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Laurier to welcome senior university leaders from China for training and exchange

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University will welcome senior university officials from China **June 1 to June 8** for training about university leadership and an exchange. The delegation includes four university presidents, 13 vice-presidents and three senior government officials from the Chinese Ministry of Education.

The visit comes as part of an initiative from the National Academy of Education Administration (NAEA) in Beijing to train 1,000 university presidents. The training includes a component of overseas experience to gain an international perspective on university operations.

“Face-to-face interaction with people in similar roles in Canada will not only give our guests a different perspective, but is also a chance for them to share their insight and opinions,” said **Ben Yang**, director of Global Engagement at Laurier. “These workshops allow for problem solving and innovation to go beyond national borders, so that better solutions and strategies can emerge.”

The senior administrators will receive training on topics such as university leadership, integrated and engaged learning, co-op and career development, entrepreneurship and internationalization.

On June 4, the group will tour Conestoga College and the University of Waterloo, and will be welcomed by the Waterloo Mayor Dave Jaworsky at the Communitex Hub.

Last fall, Max Blouw, Laurier’s president and vice-chancellor, visited NAEA with several senior leaders from Laurier.

Laurier International encourages, promotes and seeks opportunities for members of the Laurier community to effectively pursue their interests and careers in a globalized world and enhance their international and intercultural competencies. Laurier has an office in Chongqing, China.

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