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2009

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About the China Center

The China Center was established in 1979 to manage the University's exchanges with China. For three decades, the China Center has reflected the firm and long-standing commitment of the University to international research, teaching, and outreach. The China Center facilitates student study in China and faculty research and collaborative projects; trains China's future leaders; and supports the activities of Chinese alumni. The China Center also organizes and sponsors seminars and programs on culture, politics, trade, and development to foster a greater understanding of China.

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Yongwei Zhang

A year to celebrate!

The China Center is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. It was a year of exciting challenges and successes. China continues to be an important player on the world's stage, and the China Center is proud to have been a part of building bridges between the U.S. and China for three decades.

We celebrated successful partnerships between the University of Minnesota and Chinese Universities such as Renmin University—who partnered with the University of Minnesota Law School on a summer JD program. The China Center was involved in bringing the two institutions together and is currently facilitating a discussion between the University of Minnesota and Fudan University in Shanghai for building a joint research partnership.

We celebrated student exchanges with undergraduate students recruited from China to attend the University of Minnesota and with University of Minnesota students who studied in China with the help of the China Center. Both groups of students are of the highest caliber and are excellent ambassadors for their respective countries.

We celebrated the establishment of a University of Minnesota office in Beijing. It is the University's first international office abroad and the China Center is charged with overseeing its administration. We're very excited because this office will help the China Center, the University, and the state of Minnesota in building relationships with Chinese partners.

We celebrated with our corporate partners—particularly Thomson Reuters, which hosted a panel discussion in May to mark our 30th anniversary. Our partners in the business sector are extremely important to our mission, and we will be working on strengthening our current relationships and expanding our network of connections in the Minnesota business community.

As always, we celebrated with our community. More than 600 people attended the *Bob and Kim Griffin Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture* held at the Chinese New Year! The entire China Center staff has enjoyed seeing our partners and supporters at cultural events throughout the whole year, such as the annual Dragon Festival, Passage to China, and other community celebrations of Chinese culture.

There was a lot to celebrate this year—more than I have room for here. I hope you can see in the following pages how much we enjoyed our work this past year. We look forward to the next year when we will continue to build U.S.-China bridges through facilitation, partnership, and community activity!

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light background. The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by the Chinese characters '張永偉' (Zhang Yongwei).

Dr. Yongwei Zhang

University of Minnesota Students Study in China



Sarah Joyce (right) with a friend at Tiger Leaping Gorge in Yunnan Province

Encouraging students to visit Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan is one of the most important goals of the China Center. Through several scholarship and exchange programs, the China Center supports students who want to study and conduct research in Greater China. This year there were a large number of truly exceptional students applying to these programs and scholarships. Here are a few of their stories:

Sarah Joyce (CUEP and Hsiao Scholarship)

“My time in China is an experience I will never forget. I have learned so much from being here; I’ve learned to be independent and to not be afraid to step out. At first the language barrier was really intimidating, but I’ve learned you can’t be afraid of making mistakes. Because of studying in China, my Chinese language abilities have improved

immensely. I really believe that learning a new language requires an environment where you hear and speak the language everyday. It is thanks to my being able to come to China for this year that I have been able to have that learning environment.”

Annie Chen (CUEP)

“My time in China has certainly been an eye-opening one. Beijing is such an interesting city in that it is constantly changing. Some days I wake up and walk outside and feel like I could be on any campus anywhere in the world. Then other days looking around I can see the history everywhere on every street corner in all the construction of the buildings. As the city develops and grows it still manages to keep its unique style that is utterly Beijing.”

Joshua Denning (IRSEP)

“It is impossible to think of someplace to begin describing my experience here in Tianjin. How about a sample of Tianjin for those who don’t know the place? Food: crunchy twisted-fried mahua, Shandong-origin egg-cake-crunchy sandwich jianbing guozi, baozi-like fried hezi, overrated Goubuli Baozi. Class: Chinese, lots of class time, lots of homework, lots of studying to be done. Dizi (Chinese bamboo flute): less class time, lots more studying. People: overworked students, diverse foreigners, and if you never spend any time on the train, you’re missing out on meeting tons of interesting people.”

2008-09 Scholarship Recipients and Exchange Program Participants

Chinese Government Scholarship

Chris Decker
Alyssa Johnson

China Universities Exchange Program (CUEP)

Annie Chen
Sarah Joyce

International Reciprocal Student Exchange Program (IRSEP)

Josh Denning

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Joanne Ke-Eng Liu
Kia Lor
Mikhail Tikh
Nicholas Wallin

China Center Hosts Two Chinese Scholars

The China Center hosted two visiting scholars in 2008-09: Dr. Miao Qinghong and Dr. He Jingtong. Dr. Miao was a China Universities Exchange Program (CUEP) scholar from Peking University in Beijing, where she is an associate professor in the Department of Public Economics in the School of Government. While at the University of Minnesota, she researched public budgeting theories and core theoretical controversy issues in the U.S.. She studied with Professor Robert Kudrle in the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

Dr. He was an International Reciprocal Student Exchange Program (IRSEP) scholar from Nankai University, where he is a professor in the Economics Institute and director general of the Administration Office of Intellectual Property. He performed his research on the impact of culture and institutional backgrounds on consumer behavior with Professor Aldo Rustichini from the University's Department of Economics.

Eight Chinese Students Participate in Summer Camp

In August, eight students from universities in China's Sichuan Province attended a student summer camp to learn about U.S. universities. They attended lectures about how to apply to U.S. universities, talked with University of Minnesota students on campus, and visited several other private liberal arts colleges and public universities in the Twin Cities. The China Center's Mingda Institute for Leadership Training hosted the group who was especially excited to explore Minnesota in summer, particularly Stillwater, Lake Minnetonka, and the Mississippi River.

First Year on Campus for Chinese Undergraduates Recruited by China Center

The first group of students recruited through the China Center's undergraduate recruitment efforts arrived on campus in fall 2008 to start their freshman year at the University of Minnesota. The 28 students represent three high schools in China: Hunan Normal University High School, Northeast Normal University High School, and Wenzhou School.

There was a nearly 400 percent increase in first-year students from Mainland China in fall 2008 and the 28 students recruited by the China Center were a significant portion of the total.

Because of the success of the previous year, a recruitment trip was arranged for fall 2008. Jennifer Wu, former China Center assistant director, Mike Anderson of the Minnesota English Language Program, and Tara Schmidt from the University of Minnesota, Morris Admissions Office, traveled to China in early October 2008 and visited five schools in the cities of Beijing, Changchun, Wenzhou, Shunde, and Guangzhou. Approximately 550 students and parents attended the presentations and 75 students were able to complete the English proficiency testing.



The students from Northeast Normal University High School with China Center staff

Exchange with Renmin University

Over the past few years, the China Center has helped facilitate discussions between the University of Minnesota's Law School and Renmin University—the top-ranked law school in China. A joint summer program to teach U.S. students about Chinese law developed out of these discussions.

The five-week program started June 20 with 22 University of Minnesota students attending classes on the Renmin University campus. The program focused on comparative law, allowing law students to study firsthand the Chinese economic, legal, and political systems. Interested students were also given the opportunity to take Chinese language courses. In addition to classroom instruction, the students were able to participate in cultural events, and visits to the National People's Congress, the Supreme People's Court, and the Beijing Municipal Planning Institute of City Planning and Design.

The program, its academic content, and credit determinations are administered by the University of Minnesota Law School. Renmin University provides cultural expertise and assistance with instruction and planning of educational and cultural trips. *See page 9 for a picture of the group at the Great Hall of People in Beijing.*

UMD Professor Attends World Cancer Congress in Beijing

Assistant Professor Robert Cormier, Ph.D., of the University of Minnesota—Duluth Medical School participated in the BIT Life Science's 2nd Annual World Cancer Congress with the help of the China Center. The congress—which took place in Beijing in June 2009—aims to provide participants with the latest research results and a platform to exchange ideas, breakthroughs, and promising solutions to the most important issues in cancer research. Cormier presented the findings of his research, titled *Identification of Novel Gastrointestinal Cancer Genes Using a Transposon-Based Screen in Mice*. He was one of more than 450 invited cancer specialists who participated in the scientific program, which had more than 1,400 scientific abstracts presented in oral and poster sessions.

Professors from College of Design Travel to Shanghai

Two professors from the College of Design—Marilyn DeLong, Ph.D., associate dean for research and outreach and professor in apparel studies, and Juanjuan Wu, Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Design, Housing, & Apparel—participated in the annual Shanghai International Fashion Culture Festival in April 2009 with assistance from the China Center. Wu presented at the festival and both Wu and DeLong visited Donghua University to speak with the graduate students there. The China Center has been involved with promoting a relationship between the University of Minnesota's College of Design and Donghua University since November 2008.

Pictured from left to right: Dr. Marilyn DeLong (U of M), Jia Bao, Professor Mingxin Bao (Donghua U), Dr. Joanne Eicher (U of M), Dr. Juanjuan Wu (U of M)



Mingda Institute for Leadership Training Programming Highlights

Despite a decrease in approved travel for Chinese officials due to the Sichuan earthquakes and the Beijing Olympics, the Mingda* Institute for Leadership Training was able to host 179 mid-career Chinese professionals from academic and business sectors in 2008–09. Here are a few highlights:

In fall 2008, the Mingda Institute hosted an **Executive MBA delegation from Guangdong Sun Yat-Sen University**. This program serves as a strong bridge for business executives between Guangdong and Minnesota. Guangdong is considered to be one of China's most prosperous provinces, boasting the highest total gross domestic product among all provincial-level jurisdictions. In addition to the structured training, the participants were able to meet with representatives from a wide variety of Minnesota companies and corporations.

Also in fall 2008, a delegation of **24 young lecturers and professors from well-known universities in Beijing completed a higher education and academic English training program**. As part of the long-term relationship between the Mingda Institute and the Beijing Higher Education Teachers Training Center under the Beijing Municipal Government, the program aims to help young professors improve their English proficiency, learn advanced teaching methodology, understand the American higher education system, and experience American culture. The group attended tailored English courses and lectures on various higher education topics, met with University faculty members to learn teaching skills, and visited North Central University in downtown Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota's College of Liberal Arts.



The higher education and academic English training delegation visits the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

During the 2009 spring semester, **22 professors and associate professors from thirteen highly regarded universities in Beijing attended a four-month training on how to conduct research at U.S. universities**. The participants were specially selected to participate by the Beijing Department of Education because of their academic achievements and the quality of their research. The Mingda Institute paired each of them with a University faculty member to learn about American practices in conducting research, managing labs and teams, organizing classes, teaching, and serving the community.

The complete listing for training delegations hosted by the Mingda Institute for Leadership Training from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009:

- 33 professors from China University of Mining and Technology: Academic teaching in English
- 80 business leaders from Sun Yat-sen University's School of Business: Executive MBA
- 24 young lecturers from Beijing (through the Beijing Municipal Government): Higher education and academic English training
- 20 department heads, deans, and senior administrators from Capital Normal University: Higher education policy and administration training
- 22 research scholars from Beijing (through the Beijing Department of Education): U.S. university research training

* Mingda is the Chinese acronym for the University of Minnesota

2008-09 Griffin Lecture: *China Road*



Rob Gifford presents the lecture

More than 600 people attended the 2008-09 Bob and Kim Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture presented by Rob Gifford. The lecture, held in conjunction with the Chinese New Year celebration, was a brief accounting of Gifford's travels across China on Route 312 in 2004. Gifford traveled from Shanghai to the Kazahstan border talking with the Chinese people he met along the way in an attempt to answer a big question: "Which is it going to be for China, greatness or implosion?" His findings were published in a book with the same title as the lecture, "China Road: A Journey into the Future of a Rising Power."

The overall theme of Gifford's lecture was the ongoing tensions between the hope and despair felt by different people throughout the country. Hope coming from those benefiting from the tremendous success of the industrial and technological revolutions that lifted 400 million people out of poverty and into a better life. Despair coming from those still living in poverty—mainly in rural areas—who feel hopeless that their conditions will change. He believes that the Chinese government hasn't been given enough credit for all of the good things it has done while also recognizing that the tensions and discontent cannot continue to go on as they are without some sort of resolution.

Gifford discovered these themes by approaching his travels as a reporter. At the time of the journey, he was the Beijing correspondent for National Public Radio (he is currently their London bureau chief). As he traveled from Shanghai to the country's western border, he talked with whomever wanted to share their story. Their stories are China's story—which is as multi-faceted as they are. Gifford expressed his great enthusiasm and love for the country and its people as well as concerns that it is more fragile than it looks from the outside. Above all, he encouraged everyone to visit China and experience all the country has to offer firsthand.

An audio version of the lecture is available at: www.chinacenter.umn.edu/news/eventsannual_griffin.html

Bob and Kim Griffin donated \$500,000 to the China Center to create an endowment fund to establish the Bob and Kim Griffin Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture. The Griffin's gift reflects their commitment to promoting mutual respect between the two cultures and their passion to connect people with China.



Rob Gifford with Kim and Bob Griffin

China Center Active in Community Events

The China Center recognizes the importance of strong ties to the local community in its ability to build U.S.-China bridges. To maintain these ties, the China Center sponsors and its staff participates in a wide variety of community events in the Twin Cities. Here are some of the highlights for the 2008-09 year:

In July, the China Center continued the tradition of participating in the **Twin Cities Dragon Festival**. This year, a panda served as a team mascot who drummed for the team and handed out China Center fans and balloons to festival attendees. The panda was the namesake for the China Center's dragon boat team: the Fighting Pandas. • In August, the China Center co-sponsored—along with the Confucius Institute—a **“Curiosity Camp”** offered through the University's College of Continuing Education. China Center Director Yongwei Zhang gave a presentation at the camp, which was titled “Destination: China.” • Zhang was also a featured speaker at the **Moon Festival** celebration at Hamline University in September. He talked about the changes and development of higher education in China in the last thirty years. • In November, the China Center hosted a **Fall Scholar Social** for Chinese scholars within the University community. Nearly 150 guests, including University of Minnesota faculty and visiting research scholars from China, took part in an evening of networking. • A very special **Chinese New Year** celebration took place in January. The China Center celebrated the New Year and the start of the **30th anniversary** of the establishment of the center with the Eighth Annual Bob and Kim Griffin Building U.S.-China Bridges Lecture (see opposite page). The event was open to the public and was attended



The China Center dragon boat team on Lake Phalen



Scholars at the Fall Scholar Social

by more than 600 people! • In February, China Center Director Yongwei Zhang presented at the **U.S.-China Business Connections** monthly meeting. • Later that month, the China Center was represented at a cultural night at **Meadowbrook Elementary School**. The China Center table included a demonstration of Chinese calligraphy and traditional Chinese costumes. • In March, the China Center co-sponsored the closing film, *Noodle*, for the **Sabes Foundation Minneapolis Jewish Film Festival**. The film, placed in Israel, tells the story of an Israeli woman trying to reunite a young Chinese boy with his mother who had been deported when she was out running a short errand. • In April, the China Center participated in the second **Passage to China** at the Mall of America.



Chinese New Year celebration

Office in Beijing Opens!



Office Coordinator Qu Wanling (left) and Assistant Yang Xiaoye (right) in the University of Minnesota Beijing Office

airport pickup, translation, and more. Additionally, the office will serve as a welcome center for prospective students and alumni of the University.

The China Center carries out a great deal of business in China: undergraduate recruitment, arrangements for the Mingda Institute for Leadership Training, and work on connections for academic exchange. The Beijing Office will be a tremendous asset for accomplishing China Center goals in these areas in a more efficient and economical manner. Other departments at the University of Minnesota will also be able to take advantage of the space and services to reap these same rewards of time and money savings.

The rewards go beyond being more efficient and economical, however. With dedicated space, the University will be able to serve as a host in China instead of always being a guest. Meetings and small events can now be held in the office with the hospitality extended from the University to Chinese partners. Additionally, the services the China Center offers to Chinese visitors in Minnesota can now be extended to University partners who are traveling in China.

The office will also be an important gathering place for alumni and prospective students in China. When considering a study abroad experience, it can be extremely helpful for prospective students to have an in-person connection who can answer basic questions. Because the office coordinator, Ms. Qu Wanling, a graduate of the University, is able to provide a positive first-hand account of what it is like to live in Minnesota and study at the University.

A long-term goal of the office is to partner with the State of Minnesota and local businesses to create a Minnesota office in China that can support the many programs and connections between our state and China.

明大北京辦事處啟動

明尼蘇達大學今年在北京開設了辦事處，由中國中心負責管理。辦事處的功能主要是為明大教職員工和各院系提供服務，協助他們在中國的工作和項目。辦事處也為明大在中國的校友以及有意向來明大讀書的中國學生提供服務。辦事處主任屈婉玲作為明大畢業生，了解在明大的生活和學習情況，能為學生和家長提供第一手信息。辦事處的遠期目標是成為明大在中國開展學術交流、協調科研合作、組織會議論壇的機構，同時也為明州政府及商界在中國的業務和發展提供支持。（左頁圖中左為北京辦事處主任屈婉玲，右為辦事處行政助理楊曉葉）

中國人民大學交流項目

中國中心為明大法學院和中國人大法學院的合作起到了重要的橋梁作用。通過中國中心的協調，明大法學院在人大開設暑期法學博士課程。今年六七月份，22名明大法學院的學生在人大進行了為期五周的學習，課程包括法律比較，中國經濟、法律和政治體系，以及中文語言課程等。中國人民大學在教學、后勤以及文化交流和旅行等方面為明大學生提供了周到的安排，使這一項目取得圓滿成功。



明大法學院-中國人大法學院合辦2009暑期法學博士班成員在北京人民大會堂合影

中國本科生招生工作

由中國中心負責招收的第一批中國本科生於2008年秋季開始了他們在明尼蘇達大學本科階段的學習。這一批28名學生來自中國的三所高中：東北師大附中、湖南師大附中和溫州中學

中國中心明大培訓學院

儘管由於四川地震和北京奧運會，官員獲得批准出國的數量下降，明大培訓學院在2008-09年度仍為來自中國的學術和商業領域的179名中高級專業人士提供了培訓服務。由24名青年講師和教授組成的北京市大學代表團是來訪的培訓團體之一。他們在明大完成了關於高等教育和英語教學方面的培訓。作為明大培訓學院和北京市政府所屬的北京高等教育教師培訓中心長期合作的重要組成部分之一，這一項目有利於幫助高校中青年教師了解美國高等教育體系，學習先進的教學方法，提高英語水平，並體驗美國文化。代表團還參加了為他們量身訂制的英語課程和有關高等教育的各種講座，與明大教師交流，了解和學習教學技巧，並參觀了包括明大在內的多所明州高教機構和人文學院。

Delegation from Taiwan



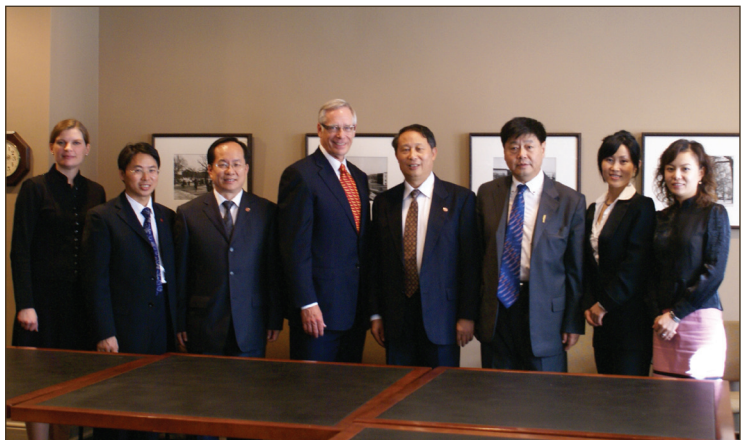
President Robert Bruininks and Vice Chairman Chiang Pin-Kung

On September 4, the China Center hosted an important delegation from Taiwan. The delegation included representatives from the two major parties in Taiwanese government: the Kuomintang (KMT—the Chinese Nationalist Party, Taiwan) and the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). Leading the delegation was Chiang Pin-Kung, the vice chairman of the KMT, chairman of the Taiwan-based Strait Exchange Foundation, and former vice chairman of the Taiwan Legislative Yuan (Congress). Jason C. Yuan, representative general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States, accompanied the delegation.

The delegation took the opportunity to visit the University while they were in the Twin Cities to attend the Republican National Convention. While on campus, the China Center arranged for them to meet with University President Robert Bruininks, Associate Vice President and Dean of International Programs Meredith McQuaid, and Humphrey Institute Dean Brian Atwood. The University has a long history of exchange with Taiwan and this visit was a welcome opportunity to remember past exchange and renew enthusiasm for future efforts.

Delegation from Renmin University

Professor Cheng Tianquan, Chairman of the University Council at Renmin University, visited the University of Minnesota on September 12. Cheng met with University President Robert Bruininks and the University's Law School. Cheng was here as part of the ongoing talks between Renmin University and the Law School on collaborating on a joint academic program—a collaboration that the China Center helped facilitate. For more information about the programming that resulted from this collaboration, see page 4.



Professor Cheng Tianquan and delegation with President Robert Bruininks and China Center staff

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Corporate Partnership 合作夥伴

Corporate partner Thomson Reuters hosted a celebration of the China Center's 30th anniversary at their offices in Eagan on May 8. The event included a luncheon followed by a panel discussion. The discussion, titled "Legal Education: A Global Perspective," was moderated by Rick King, Global Head of Technology and Operations for Thomson Reuters Legal. The panel was composed of Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson, University of Minnesota Associate Vice President and Dean of International Programs Meredith McQuaid, Thomson Reuters Vice President of West Academics Chris Parton, and China Center Director Yongwei Zhang.



Event attendees listen to the panel discussion

Approximately 100 people attended the event in person, including Senior Consul of Education at the PRC Consulate in Chicago, Wang Xiaowei. The event was also broadcast worldwide.

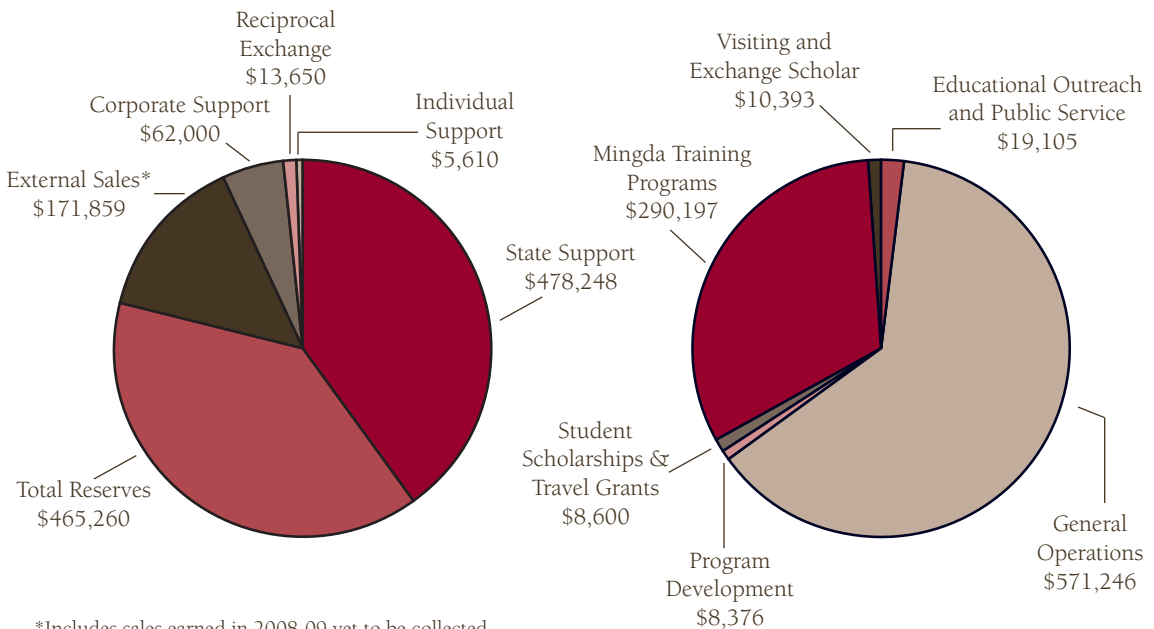
Budget 財務狀況

Note: In July 2009, the University of Minnesota implemented a new financial system. The data below are reported differently than in years past due to this change.

July 1, 2008–June 30, 2009

Revenues: \$1,196,627

Expenditures: \$907,917



*Includes sales earned in 2008-09 yet to be collected.

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In memoriam

Dr. Mei-Ling Hsu, the first director of the China Center, passed away in May. She was a member of the first University of Minnesota delegation to China in 1979 and subsequently became the director of the China Center, serving from 1980 through 1984. Dr. Hsu laid a firm foundation for the China Center in both the academic and business sectors, and her pioneering work in building U.S.–China bridges will not be forgotten. In addition to her work in the China Center, Dr. Hsu was a professor in the University's Department of Geography for more than 30 years. She will be greatly missed by people around the University and the world.

Dr. Yang Wang, a long-time friend and supporter of the China Center, passed away in April. Dr. Wang served on the China Center Advisory Council three times for a total of eleven years—including its first year in 1979. His contributions to the success of the China Center are greatly valued and he will be deeply missed by many.

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