

# Global Encounter-China

## Community/Campus Cultural Understanding and Opportunities –Group Report Out

Procedure used to generate this document:

What *opportunities* exist for MSU in relation to your area of consideration in our current efforts and future possibilities in China?

What *challenges* exist for MSU in relation to your area of consideration in our current efforts and future possibilities in China?

What *advice* concerning this region and this area of consideration would you like to pass along to future groups following thorough on these ideas?

Additional comments?

After the pre-writing period, the group discussed the topic. These report-out notes are taken from the presentation the group facilitator made to the plenary session.

### Opportunities

#### Big Themes

- Make MSU the go-to place for information on China – for students and external community
- Need information sharing within the campus-across faculty and intranet
- Engage community in existing programs
- Make a true intercultural experience for international students
- Engage UG programs in international activities → educational leaders
- Alums in community are important to this

### Resources

- Office for International Students and Scholars
- Community Volunteers for International Programs (CVIP)
- Teach English to international students (VETP)
- Better engagement of students with community

- Lattice (Linking All Types of Teachers in International Exchange) links international students and teachers
- Saturday China Discussion Forum
- Formalize link with businesses, community groups, schools

### **New Ideas**

- Buddy system for international teaching assistants
- Summer Chinese language camps
- Opportunities for faculty to learn Chinese
- Chinese Cultural Certificate Program with the Henry Center
- MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) partnership

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