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New Chinese Partner

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The University of Dayton's latest international partnership with a Chinese university will benefit students in the bachelor and doctoral physical therapy programs as well as the local medical community.

Representatives from Nanjing Medical University in China recently visited UD to sign an agreement to begin a collaboration in areas of research and teaching. Faculty also may participate in exchanges with the Chinese university.

"The students and faculty involved with this exchange will have the opportunity to share knowledge with the local medical community regarding rehabilitation strategies in China," UD's Director of Physical Therapy Philip Anloague said. "We are very interested in how traditional Chinese medicine can be integrated with our physical therapy practice."

The NMU delegates who visited included Chen Qi, the university's president; Wang Ruixin, director, president's office; and Wu Binjiang, deputy director, Office for International Exchange and Cooperation.

"The Chinese delegates were very enthusiastic about working with us," said Tina Manco, UD's partnership and exchange coordinator. "And we're excited, because they are associated with the top hospitals in China, so they graduate the top tier of medical students."

When finalized, the partnership will be the University's fifth with a Chinese institution of higher learning, joining Nanjing Art Institute, Nanjing University, Shanghai Normal University and Zhejiang University.

"Pursuing partnerships and strong ties with top universities in China is a key feature of our international strategy," University of Dayton President Daniel J. Curran said. "These partnerships provide needed research and academic opportunities, as well as personal and cultural enrichment opportunities that are invaluable."

Located in eastern China, Nanjing Medical University is a comprehensive university with more than 10,000 students studying medicine, pharmacy, nursing and biology. Its library contains a collection of more than one million volumes and 10,000 categories of periodicals.

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