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MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE PROGRAM

In 1997, Temple University established a Master of Laws degree (LL.M.) program in Beijing to educate Chinese judges, prosecutors, government officials (including NPC and State Council legal staff), law professors, and lawyers in U.S. and international legal principles. This 15-month program, which operates in collaboration with Tsinghua University School of Law, is the first foreign law degree granting program approved by the Chinese Ministry of Education.

The core curriculum in Beijing emphasizes first-year U.S. law school courses, such as constitutional law, torts, property and contracts, and offers a diverse range of upper-division courses, including criminal law and procedure, commercial law, and intellectual property. During the Philadelphia summer session, the LL.M. students study trial advocacy and legal research and writing.

Of the 390 Beijing LL.M. graduates and 34 current students (total of 424 students), 256 (60%) are from the public sector. 44 ethnic minorities have graduated or are currently students. Some students win summer internships with prestigious U.S. law firms.

JUDICIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Temple offers non-degree legal education for judges in cooperation with the National Judges College of the Supreme People’s Court and the State Administration of Foreign Expert Affairs. The judicial education program begins with an Introduction to the U.S. Legal System course at the Judicial Training College in Beijing, followed by an intensive legal education program at the National Judges College. Subsequent annual sessions include:

- 222 judges from throughout China completed three-month program at the National Judges College.
- 186 judges participated in the subsequent month-long intensive program in the United States.

SCHOLARLY ROUNDTABLES

Temple also supports scholarly research by American and Chinese law professors as well as curriculum development for Chinese law schools in developing areas of law. These programs result in comparative law publications and proposed legislation. Past and future topics include:

- Employment Discrimination Law (proposed July 2011)
- Fair Criminal Trial Workshop (July 2010)
- Experiential Legal Education Curriculum Development (July 2007, July 2009)
- Private International Law—Conflicts of Law (July 2005)
- Environmental Law and Policy (July 2004)
- Law and Regulation of the Internet (July 2003)
- WTO Law Roundtable (July 2002)

AIDS and Health Law

Temple has taken an active role in AIDS and Health Law initiatives in China. The Chinese Health Law Curriculum Development Workshop (July 2004) in Philadelphia developed health law and regulation curricula for Chinese law schools, resulting in the first Chinese language law book on the topic. Tsinghua law school, in collaboration Temple, subsequently created a health law research center to carry out more in-depth scholarly activities in this field. Temple continues to support the growth of this center through academic exchange and program guidance.

Law Drafting and Implementation

Temple provided expert technical assistance at the request of Chinese legislative drafting committees by hosting a Property Law Conference (June 2002) and a Torts Law Conference (October 2003) in Beijing.

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PARTICIPANTS

Since 1997, Temple has educated 1,049 legal professionals through its various China initiatives. 821 (78%) of these participants have been from the public sector. Graduates hail from a variety of public and private sector professions at the national, regional, and local levels throughout China. Graduates are enthusiastic about their Temple education and have formed central and regional alumni associations. The Temple Law Alumni Association in China (TLAAC) is designed to support the graduates in their continued professional development and publishes a comprehensive updated alumni directory each year.

An overview of program participants in all of the Temple programs from January 1997 until November 2010:

- 378 Judges
- 228 Private sector lawyers
- 155 Law professors
- 151 Prosecutors
- 90 Gov’t officials
- 47 NGO staff