

Small world

KU students and faculty make friends everywhere

It's 7,000 miles from Lawrence to China's Northwest University in Xi'an. But Northwest is a second home to John Kennedy, a KU assistant political science professor. An expert in Chinese politics and rural China, he's worked for 14 years to develop research programs with colleagues at Northwest and in the rural Shaanxi Province.

Northwest is one of 130 universities worldwide that hold formal exchanges and agreements with KU. The exchanges date back to 1949, when KU began a partnership with Zürich's Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule. Many exchanges are general academic partnerships. Others were created for specific fields such as architecture, social welfare or health care.

The Greater KU Fund gives key support for the exchanges, with \$110,000 set aside for the 2008-09 academic year. Of that, \$60,000 is earmarked for developing programs in China, India and Korea. As the world's economy

shifts toward Asia, KU has stepped up efforts to link with more universities there. Most recently, administrators shook hands with Peking University in Beijing, which expressed interest in KU's drug discovery and delivery programs. Several Indian universities have expressed interest in partnering with KU in pharmacy, medicine and cancer research.

In Xi'an, future KU and Chinese students will work together, researching land management, environmental protection and the development of small rural industries. Kennedy said the program in Xi'an isn't a study abroad program to learn languages: "I tell my students to think of this as an opportunity to actually gain access to a culture and country that they never would have had if it weren't for KU."

— Lisa Scheller



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Exchanges by continent

Europe	60
Asia	51
Australia	8
North America	5
South America	5
Africa	1
TOTAL	130

New exchanges in 2008

- People's Republic of China
 - Peking University, Beijing
 - School of Business Sun Yat-Sen, Guangzhou
 - University of International Business and Economics, Beijing
- Denmark
 - University of Copenhagen
- England
 - University of Leeds
- Ireland
 - Dublin City University
- Japan
 - Meiji University, Tokyo
- Korea
 - Kookmin University, Seoul
 - Seoul University
- Netherlands
 - University of Radboud, Nijmegen
- Poland
 - The Technical University of Lodz
- Russia
 - The Far Eastern National University, Vladivostok
- Venezuela
 - University of Zulia