to China, UNMC conducted outreach to nearly 700 physicians, faculty and students in these two fields.
From the Chancellor

In the decade since we signed our first institutional collaborative agreements with some of China’s most prestigious academic, medical and scientific institutions, the University of Nebraska Medical Center has developed truly remarkable global partnerships. We are honored that our presence in China is one of the most significant among American academic health science centers.

What is most important is what we accomplish with those partnerships and how we use that presence. At UNMC, our goals are very simple. We will lead the world in transforming lives to create a healthy future. We will do so through the delivery of extraordinary care, remarkable discovery and relevant learning. Today, we invite you to take this stand with us — that together, we will lead the world in transforming lives for a healthier future.

UNMC, through its Asia Pacific Rim Development Program, is committed to the continued building and solidifying of collaborations with our partners. Partnerships involve medicine, physical therapy/rehabilitation, nursing, dentistry, public health and pharmacy — and will provide myriad opportunities for students and faculty. We are particularly excited about our new joint family medicine program.

We also will continue to focus on joint research and facilitating technology development. Finally, we will look to further develop outreach and service in China, programs that create a platform to allow even more international collaboration. For example, clinical service and consultation, such as tele-health services; a primary care clinic and high quality hospital care.

Broad and well-established relationships with Chinese medical schools and hospitals create an opportunity for these organizations to provide services to Chinese researchers interested in enhancing new technology.

We are honored to be one of a select handful of U.S. institutions endorsed by the China Scholarship Council. Solid and productive international collaboration not only benefits the programs in China but the institutions with which we partner and UNMC as well. It benefits all of the families, communities and nations involved.

These outcomes include exceptional experiences for all those we serve — to be the most trusted educators, to have the best health outcomes, and to be sure that our discoveries are transformational. We realize that taking this stand and making this declaration is not easy, for we create a goal that will take not only our incredibly hard work, but also the tenacity of our spirit and the dedication of our energy for years to come. We are pleased to do so together.

Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D.
Chancellor
University of Nebraska Medical Center
UNMC Delegations Visit China

In October 2014, nearly 20 UNMC faculty and staff traveled to China to continue building UNMC’s identity as a leading international health educator, investigator and innovator.

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The trip to China also included other momentous signings. An agreement between the China Scholarship Council (CSC) and UNMC was signed for continued partnership and increased scope and reach for recruitment. UNMC began recruiting 2015 CSC candidates in Shanghai, Beijing and Xi’an by attending the International Graduate Scholarship Fairs.

Additionally, an agreement between Shanghai Institute of Health Sciences and UNMC initiated collaboration in nursing and medical laboratory science.

UNMC also officially opened its satellite office in Shanghai to strengthen cooperation in the biomedical industry and healthcare education.

The number of UNMC alumni, partners and friends in China continues to grow and these visits are fundamental to attract talent and strengthen UNMC’s global leadership role in medical education.
UNMC Establishes the Asia Pacific Rim Development Program (APRDP)

UNMC Medical Student Exchange Programs Begins

Today, nearly 200 Chinese and UNMC students have completed either medical or nursing exchanges.

UNMC & China Scholarship Council (CSC) Partnership Begins

making UNMC a top destination for Chinese students.

UNMC Introduces Family Medicine to China

by opening one-of-a-kind training centers in Shanghai and Xi’an.

UNMC Establishes Offices in Beijing & Shanghai

UNMC Establishes Lymphoma-Leukemia Center in Tianjin

Eppley Cancer Center Begins Exchange

UNMC Joins Annual International Student Research Forum (ISRF)

UNMC forms partnership with ISRF leadership and hosts the forum on a rotating basis. One hundred UNMC students have participated.
In 2015, APRDP will strive to transform lives through:

**Extraordinary Care**

**Remarkable Discovery**

**Relevant Learning**

### 2010
- **UNMC & Chinese Institutes Form Shanghai Sino-U.S. Health Science Initiative (SSUHSI)**

### 2011
- **UNMC & Tongji University Establish Joint Department of Family Medicine, also Launch Physical Therapy Collaboration**

### 2012
- **UNMC Forms New Health Science Initiative in Hainan**

### 2013
- **UNMC & China Celebrate 10th Anniversary**

### 2014
- **UNMC & China Scholarship Council (CSC) Increase Scope of Agreement**

**APRDP Summer Research Program Begins**

Nearly 90 Chinese students have participated.

**Sino-U.S. Symposium on Translational Medicine and Clinical Trial is Held**

**First-Ever Joint Health Professions Doctoral Degree Program Offered to Chinese students supported by the China Scholarship Council (CSC).**
Asia Pacific Rim Development Program’s (APRDP) mission is to further develop UNMC’s position as a leader in scientific and medical education and research in the Asia-Pacific region. It strives to increase research scope and efficiency, provide meaningful exchange programs for faculty and students, and to foster friendships and cultural understanding, ultimately, improving health education, care and science in China, the US and worldwide.

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