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**MID-IMPA Birthday Celebration**





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## The 8<sup>th</sup> Tsinghua Public Management Forum: The Reconstruction and Transformation of Wenchuan

From June 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, the SPPM Tsinghua University and Wenchuan Government jointly hosted "The 8<sup>th</sup> Tsinghua Public Management Forum" at Aba Shuimo Township. Nearly 150 representatives from SPPM, academia and local government participated in the forum. They discussed and exchanged ideas on disaster management and shared successful experiences in the development of post-disaster reconstruction.

During the forum, Qing Lidong, Member in the Aba Standing Committee and Secretary of Wenchuan County, and Prof. Hu Angang from SPPM, renowned expert on





China Studies, both gave keynote speeches respectively titled "Building a Scientific Model of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation with People-Oriented Focus and Scientific Development" and "Reconstruction: A Case Study of Wenchuan". Twelve other participants and experts gave keynote speeches surrounding three topics: post-disaster restoration and reconstruction, disaster risk management, and social transformation and development.

Throughout these discussions, workshops and expert reviews, the forum focused on major domestic and international disaster management and reconstruction development experiences and developed a comprehensive summary and in-depth study of the post-disaster

reconstruction and restructuring.

The "Tsinghua Public Management Forum" was established in 2006. It has been successfully held for eight years throughout various parts of the country. This year's forum, with its theme of "Post-disaster Reconstruction, Transformation and Development", is a comprehensive summary and in-depth study on the past five years' experience on reconstruction since "5/12", the day of the Wenchuan earthquake. This forum also provided a platform to discuss and exchange ideas on disaster relief and disaster risk management, social restructuring and development after the recent "4/20" Lushan Ya'an earthquake.

# Professor Wu Yongping Gave a Speech at “Lingnan Forum”



On June 15<sup>th</sup>, Professor Wu Yongping was invited to participate in Guangzhou's "Lingnan Forum" and made a speech on the "East Asian Development Model". Professor Wu analyzed the development experience of East Asian countries and regions, which created an enthusiastic response from the audience.

Professor Wu Yongping pointed out that in the early stages of development in East Asian countries, the government was directly involved in allocating resources, but it has become more important to establish a market environment. In the beginning, governments involved in both resource allocation and the construction of market environment, but then slowly receded from direct resource allocation, and focused on constructing the legal system of the market and improving market quality, which has been the most important experience of East Asian countries' economic development. China is precisely at this current stage. Professor Wu Yongping also resolved that after the Second World War, East Asia has experienced three industrial upgrades: the first one was from an upgrade from primary

products, labor-intensive products to capital-intensive products; in the eighties, East Asia entered the capital-intensive industrial stage, and it later achieved the transformation of capital to technology-intensive. Now it has entered the third phase, from capital-intensive and technology-intensive to innovation-driven development. Japan and South Korea have completed the third phase of the transition, while Taiwan has not.

The "Lingnan Forum" is hosted by the CPC Guangdong Provincial Party Committee Propaganda Department and the Guangdong Provincial Federation of Social Sciences, and contracted by "Nandu Daily", which is an influential public forum.





# US Treasury's Economic and Financial Emissary to China Visited SPPM

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Mr. David Dollar, US Treasury's Economic and Financial Emissary to China, visited the School of Public Policy and Management and gave a lecture titled "China's Rebalancing: Lessons from East Asian Economic History".

The presentation drew some facts from the phases of rapid growth in Japan, South Korea and Taiwan, and examined China's rebalancing challenges in light of those earlier experiences.

Prof. Wang Feng, Director of the Brookings-Tsinghua Center for Public Policy, moderated the lecture. Over 50 students from SPPM and other schools attended the lecture and had a thorough discussion with Mr. David Dollar.

David Dollar is the US Treasury's Economic and Financial Emissary to China, and has been based in Beijing since July 2009. In this capacity, he facilitates the macroeconomic and financial policy dialogue between US Treasury and Chinese policy-makers, including through the economic track of the Strategic and Economic Dialogue. Prior to joining the US Treasury, Dollar worked for 20 years at the World Bank.



## Altura Partner Managing Partner and Director of China Operation visited SPPM



On June 20<sup>th</sup>, Prof. Simon Commander, Managing Partner of Altura Partners, and Prof. Wang Yan, Director of China Operations, Altura Partners, visited the School of Public Policy and Management. They gave a joint lecture titled “China & Africa: Making the Relationship Work for Development.”

Prof. Commander and Prof. Wang pointed out that there are a lot of problems throughout the development of Africa. For example, natural resources do not often result into gains in welfare indicators, and there are problems of governance in natural resource deals, along with low quality of education. They indicated that China can better contribute to Africa’s development by providing help and support in financing and technical skills, and improving administrative and managerial capacity.

Prof. Zhang Yanbing from SPPM moderated the lecture. Over 40 students, the majority of which were our IMPA students from Africa, attended the lecture and had heated discussion with the two professors afterwards.





# IMPA Class of 2013 Field Study: Shanghai Expedition



SPPM organized a field study from June 25 to 29 in Shanghai for the International Master's of Public Administration (IMPA) class of 2013. It was planned and led by SPPM Professor MENG Bo and Professor YIN Chengzhi, and joined by a total of 29 students representing 26 different countries.

From the inception of the IMPA program in 2008, the field study trip has been integrated as a crucial component of the curriculum. It allows students to apply textbook theories to



solving real-world challenges. Five previous IMPA classes also visited Shanghai and all ended in success. Therefore, the school administration once again chose Shanghai as the destination for this year's excursion.

Over a span of five days, students visited organizations that represent multi-faceted aspects of development in Shanghai, such as economy, urban planning, leadership training, rural development and modern heavy industry. Apart from sites covered in previous years, students paid a visit to Fudan University, a top university with over 100 years of history. Students also visited the Shanghai Party Institute of CCP and Baoshan Iron & Steel Co. Ltd which was attributed to MCC Overseas for reference and contact. To engage with the contemporary development and culture, students toured the site of the First National Congress of CPC, the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition, Pearl Tower and Zhu Jia Jiao Water Village.

During the trip, students were able to observe achievements made by China in the post-economic reform era. In addition, through interacting with local residents, students learned about China's urban and rural development as well as the unique culture that it reveals. After completing the field study, students were encouraged to apply China's successful experiences to both social and economic development in their home countries.



# IMPA 2012 Class Visited the Headquarter of MCC Overseas Ltd



On June 21<sup>st</sup>, 27 students from IMPA 2012 class paid a visit to the Headquarter of MCC Overseas Ltd. It was led by SPPM Deputy Dean Meng Bo. During the symposium, the leaders of MCC Overseas introduced the corporation's development, which helped the students have a better understanding of China's state-owned enterprises and China's overseas cooperation and overseas investment. Deputy Dean Meng Bo reviewed MCC Overseas' involvement in the IMPA program's field trips in the last year and expressed gratitude towards its strong support to the SPPM international students program.

After that, the students visited the Bird Nest, one of MCC's most important project and then the Water Cube. After entering the stadiums, the students kept praising the combination of Chinese architecture design and high-end technology.

This visit was one of the farewell activities for the students from IMPA 2012 class and was sponsored by MCC Overseas Ltd.





## MID-IMPA Birthday Celebration



IMPA students are invited to come to share a short but meaningful moment of happiness and send best wishes to their fellow classmates. It is our hope that students feel at home during their study experience at SPPM and that this event becomes a special memory for every international student at SPPM.



The MID-IMPA office held its last birthday celebration this semester on June 24th. About 50 students joined participated, singing along to the birthday students, both in English and Chinese languages. Due to summer break, we greeted 22 students in total who were born in June as well as July.

Since September 2012, the MID-IMPA office has held a celebration party each month for the "Birthday Stars" in both programs. Each month, all MID and

