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10.27.2009 | Business, International  The delegation is scheduled to visit campus at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, and 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, to meet with department of counselor education and human services faculty, career services staff and the University's executive director of counseling and health services. Topics of discussion include how counselors are educated and how career centers support students interested in becoming entrepreneurs.

"As the University of Dayton continues to expand into international markets, it is a privilege to welcome career counseling colleagues from universities in China," said Jason Eckert, director of career services. "I look forward to discussing career services and support for entrepreneurs while at the same time learning from the rich experiences of our Chinese guests."

The National Committee on United States-China Relations is coordinating the visit by nine Chinese college administrators and counselors and three Chinese Ministry of Education officials. The two-week visit includes stops in four U.S. cities, including Washington, D.C., Dallas, San Francisco and Dayton. In addition to the University of Dayton, the delegation also plans to visit Sinclair Community College, the Job Center and the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

The Chinese visitors are interested in learning about university-level career counseling and workforce development in the United States. As access to higher education has expanded in China in recent years, a growing number of college graduates are seeking employment, according to the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. In the past, students were assigned jobs by school administrators, but now they must find positions on their own.

As a result, career counseling as a profession in China is in its infancy, and the delegation members, from some of China's top universities, want to learn about the roles of government and non-government organizations in employment issues, the importance of college internships, employers' use of social networking tools to recruit clients and career counselor education, training and licensing, according to the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

The National Committee on United States-China Relations is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational organization that promotes understanding and cooperation between the United States and Greater China.

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