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July 23, 2018

Matthew Szymanski
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Dear Matthew:

I have enjoyed meeting with you and your small groups of Chinese law students these past few summers. The breadth of your network of U.S. Government participants, and the extent of your immersion of the students in U.S. legal and cultural activities, ensure the students take away lasting impressions of Americans, our leaders, and our rule of law. Those impressions could become critical to future U.S.-China relations as your students become leaders in their various spheres.

I remember the origins of this program in the early-to-mid 2000s, when you were managing the Small Business Committee and the U.S.-China Exchange for the House and I was serving as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer in China. You brought to China many delegations of U.S. lawmakers and aides, including unique intergovernmental staff delegations composed of aides of the House, Senate, and Administration. In all the time we worked together, I saw your passion to understand China and to help American policymakers understand China. A large part of your effort centered on events involving Chinese college students, as reflections of the present and leaders of the future.

I commend you and USAI for this D.C. Program for Chinese law students, and for your China Program for U.S. law students. I understand the D.C. Program just completed its 11th annual session and the China Program its 3rd annual session. I wish you and USAI the best with both.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan Thornton".

Susan A. Thornton
Acting Assistant Secretary of State
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October 13, 2016

Mr. J. Matthew Szymanski
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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

I have enjoyed meeting your Chinese law students over the past two summers. They demonstrated a keen knowledge and interest in the legal and political system of the United States. As future leaders, they can help China further develop its own rules-based system of government, promoting greater freedom and prosperity in China as well as predictability and reliability in international commerce and trade. Such a result would benefit both of our countries.

I wish you and the U.S.-Asia Institute continued success with this program.

Sincerely,

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Bruce H. Andrews

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September 15, 2016

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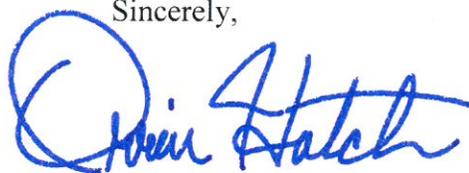
Dear Mr. Szymanski:

I enjoyed meeting with you and several law students from China this past summer. I congratulate you and the US-Asia Institute (USAI) for hosting future leaders of China each summer and for introducing them to leaders in our own country and to our system of government.

I was happy to be part of the first day of your ninth program, along with Justice Samuel Alito, and to continue a tradition in the Office of the Senate President Pro Tempore. My predecessor Daniel Inouye met with your students over several summers in the Pro Tem Office.

I also am pleased to hear that you and USAI launched a reciprocal program this summer, with two bilingual law students from the University of Virginia spending two weeks in China meeting with students, professors, and officials. I hope this program will grow in future years.

Sincerely,



Orrin Hatch
Senate President Pro Tempore



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AMBASSADOR

March 7, 2012

Mr. J. Matthew Szymanski
Senior Advisor, US-Asia Institute
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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

Thank you for your letter introducing the Szymanski Rule of Law program. The goals you outline in your letter are consistent with U.S. government efforts to promote the rule of law in China and capacity building in the Chinese legal and judicial communities. I commend you for your service in volunteering to teach at Chinese universities and for your efforts to promote awareness of the U.S. legal system among Chinese law students. Such initiatives support the shared U.S.-China commitment, expressed in the January 19, 2011 joint statement by President Obama and President Hu Jintao, to strengthen cooperation in the field of law and promote exchanges on the rule of law. I wish you every success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Locke".

Gary Locke

DANIEL K. INOUYE
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March 1, 2012

Mr. Matthew Szymanski
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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

It has been a pleasure meeting with you and law students from China over the past few years. I have found the students to be very engaging, well-informed, and eager to apply the knowledge they have gained through this invaluable experience to the development of China's legal system.

I commend you on founding a rule of law immersion program that brings law students from China to the United States. During the course of this program, the Chinese law students build connections and relationships with the citizens of the U.S. It is this person-to-person connection that garners lasting impressions and is a vital component to the promotion of international cooperation and increased U.S.-China interactions.

The steady rise in the number of participants each year shows the importance of continuing this program. I am pleased that the U.S.-Asia Institute (USAI) will manage the new Szymanski Rule of Law Program and support its sustained expansion. I wish you and the USAI continued success.

Aloha,



DANIEL K. INOUYE
President Pro Tempore
United States Senate

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February 28, 2012

Matthew Szymanski
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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

I am writing on behalf of CAPT John Meier, USN and myself, as faculty members of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, as a follow-on to participating in your summer program for Chinese law students in Washington, D.C.

We welcomed the opportunity to meet with Carol, Adam, Sarah, Megan, Cheryl, Colin and Teresa last summer. ICAF, and the National Defense University as a whole, seek to engage in a wide variety of outreach programs – meeting with your students was a splendid opportunity for all. We appreciated their interest and questions, and hope they returned to China better informed on the rule of law and an expanded understanding of aspects of the U.S. government.

On behalf of ICAF's Electronics Industry Study program, we look forward to continuing to support your efforts to develop this worthwhile program.

Sincerely,



CAPT Fred Drummond, USN
Assistant Professor
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February 14, 2012

Mr. Matthew Szymanski
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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

I am writing in support of your summer program for Chinese law students in Washington, D.C.

It was a pleasure to meet with you and six of your law students in my office last summer. The students were impressive, full of curiosity, and offered intelligent questions about the American rule of law system. The depth and clear understanding demonstrated by those questions was refreshing and bodes well for future cooperation between the United State and China. I hope your students represent a trend among young professionals in China's law and government offices.

I look forward to seeing your program develop further.

Sincerely yours,

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Cameron F. Kerry

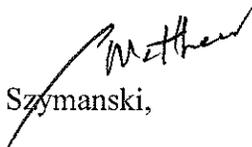


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July 12, 2011

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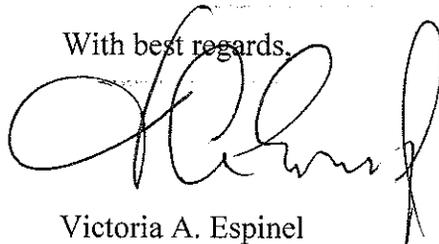

Dear Mr. Szymanski,

It was my pleasure to meet with you and your students last week. It was encouraging to speak with students who have a genuine enthusiasm for the law and learning.

The program that you have established is valuable in enabling future leaders of China to interact with the legal and political systems of the United States. As President Obama stated during President Hu's visit to the United States last January, cooperation between our nations is good for the United States, for China, and for the global community. I sincerely appreciate your work in executing such a successful program and furthering such critical efforts.

Please be assured that I will continue to support initiatives that strengthen cooperation between the United States and China. I wish you continued success in your endeavors.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria A. Espinel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "E".

Victoria A. Espinel
U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator



Embassy of the United States of America

Beijing, China

May 6, 2011

Mr. J. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President for Corporate Relations
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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

Thank you for letting me know about the volunteer teaching you are doing at Chinese universities. In addition to your commendable work in China, your rule of law immersion program in Washington, D.C. sounds like an excellent opportunity for students to experience the American legal system first-hand, and have face-to-face interaction with our country's legislators. I'm glad to hear you're able to continue and expand the program this year, with six Chinese law students going to the United States for a month this summer. This will not only benefit the students themselves, but will also deepen understanding between our two countries in this important area.

Exchanges are an integral part of our bilateral relationship and I wish you continued success in your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Wang".

Robert Wang
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

RICHARD J. DURBIN
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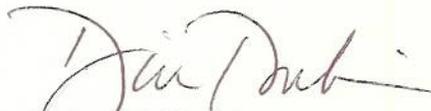
Dear Mr. Szymanski:

Thank you for contacting my office to update me about your cultural exchange program with Chinese law students. Through your efforts, each summer a handful of Chinese law students have the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. and learn firsthand about American government and our rule of law.

Cultural exchanges serve to broaden the horizons of all participants by exposing them to new traditions, languages, ideas, history, and etiquette. Experiences such as these encourage creativity, cross-cultural communication skills, and a better understanding of the important values in other societies. Exposing Chinese students to our legal system offers them a different perspective of government and fosters critical thinking skills. This type of international exchange enables greater understanding between China and the United States and improves our ongoing dialogue.

I wish you the best of luck in this and all your future endeavors.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON DC 20590

February 10, 2011

Mr. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President for Corporate Relations
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THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Dear Mr. Szymanski:

It was my pleasure to meet with you, Sarah Sun, Brad Liu, and Rains Xiao last summer. I was also pleased to learn that they met with many other representatives of our Government and attended many legislative and judicial proceedings. Such close interaction with established legal systems can help China further develop its own governmental processes while strengthening the relationships between American leaders and the future leaders of China.

I enjoyed visiting with your students, and I wish you continued success with this innovative and important program.

Sincerely yours,

Ray LaHood

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Ray LaHood", is written over the typed name.



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December 20, 2010

Matthew Szymanski
No. 66, Lane 168, Qingtong Road
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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

I write to commend you for initiating a program that enables outstanding law students from China to travel to be exposed first-hand to key actors in America's legal system.

Here at the Peking University School of Transnational Law, our students have an opportunity to receive a legal education that is modeled on the education offered at American law schools. Naturally, they are very curious to learn more about our legal system and the people who make it work. Your program creates an invaluable opportunity, one that few students at American law schools receive: the opportunity to sit down and speak with key figures in each of the three branches of American government.

I believe that the relationship between the U.S. and China is the world's most important bilateral relationship in the twenty-first century. Your program makes an admirable contribution to strengthening that relationship. I very much hope that, in the future, STL students will be among those who have the good fortune to participate in it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey S. Lehman".

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June 9, 2010

Mr. Matthew Szymanski
SMIC, 18 Zhang Jiang Road
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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

I am writing to commend your volunteer program for introducing Chinese law students to the American legal system in Washington, D.C.

I enjoyed meeting two such students last summer, Catherine Sun and Emily Chang. I also was glad to hear they met with many other representatives of our three branches of national government and attended legislative and judicial proceedings. Such interaction with established legal systems may help China further develop its own.

I have often said that if a picture is worth a thousand words, experiencing something in person is worth a thousand pictures. International exchanges allow people from all nations a chance to better understand our global neighbors.

Sincerely,



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May 19, 2010

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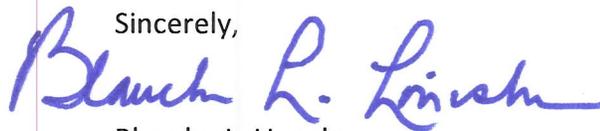
Dear Mr. Szymanski,

I am writing in recognition of your program to introduce and expose Chinese law students to the United States government and legal system.

It was a pleasure for my staff to have met last summer with your students, Catherine Sun and Emily Chang, and I am hopeful they found the meeting beneficial and informative. In addition to interacting with legislators and their staff and learning more about the official role of Members of Congress, I am encouraged that your students also had the opportunity to meet with Executive Branch officials, judges and prosecutors, and to witness live judicial proceedings. I am hopeful that these experiences have broadened their perspectives and will serve them well as they pursue careers in law.

I encourage you to continue your important work in support of the development of China's legal system, and I wish you continued success with this valuable program.

Sincerely,



Blanche L. Lincoln

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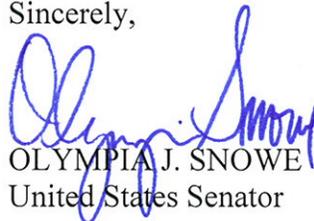
I am writing to recognize your rule of law immersion program for Chinese law students in Washington, D.C.

In fact, last summer I was pleased to welcome two such students, Emily Chang and Catherine Sun, to my Senate office. I understand they were able to meet several other Members of Congress during their time here, and gained firsthand experience with our legislative and judicial proceedings.

It was truly encouraging to meet women who are enthusiastic about legal and public service opportunities in China, and I will certainly be following your efforts with interest.

Please be assured that I will continue to support initiatives that seek to improve cooperation in the field of law between the U.S. and China. I look forward to meeting more Chinese students in the future.

Sincerely,



OLYMPIA J. SNOWE
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March 31, 2010

Mr. J. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President for Corporate Relations
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Dear Mr. Szymanski,

I want to congratulate you on the successful programs you have arranged in recent years for Chinese law students in Washington. These programs are invaluable in providing Chinese students the opportunity to learn more about the legal system in the United States, including the role of Congress in formulating laws.

Strengthening the rule of law is important to the many U.S. companies now operating in China and critical to China's own political development. We view it as a key U.S. Government priority in China and greatly appreciate private sector efforts such as yours working to improve improve China's legal system.

I hope that you continue to expand your initiative. As U.S.-China relations become more important every day, programs such as yours can play a very positive role in contributing to the healthy development of this critical bilateral relationship.

Sincerely,

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Beatrice Camp
Consul General

March 1, 2010

Matthew Szymanski
Vice President
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Dear Matthew:

It has been a great pleasure working with you on the summer training program for Chinese law students in Washington, D.C. I hope the program can now grow and be institutionalized.

Zheng Zhenhua was good test case last summer and Emily Chang and Catherine Sun were able participants this summer. I enjoyed meeting them all and helping to guide their experience.

Their itineraries were as comprehensive as a 30-day program could allow. For Catherine and Emily, it meant legislative branch meetings with 20 lawmakers and more than 20 senior staff from leadership, committee, and personal offices, congressional commissions, and support agencies. It also included executive and judicial branch meetings with more than a dozen current and former officials.

For future programs, however, I recommend more emphasis on interaction with the judiciary, which has a primary role in developing and enforcing rule of law in the United States.

It was good that Catherine and Emily could spend significant periods of time at the U.S. Supreme Court observing the Justices in action, at D.C. Superior Court viewing local prosecutors in action, and at U.S. District Court and D.C. Superior Court viewing two of its most prominent judges in action.

I accompanied Catherine and Emily for the latter event and can attest to its impact on them. District Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle took the time to explain her judicial role, discuss the judicial proceedings Catherine and Emily observed, and debrief them during a casual lunch afterwards.

If Catherine and Emily were to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Zheng and dozens of his graduate law school classmates, they soon will become judges. For such future Chinese judges, the most beneficial interactions are with the U.S. judiciary, and more such experiences are needed in future programs.

Sincerely,

/ S /

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

February 19, 2010

Matthew Szymanski
No. 66, Lane 168, Qingtong Road
Shanghai, China 201210

Dear Mr. Szymanski:

I am writing to recognize your program for introducing Chinese law students to the U.S. legal system. My office was happy to help receive Zheng Zhenhua in 2008 and Catherine Sun and Emily Chang in 2009.

As you know, the students were met by my longtime Chief of Staff, Paula Nowakowski, who sadly has passed away. It is a tribute to Paula's commitment to U.S. - China relations and the rule of law that she spent so much time with the students, explaining the role of a House leadership office in our constitutional, multi-party system. Paula knew this role well, having managed my leadership offices in both the majority and minority. The students could see how political competition can fuel policy development as surely as commercial competition fuels economic growth. China can unleash innovative policies through competition in the marketplace of ideas.

I understand the students met with many lawmakers, judges, prosecutors, and staff, and attended legislative and court proceedings. Such practical experience can help them develop China's own legal system, as many of them soon become judges, prosecutors, and lawmakers. I was pleased to learn that Mr. Zheng has received a judicial appointment.

We look forward to meeting more of your Chinese law students in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John A. Boehner".

John A. Boehner



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6502

February 4, 2010

Mr. Matthew Szymanski
No. 66, Lane 168, Qingtong Road
Shanghai, China 201210

Dear Mr. Szymanski:

I am writing to affirm your volunteer efforts to teach law at Chinese universities and send some of your students to Washington, D.C. to observe America's legal system.

I met two such students, Catherine Sun and Emily Chang, last summer. I understand they also met many other representatives of our national legal system and observed official proceedings. Such first-hand exposure to international legal systems can only help China further develop its own.

As President Obama shared with university students in Shanghai last fall, we can learn much from each other. Rule of law exchanges are ideal vehicles for improving mutual understanding and problem-solving. Accordingly, the Joint Statement of Presidents Obama and Hu commits both countries to greater "cooperation in the field of law and exchanges on the rule of law."

I am happy to support such exchanges and meet more Chinese students in the future. With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steny Hoyer".

STENY H. HOYER

JAMES P. MORAN
8TH DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

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November 30, 2009

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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

I applaud your efforts to introduce Chinese students to western legal concepts and rule of law. I was also pleased to meet with two of your Chinese students, Emily Chang and Catherine Sun, this last summer. They are bright individuals who are destined to be among China's future leaders. During our meeting, I could tell that their visit to the United States and their meetings with other Members of Congress, judges, and lawyers, and attendance at congressional and judicial proceedings have had a positive impact and broadened their perspectives.

Exchanges like the one you have initiated reinforce my optimism that the differences between the U.S. and China can be resolved, and we can share in a prosperous and productive future. Your efforts are clearly at the forefront of what President Obama and Hu Jintao envision as reflected in their recent joint statement that "The United States and China agreed that promoting cooperation in the field of law and exchanges on the rule of law serves the interests and needs of the citizens and governments of both countries."

Please continue with your efforts and feel free to direct more of your students to my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Moran". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

James Moran

August 12, 2009

Mr. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President for Corporate Relations
SMIC
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Shanghai, China 201203

Dear Matthew:

Thank you for organizing the meeting with Catherine Sun at the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy this past June.

It was a pleasure having the opportunity to meet and chat with Ms. Sun, who was a participant in the program you developed to help Chinese law students observe the U.S. legal system first hand. I was particularly impressed with her understanding of the U.S. legal, legislative and regulatory systems. She asked probing questions and was quite engaging.

Over the years, I have met with numerous delegations from China; however none have come to us as well prepared and well informed as Ms. Sun. This is a tribute to the success and value of your program and a testament to the quality of the students who participate. The exposure you gave her to a multitude of high-level government officials will surely be instrumental in furthering the understanding of the U.S. system in China. The need for this type of program is critical in the age of globalization. There are clear advantages to creating an environment where best practices and lessons learned can be exchanged.

I urge you to continue your efforts, and I would be very happy to host future visitors from your program. Please extend my best wishes to Ms. Sun for a successful future.

Sincerely,



Shawne Carter McGibbon
Acting Chief Counsel for Advocacy



April 27, 2009

J. Matthew Szymanski, Esq.
Vice President Corporate Relations
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People's Republic of China

Dear Matt,

Thank you for asking me to be a part of the legal student exchange summer program between the United States and students of East China University of Political Science and Law. Programs such as yours are critical not only to China's future, but to the future of the United States as well. A better understanding of the cultural, political, and other complex issues that come into play with the implementation of the rule of law will hopefully allow our two countries to forge a stronger relationship as we both better understand each other.

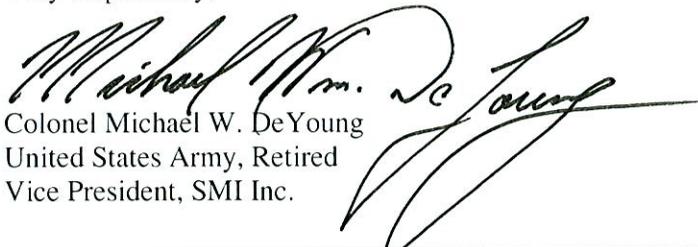
As a career military officer I had the privilege to serve my country both here in the United States and abroad. While serving overseas I had the opportunity to meet many incredible people from senior foreign officials to the so-called "man on the street." The people I met and the relationships we forged were the highlight of my twenty-seven year career.

My last assignment was Chief, United States Army Liaison to the U.S. House of Representatives. In this capacity you and I worked closely together and traveled on many overseas trips, a number of which were to China. Your passion and commitment to the Chinese people and stronger U.S.-China relations is without peer. Sharing your knowledge and understanding on the many aspects of Chinese culture, history, and politics was much appreciated and made me a better Army officer. Our friendship and the friendships we developed in Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing, and cities and towns all over China made me a better person.

During our China trips I met many special people. They were proud to be Chinese citizens and of China's role in the world; however, many also believed that China could only realize her full potential if there were stronger U.S.-China relations. They said Americans were so lucky because of the rights and freedoms we are granted by our Constitution, legal system, and way of life. They asked questions in order to better understand these ideals. While I did my best to answer their questions, your program gives students unprecedented access to U.S. lawmakers and senior government officials which is critical to better understanding given the complexity of political and cultural issues in both countries. You are to be strongly commended for your efforts on behalf of the students of East China University of Political Science and Law and other Chinese.

Best wishes to you and your students. Please let me know how I can assist in such a worthy endeavor.

Very respectfully,


Colonel Michael W. DeYoung
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April 22, 2009

Matthew Szymanski
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Dear Matthew:

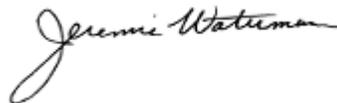
On behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express our support for your legal exchange program between the United States and China. These exchanges help promote mutual understanding and advance the development of China's legal system.

The Chamber appreciated the opportunity to host your Chinese law student, Zheng Zhenhua, last summer in Washington, D.C. We understand that Zhenhua met with many U.S. members of Congress, judges, lawyers, business people, and other stakeholders in the U.S. legal system as well as observed many congressional and judicial proceedings. Our Chamber is pleased to learn that you hope to send three law students to Washington this summer for a similar experience.

This exchange program in the United States will augment the law students' education with lasting impressions of legal players and institutions. This experience also can have an immediate impact as these law students quickly fill key roles in China's rapidly expanding legal system. Moreover, such programs can help foster greater political cooperation, closer economic ties, and mutual understanding between our two countries.

An established rule of law in China will help promote a more stable, predictable, and transparent business environment and will also help serve as a means to resolving business, legal, and political disputes. American business, workers, and investors will benefit from this important effort. We wish you success in expanding your program.

Best regards,



Jeremie Waterman
Senior Director, Greater China

United States Senate

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April 21, 2009

Mr. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President for Corporate Relations
Semiconductor Manufacturing
International Corporation
18 Zhang Jiang Road, #6145
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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

You have my best wishes for the summer program you are developing for Chinese law students in Washington, D.C.

I am pleased to learn about your work in Shanghai as an adjunct teacher at a local law school and the development of a program to expose your students to America's rule of law system. According to the letters of current and former U.S. officials who met with your student last summer, participating students meet public servants from all three branches of the U.S. Government and observe many congressional and judicial proceedings, often guided by the presiding officers or their staffs.

Such experiences for these law students cannot help but bring to life their study of the rule of law, further supporting the development of China's legal system. I understand how important these efforts are to encourage bilateral relations between the United States and China. I wish you continued success and growth of the program.

Sincerely,



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March 31, 2009

Mr. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President, Corporate Relations
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Dear Matthew:

It was a pleasure meeting with your student, Zheng Zhenhua, last summer in Washington, D.C. As someone who has worked for many years on trade and broader issues involving US-China relations, in the private sector and in the US government, I appreciate the importance of these exchanges.

I am pleased to learn that you plan to expand this program to a larger group of students from China in the coming year. This program, and your prior work in the US Congress coordinating exchanges between Chinese officials and US Members of Congress and staff, provides valuable insights to participants from both countries. Giving law students from China the opportunity for first-hand exposure to the workings of the US legal and political system will build their understanding of US politics and legal norms and lay the groundwork for a stronger US-China relationship, particularly as these students move on to prominent positions in business and government in China.

I wish you success in developing this program and look forward to meeting more of your students in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Ohrenstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent.

David J. Ohrenstein
Director, Public Policy and Emerging Markets

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-3213

March 25, 2009

Matthew Szymanski
Vice President
SMIC
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Dear Matthew:

It is always a pleasure working with you on U.S.-China relations, including your legal training program for Chinese law students in Washington, D.C. Zheng Zhenhua was an excellent text case, and I enjoyed meeting him last summer and explaining our legislative system to him.

Several years ago, You and I worked closely together on the Speaker's U.S.-China Interparliamentary Exchange. At the time, I was chief of staff for Representative Joe Crowley who, in addition to other leadership roles, was vice-chairman of the Exchange. We made it our goal to help U.S. and Chinese policymakers understand each other and work together solving difficult problems. Given the political and cultural complexity of issues in the U.S.-China relationship, and the tendency for misunderstanding, the need for a common framework for problem-solving became clear to all concerned.

Rule of law is that framework. As China rapidly expands its law schools, lawyer organizations, courts, and legislatures, it is developing a rule of law system. This system will provide the means to address many of the most difficult issues in the U.S.-China relationship.

As someone who has worked on Capitol Hill for over 12 years, having served lawmakers from Majority Leader Steny Hoyer to new member Mike McMahon, I will be delighted to help you develop your program further, including meeting with your students again and helping you arrange other useful meetings and events.

Sincerely,



Chris McCannell
Chief of Staff

PAUL WILKINSON

March 24, 2009

Mr. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President for Corporate Relations
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Dear Matthew,

Thank you very much for organizing the meeting with Zheng Zhenhua last summer at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

It was a particular pleasure to welcome Mr. Zheng to the SEC after having had the opportunity to discuss national and international capital markets regulation with officials from the China Securities Regulatory Commission in Beijing and Washington, D.C. Mr. Zheng and I spoke about the U. S. regulatory system and the global principles that support capital formation. The series of meetings you arranged for him during his visit will be an important foundation for his legal service to the people of China.

Expanding your summer program for law students from China to visit the United States is a wonderful idea that will benefit China and the United States alike. As globalization proceeds, it is essential that our nations understand each other's legal systems well. Mr. Zheng's visit and future visits will help achieve that goal.

Please let me know if you need assistance with the program in the future.

Sincerely,



Paul Wilkinson
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Matthew Szymanski
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Dear Matthew:

I was glad to support your law student program in Washington, D.C. last summer for Mr. Zheng Zhenhua, including arrangements for him to meet judges and see the American judicial system in action. My six years as chief of staff for the House Judiciary Committee reinforced to me daily the importance of strengthening rule of law domestically and around the world.

The Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Contract Appeals Board spent a good deal of time with Mr. Zheng and introduced him to Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, who met with Mr. Zheng and then invited him into his courtroom to observe proceedings in a case. Such experiences will shape Mr. Zheng, who in turn will shape the development of China's own legal system.

From our many years working together on Capitol Hill, I know we share a commitment to the rule of law. I am happy you can share that commitment and passion with your Chinese law students, and remain willing to support in that effort.

Sincerely,



Philip G. Kiko

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March 23, 2009

Mr. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President for Corporate Relations
SMIC: Semiconductor Manufacturing Int'l Corp.
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Dear Matthew:

As a long-time foreign relations professional and lawyer who concluded his congressional career as Staff Director of the House of Representatives Committee on International Relations, I had the privilege of hosting countless foreign visitors in informal conversations in Washington – in my office, over a meal, or while experiencing together some aspect of life in our national capital. I also had the opportunity to participate in international exchanges as a visitor. At their best, these experiences allowed a free exchange of ideas and contributed significantly to mutual understanding.

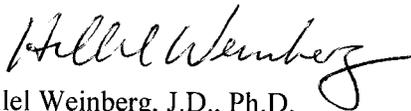
In the case of Chinese students that you and your academic colleagues in Shanghai are helping prepare for leadership positions, you are already doing the most challenging work by planting seeds of understanding. It is important, however, that Americans join in your efforts and help these young leaders understand our country by spending time with them – and also to take the rare opportunity to learn what young Chinese people are thinking. That is why I look forward to meeting the students you will be sending to Washington this year.

I want to thank you for introducing me to your student Zheng Zhenhua last summer and making it possible for me to spend time with such an outstanding young man. Our visit last year took place on a weekend. We spent time visiting landmarks and other sites in Washington, D.C. and simply getting to know one another.

Your program did more than introduce Zhenhua to American culture. I know he was able to meet dozens of players in the American rule of law system from all three branches of government. More than that, he was able to observe many of these players in action, often guided personally by their staffs. This was priceless experience that will help guide Zhenhua's development as a legal professional and a potential leader in Chinese society.

You and I got to know one another as colleagues on Capitol Hill; as a friend and mentor on China, you helped open the door to that country for me. I also know and deeply appreciate your commitment to U.S.-China relations. The law student program to which you show such dedication is a further demonstration of that commitment. I wish you every success with the program, and remain available to help you.

Sincerely,



Hillel Weinberg, J.D., Ph.D.



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March 6, 2009

Dear Matthew,

I applaud your efforts to develop and expand this important educational exchange program. It was a pleasure to meet you when you briefly hosted the Foundation's Policymakers delegation in Shanghai, and I was very pleased to learn about the objectives and accomplishments of your summer program in Washington, DC.

In the coming years, China will be a dominant global force for economic development, national security, and peace. As the country continues its meteoric rise, its ability to develop a strong judicial system based on the principles of the Rule of Law will become increasingly important to continued domestic economic growth and political stability. Your program will equip China's future legal experts with the knowledge and experience they will need to confront the challenges they will face while continuing to emphasize the importance of mutual cooperation and understanding between the U.S. and China.

I wish you luck in further developing the program and look forward to hearing about its many successes.

Warmest regards,

Ernestine Wang, PhD
Director of Programs

STEVE KING
5TH DISTRICT, IOWA



March 5, 2009

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Mr. J. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President, Corporate Relations
SMIC
18 Zhang Jiang Road
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Dear Mr. Szymanski,

I would like to congratulate you on having an successful legal exchange program this past summer. Your program provided Mr. Zheng ZhenHua with a great opportunity to explore the capital of the United States and learn the principles of America's legal and political systems. As a Member of Congress and member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, it is my hope that I was able to provide Mr. ZhenHua with helpful insight into the legislative branch. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet with Mr. ZhenHua and discuss his perspective on American law and politics.

I believe international exchange programs play an important role in developing and improving U.S.-China relations. The East China University of Political Science and Law summer program is a great example of what other graduate schools should do to encourage students to engage in a cross-cultural study of the rule of law. I commend you on your efforts and your initiative to create this program. I encourage you to expand this program so that more students can participate and gain the invaluable knowledge and understanding of the American legal system in Washington, D.C.

I look forward to the program's development and working with you again in the future. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Steve King
Member of Congress



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

March 5, 2009

Matthew Szymanski
Vice President
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Dear Matthew:

Thank you again for meeting with my U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) delegation in Shanghai last year.

In my prior government service as an associate administrator of the SBA and deputy chief of staff for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, I learned how vital U.S.-China relations are to virtually every aspect of American life, including millions of small businesses trying to compete in an increasingly globalized economy.

Development of China's rule of law seems to be the key. Therefore, I was happy to help support the Washington, D.C. visit of your law student, Zheng Zhenhua, last summer, and wish you success in expanding the program for this summer and future years.

Sincerely,

Anoop Prakash

Mr. J. Matthew Szymanski
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February 24, 2009

Dear Mr. Szymanski,

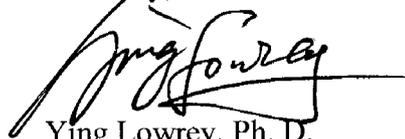
Congratulations on the brilliant program that you initiated and organized last summer in Washington, D.C. for Mr. Zheng Zhenhua, one of your graduate students at East China University of Political Science and Laws. The exposure you gave him to leading officials in the United States legal community is innovative and instrumental to helping China's further understanding of the United States rule-making system and process.

Considering of the Mr. Zheng's visit as a successful pilot trial, I wholeheartedly support your plans to institutionalize this exchange into a long-term program. Such exchanges between the United States and China are essential to deepening the understanding between our two countries and will help China further develop its legal system, with its own characteristics, by its own expertise, but in light of American experiences and lessons.

I am economist specialized in the study of entrepreneurial role in the macroeconomy. While innovation of goods and services is important, institutional innovation is vital to improving economic wellbeing. You have been tenaciously endeavoring to create institutional settings for effectively achieving the goal of your programs. I am confident that your effort in institutionalizing the long-term exchange program between the United State and China legal communities will have immense peace and prosperity implications across the world.

Best wishes to the further success of your program.

Sincerely,



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February 23, 2009

Mr. J. Matthew Szymanski
Vice president, Corporate Relations
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18 Zhang Jiang Road
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Dear Matthew:

I am delighted to learn that your important Washington, DC, summer intern program will continue this year. I understand that Zheng Zhenhua's, the scholar from East China University of Political Science and Law, had an excellent experience last summer, meeting House and Senate members, judges and lawyers, and attending congressional hears, court trials including oral arguments presented to the Supreme Court.

I understand that you are hoping to bring three students from China to Washington, DC, this summer. This is an outstanding opportunity for Chinese law students to learn about our legal and political system. It will provide them with experience and knowledge that can only enhance their ability to work across both cultures, fostering stronger relations between the United States and China.

Congratulations on your success with this program.

Sincerely yours,

William C. Kirby



February 23, 2009

Matthew Szymanski
Vice President, Corporate Relations
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18 Zhangjiang Rd, Pudong
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Dear Matthew:

I enjoyed meeting your law student, Mr. Zheng Zhenhua, in Washington, D.C. last summer. At the time, I was serving the Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr. as Managing Director for China and the Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED) between the United States and China. Mr. Zheng was keen to learn about the role of the Treasury Department in the American system and the role of this high level dialogue in the relationship between our two governments. It was a pleasure to meet such an impressive young man who undoubtedly will have a bright future.

Having lived and studied in China for 8 of my 25-year relationship with the country, and having devoted much of my career to promoting mutual understanding and stability in U.S.-China relations, I strongly support exchange programs such as yours. Last summer provided more than legal training for Mr. Zheng. It created lasting impressions of the American people and culture.

I wish you success in further developing this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Wright", written in a cursive style.

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February 17, 2009

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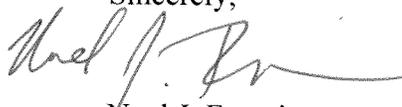
Dear Matthew:

I was happy to support the program for your Chinese law student in Washington, D.C. last summer. Zheng Zhenhua was able to tour the Supreme Court and observe the justices at work in formal proceedings. He learned a great deal about the role of the United States judiciary and its highest court.

Having served in legal capacities at the Supreme Court, White House, and Justice Department, I know the importance of rule of law to the United States, and believe it is equally important to nations around the world. Your program for Chinese law students will help them contribute to the development of their own legal system.

Your program is timely and worthwhile. Please contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Noel J. Francisco



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February 2, 2009

J. Matthew Szymanski, Esq.
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Peoples Republic of China

Dear Mr. Szymanski:

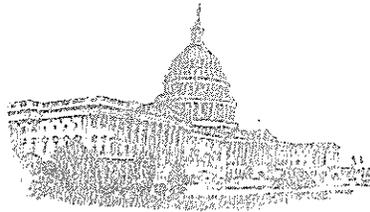
I wanted to write this letter in support of your summer program in the District of Columbia for graduate law students at ECUPL. Particularly in these times, I think the program is an immensely valuable bridge for building better mutual understanding between our countries.

I believe it is also crucial to China's future to strengthen the understanding and implementation of the rule of law. Programs such as the one you designed are an important way to accomplish this, and I think your efforts in furthering this type of understanding are commendable. I believe the continuation and expansion of this initiative will also foster a stronger U.S. – China relationship.

You have my best wishes for success as you further develop and enhance this program.

Sincerely,

Willy C. Shih



U.S. CONGRESSMAN LOUIE GOHMERT

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Mr. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President for Corporate Relations
Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp.
OS1-6th Floor, Room 6145
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Dear Matthew,

Congratulations on having a thriving summer program in Washington, D.C. for Mr. Zheng ZhenHua, a graduate law student from East China University of Political Science and Law. It was a pleasure meeting him and helping guide his journey in the American legal system.

As a lawmaker and former judge, it is my hope that similar programs will be institutionalized to encourage Chinese legal development and improve U.S.-China relations for the future. Such an experience cannot help but reinforce legal concepts that you and Professor Sun Chao have taught him at East China University of Political Science and Law. It is clear to me that Mr. ZhenHua hopes to contribute greatly with the education and information received during his meetings with members of the House and Senate, judges, lawyers, staff, and officials of the D.C. legal system.

You are doing a marvelous job in developing such a program that will lead to better justice for all as well as better relations between our two countries. Please keep up the great work and congratulate all the participants for me. I look forward to the program's development and appreciate your efforts. If I may be able to assist you in any way again, please not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

U.S. Congressman Louie Gohmert

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December 18, 2008

J. Matthew Szymanski, Esq.
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Dear Mr. Szymanski,

Thanks for describing your summer program in D.C. for graduate law students at ECUPL. It sounds like a very valuable idea.

It is essential to both countries that China has a corps of lawyers with a cross-cultural understanding of the American legal system. Such an understanding qualifies them to facilitate complex transactions between the two countries. It is also an important step in the effort to demonstrate to China the type of institutionalization that is required for a deep commitment to the rule of law. Giving China's best new lawyers an opportunity to observe the operation of the American system close up and to meet American lawyers and officials will make a major contribution to accomplishing these goals.

Sincerely,



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Bradley Knox
Second Vice President
Counsel, Federal Relations

December 2, 2008

Mr. J. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President, Corporate Relations
SMIC
18 Zhang Jiang Road
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Shanghai 201203

Dear Mr. Szymanski:

Congratulations to you on the successful and valuable program you organized this past summer in Washington, D.C. for Mr. Zheng Zhenhua. It was immediately clear upon meeting him that he is one of your top graduate students at East China University of Political Science and Law.

Although I only had limited time to spend with him, Mr. Zheng truly impressed me with both his knowledge of and curiosity about our legal and political system. He was able to enjoy one of the unique aspects of our political system – an annual dinner hosted by the President of the United States – as my special guest. During the pre-dinner reception, he had the chance to meet a number of Members of Congress, congressional staff, and industry representatives. This being his last, President George W. Bush used the opportunity to thank supporters for his time in office. Since we sat only a few rows away from the main stage, Mr. Zheng was able to take good pictures of President Bush during his talk.

Thank you for your efforts in putting this program together. It would be a pleasure to host future students that come through your program.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bradley Knox".

Bradley Knox, Esq.

November 21, 2008

Mr. J. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President for Corporate Relations
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18 Zhang Jiang Rd.
Pudong New Area, Shanghai 201203

Dear Mr. Szymanski,

Congratulations on the successful development and implementation of the program you designed this summer in Washington D.C. for Mr. Zheng Zhen-hua, a graduate law student at East China University of Political Science and Law. The program provided Mr. Zheng with an excellent opportunity to learn more about the legal system in the United States.

We appreciate your efforts in encouraging the development of China's legal system. Private sector programs such as yours are critical to China's own political development, and equally important to the many U.S. companies currently operating in China, including Honeywell.

This initiative is important for improving bilateral relationships in the legal areas of Intellectual Property and the Rule of Law. We hope to see a continued expansion of this program and wish you the best of luck in your endeavor.

Sincerely,



Eric Wagner
Government Relations
Honeywell International



November 20, 2008

Mr. J. Matthew Szymanski
Vice President, Corporate Relations
SMIC
18 Zhang Jiang Road
Pudong New Area, Shanghai 201203

Dear Mr. Szymanski:

We were very pleased to welcome Mr. Zheng Zhenhua to Washington D.C. this past summer as part of the rule of law initiative that you wisely implemented. The meetings and informal networking opportunities Mr. Zheng had in Washington were quite impressive, and hopefully, added to his knowledge and understanding of the role of the rule of law in society. We were glad to be part of this initial program, and look forward to working with you in welcoming other Chinese graduate students and law professionals in the future.

Like you, we feel it is crucial to China's future to strengthen the understanding and implementation of the rule of law in China. Programs, such as the one you designed, are an important way to accomplish this, and we commend your efforts. Helping these young Chinese professionals who will play a role in the future of the Chinese legal system is imperative. We fully endorse the continuation and expansion of this initiative as a top priority in the U.S. – China relationship.

Please let us know how we might help to facilitate the continuation of this important program. Best of luck!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Sue Bissell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Mary Sue Bissell
Vice President and Executive Director

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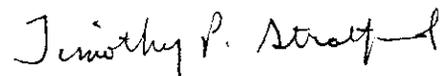
Dear Mr. Szymanski:

It is my pleasure to congratulate you on the successful legal exchange you organized this summer. I very much enjoyed meeting with Zheng Zhenhua, and I was pleased to learn more about your program's vision and impressive achievements to date.

Law has an increasingly important role to play in U.S.-China relations and in China's own economic and political development. Your timely program can contribute in a unique and meaningful way to the overall effort to supply future legal experts in China equipped to address the challenges that will inevitably arise. The experiences you have made possible for Chinese graduate students will undoubtedly go a long way in helping facilitate positive political and economic development in China while enhancing mutual understanding and engagement.

It is surely in our own interest to see programs like this continue and flourish. I wish you every success as you continue your important work in this area.

Sincerely,



Timothy P. Stratford
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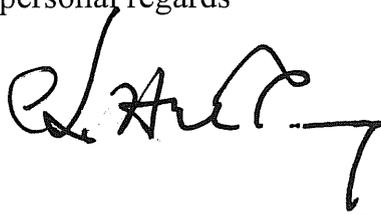
Mr Matthew Szymanski
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Dear Mr Szymanski

I have noted the program you organised for Mr Zheng Zhenhua in June this year. This type of exchange is very important in enhancing understanding between our two countries.

I support your effort in this direction in the future. But I also hope you will organise program in the other direction, organising Americans who wish to know China better and who can be a bridge in the future to visit China.

With kind personal regards



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October 27, 2008

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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

Heartfelt congratulations on your carefully planned and well executed program for Chinese graduate students. Your initiative is both relevant and increasingly important for my organization and its members. As China develops its franchising industry and as more American franchisors seek a share of its vast marketplace, legal issues influence much of the attractiveness of current opportunities as well as the market's overall potential.

The International Franchise Association and its member companies presently see great promise in China's franchising market. It is definitely in our interest to encourage expanded cooperation and increased legal exchanges that may support an ethical, growth-minded policy and regulatory environment for franchising in China. In view of these factors, I certainly support your plans to institutionalize this exchange into a long-term program.

I wish you every success in this pivotal undertaking.

Sincerely,

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Matthew R. Shay
President and CEO

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October 8, 2008

Matthew Szymanski
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Dear Matthew:

I applaud your efforts to create an exchange or internship program in Washington, DC for Chinese law students studying rule of law. The arrangements you made last summer for Zheng Zhenhua, one of our graduate students at East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL), were a great start.

To truly learn, students must experience things for themselves. The time that Zheng spent in congressional hearing rooms and judicial courtrooms--and in meetings with lawmakers, committee staff, agency officials, judges, lawyers, and others--brought to life the rule of law.

The social time he spent with many of your friends at their homes, movie theatres, restaurants, museums, churches, and historical landmarks was equally important in showing Zheng the nature of the United States and its people. I remember the impact such experiences had on me when I studied law at Georgetown University many years ago. My daughter is experiencing it right now as a first year law student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Such results flow from our teaching partnership at ECUPL. As you saw in the course evaluations by each of our students, they learned from the experiences you shared from your professional and personal life. Many students also noted your coming to class all wet despite heavy rain, holding class at your company and your home, and treating them to a homemade barbeque with your family. Nearly all commented on your passion for the rule of law. All such things make a lasting impression.

Matthew, we have been friends for many years. I appreciate your efforts not just because ECUPL is my alma mater, or because you are doing all this as an unpaid volunteer. What I appreciate most is your contribution to the greatest cause in my life: the development of the rule of law in China. In that cause, you have been a faithful partner.

Sincerely,



Professor Sun Chao
East China University of Political Science and Law

Added By Matthew: The below sidebar, "A Leader Who Listens," profiled Sun Chao as mayor of Shanghai's Xuhui District. The sidebar is part of a series of special reports on China by *Time* Magazine in 2005. This page (44) is part of the article, "Changing the Game in China," in the June 27, 2005 edition of *Time* (cover story: "China's New Revolution"). A year later, Mr. Sun was promoted to lead Shanghai's Minhang District (pop. 2,500,000). Formerly a career law professor, he still teaches part-time at East China University of Political Science & Law.

CHINA RISING

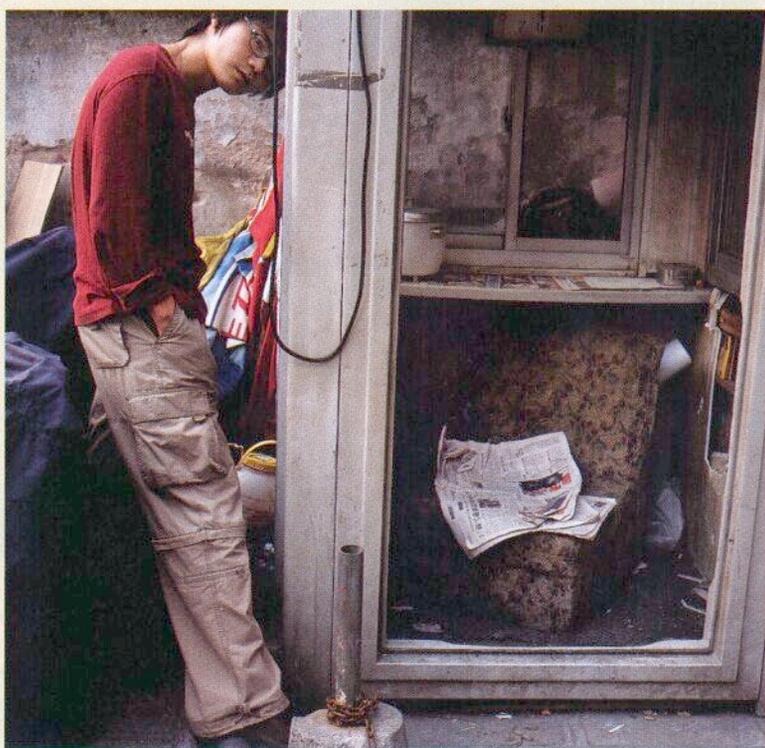
taboo issues like human rights and equality under the law. If he can champion the rights of AIDS patients, he reasons, then someday he may be able to do the same for gay men—or anyone else. Zhou dreams of representing a gay man in an antidiscrimination lawsuit, but so far, no plaintiffs are willing to brave the exposure. "Law and policy always involve compromise," he says, "and sometimes being a progressive means taking things one step at a time." —By Susan Jakes/Shanghai

GHOST WRITER

Bitter memories shape the way **Li Shasha**, one the nation's youngest best-selling authors, writes about the contradictions of modern China. Li's father left his village in Hunan province to toil in the southern factories that power the nation's export-led growth. When Li was 13, his father came to the school where he boarded. The watchman, apparently not believing that the shabby migrant could be a student's father, didn't let him in.

In many ways, Li embodies the Chinese dream: poor country boy works hard, becomes the only one from his school to go to college and makes it in the big city. But Li is concerned about those who didn't make it: the 100 million rural inhabitants—including his own parents—who have fled exorbitant taxes and dwindling agricultural prices and flooded the cities in search of work. Those migrants are what Li calls "ghosts in the

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city." "They have built the cities that China is proud of," he says, "but they are barely treated as human beings."

Li decided to write about their plight, and his accounts of the rural poor resonate with Chinese readers. This year he was nominated for the country's top literary award for debut authors. But China's publishers, wary of offending the censors, haven't been as encouraging. The first edition of Li's 2004 coming-of-age novel, *Red X*, quickly sold out, but there has not been a second printing. Li, 23, has refused the publisher's request to edit out what it called "morally offensive" passages. Li can't yet support his parents so that they can quit their factory jobs. "Maybe this year I can make enough money for them to retire," says Li. Then two ghosts will leave the city, but there will always be millions more to take their place.

—By Hannah Beech/Guangzhou

A LEADER WHO LISTENS

With its forest of neon-emblazoned high-rises, Shanghai's Xuhui district embodies the country's dazzling economic development. But Xuhui is profiting from an even rarer commodity: political reform. Led by district

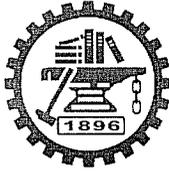
Mayor **Sun Chao**, Xuhui's nearly 1 million inhabitants can participate in town-hall-style meetings to discuss a wide range of concerns, such as an innovative parole program and the location of a new garbage dump. "Before, leaders just made decisions," Sun says. "Now we have public hearings to allow ordinary people to debate things." That idea may sound suspiciously like democracy. But Sun, a smooth-

talking constitutional-law expert who has lectured at Yale, isn't going that far. "It is science," he says, deftly sidestepping the issue. "We shouldn't trust ourselves, even if we have power. We should listen to others' opinions."

That is not your usual local Chinese politics. Sun, 49, with impeccable English and a press-the-flesh attitude, represents a new crop of Chinese leaders who are different from the previous, Soviet-trained generation, which issued edicts from behind a bamboo curtain. Although Sun and his brethren are hardly harbingers of a democratic revolution, they are aware that an increasingly economically savvy populace will demand more accountability. Hence Sun's pledge that his budgets will undergo an anti-corruption audit and his proud declaration that he has personally answered 10,000 e-mails from the public since taking office last year. The change is remarkable. Five years ago, many government offices didn't even have a phone number that citizens could call. There is no guarantee that leaders like Sun will one day rule China. But Sun is already making history. —By Hannah Beech/Shanghai



FRITZ HOFFMANN—DOCUMENTCHINA FOR TIME



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September 13, 2008

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Dear Matthew:

I have heard all about Zheng Zhenhua's visit to Washington, D.C. last summer. It was great that you could arrange such a high-level visit for one of the law students from our Saturday classes at East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL).

I strongly agree with the assessment of the U.S. Ambassador to China, who "wholeheartedly" supports "your plans to institutionalize this exchange into a long-term program."

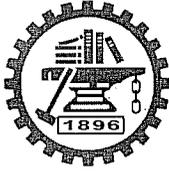
As you know, I sat in most of your classes at ECUPL last semester. I have a unique perspective on your efforts, since I studied law in both China and America and have known your co-instructor, Professor Sun Chao, for many years. Indeed, I studied law under Prof. Sun at ECUPL before completing my legal studies at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Throughout the semester, I observed your classroom interaction with Prof. Sun, your passion for teaching rule of law to the students, and your dedication to the students by holding class at your company and hosting an American-style BBQ at your home. I was so glad that some law students from my Jiaotong University were able to participate in your class as well.

But your summer program for Zhenhua went even further. By providing all the arrangements (including air fare) and now working to transform that experience into a regular summer program, you have proven your commitment to legal development in China and to China-U.S. relations. The intended beneficiaries of such a program are not only the participating students, but also the peoples of both countries.

I look forward to next semester and to your progress in developing the rule of law exchanges for our students. Let me know how I can help.

Sincerely,



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September 3, 2008

**CLARK T. RANDT, JR.
AMBASSADOR**

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Dear Mr. Szymanski:

I would like to congratulate you on the wonderful program that you organized this summer in Washington, D.C. for Mr. Zheng Zhenhua, one of your graduate students at East China University of Political Science and Law. The exposure you gave him to leading officials in the United States legal community is instrumental to helping China further understand the United States legal system.

In light of the success of Mr. Zheng's visit, I wholeheartedly support your plans to institutionalize this exchange into a long-term program.

These types of legal exchanges between the United States and China are critical to deepening the understanding between our two countries and will help China further develop its legal system.

With best wishes for a successful program, I am

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Clark T. Randt, Jr.".

Clark T. Randt, Jr.



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August 22, 2008

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Dear Mr. Szymanski,

Allow me to congratulate you on the successful program you arranged this summer in Washington, D.C. for Mr. Zheng Zhen-hua, one of your graduate law students at East China University of Political Science and Law. You provided Mr. Zheng with an excellent opportunity to learn more about the legal system in the United States, including the role of Congress in formulating laws, thus supplementing legal concepts introduced in your American law courses. Mr. Zheng was also fortunate to have met many key players in the U.S. legal system. I understand he even had the chance to observe congressional and court hearings, often at the invitation of the presiding lawmakers or judges or their staff. It was clearly a marvelous program.

Your efforts in this regard coincide exactly with a key U.S. Government priority in China – encouraging China to develop further its legal system. This is critical to China's own political development and equally important to the many U.S. companies now operating in China. Private sector efforts such as yours can be instrumental in improving China's legal system.

I hope that your initiative continues to expand. As US-China relations become more important with every passing day, programs such as yours can play a very positive role in contributing to the healthy development of this critical bilateral relationship.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth Jarrett
Consul General