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International exchange Program with China

We started an international exchange program in Public Health with Wuhan University in 2007. The office of Public Health Studies (OPHS) at the University of Hawaii has active ongoing exchange program with four key Universities in China, Wuhan University, Fudan University, Huazhong University of Sciences and Technology, Nanchang University.

The main objectives of this exchange program include:

- To enhance recognition that global health is public health
- To enhance Public Health Education at global level
- To promote international cooperation with China - the world most populated country

The activities of this exchange program cover:

- a) faculty and student exchange between the two schools,
- b) joint research and co-author publications,
- c) joint national and international meetings and conferences,
- d) development of credit transfer/articulation agreement at undergraduate and postgraduate level,
- e) joint educational programs.

More than 125 Chinese students and faculty have visited UHM and more than 80 UH students and faculty have visited China in last 10 years. They all have benefited from this international exchange program by developing research credentials and experience. In 2016 summer, a total of 17 students and 5 faculty participated this year's international exchange activities.

Over the past ten years, OPHS has worked with four leading schools of public health in China including Fudan and Wuhan Universities. Besides student and faculty exchange, research collaborations between OPHS and China have resulted in more than 50 peer-reviewed publications in environmental health, social and behavioral health, health policy & management, and epidemiology.

To further strengthen the UHM-China partnership, OPHS has recently established a fund called China-Hawaii Public Health Exchange Fund at the UH Foundation.

2016 UH-Fudan Public Health Summit

The OPHS hosted the first conference with China PH faculty: UH-Fudan Public Health Summit UH during September 26-28 of 2016. Eight faculty members from Fudan and Wuhan Universities, including Wen Chen, dean of Fudan University School of Public Health, attended the Summit at Jefferson Hall of the East-West Center. UH President David Lassner, Dean Noreen Mokuau, and Director Kathryn Braun gave opening

remarks, emphasizing the value of and their support for international exchange and collaborations. More than 50 UH faculty and students joined the meeting.

The main purpose of the Summit is to highlight and promote academic exchange and research between UH Mānoa and China. Summit speakers shared country views on health policy and reform, aging, environmental degradation, and global health challenges - important areas of public health.

During the Summit, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa signed a new agreement with Fudan University for 2016-2021. The new UH-Fudan agreement renews the decade-long collaboration between the two schools and also formalizes a BS/MS fast track program, also called the 4+2 program: Bachelor's students in preventive medicine study for 4 years at Fudan, and then pursue a fast-track master's degree in public health at UH Mānoa. This agreement will increase the number of outstanding international students attending UH Manoa.

The next PH summit meeting will be hosted in Shanghai by SPH of Fudan University in October 2017 and some OPHS faculty will attend the meeting. The OPHS and SPH of Fudan University plan to continue our annual PH submit to enhance international cooperation and partnerships on global health.