

Global Encounter-China

Environment-Group Report Out

Procedure used to generate this document:

This document represents the summary of group discussions related to their self-selected area or interest/expertise in one of three topic areas (Education, Environment and Food Systems). Individuals first wrote responses to these specific questions related to the topic to be considered:

What current or future focused areas of teaching, research and/or outreach (engagement) extend from the topic as it relates to China?

What resources (existing at MSU or working in collaboration with MSU) extend from the topic as it relates to China?

What advice concerning this region and this topic would you like to pass along to future groups following through on these ideas?

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.

Environment

- Themes
 - Sustainability
 - Need to focus on aspects of environment while considering the system as a whole
 - Human based resources
 - China needs expertise, not just degree programs
 - BUT: MSU does not support work with China
 - Formal research
 - Adaptive teaching
 - Little cross-college collaboration, need to talk about that before we talk about collaboration with other universities
 - Promotion/tenure systems do not support this

This material was generated from Global Encounter-China, <<http://www.isp.msu.edu/globalencounter/china>>, held at Michigan State University on May 18, 2006. This interactive and participatory event was designed to obtain input and to elaborate in a country-specific forum on relevant themes, opportunities, issues, and opportunities affecting MSU's current and future engagement in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.